Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to term 2, 2016 as it promises to be an exciting term of learning.

Towards the end of term 1, it was decided that we needed to restructure our reception to year 2 classes due to unexpected and inconsistent enrolments. I am happy to announce that students have settled very quickly into their new classes, with their new classmates and teachers. Thank you to parents involved who have supported their child in the change over the two week holiday break so that their child was looking forward to term 2 in a new room with new friends.

A whole school gymnastic program begins in week 3 and concludes in week 6. This program provides students with opportunities to participate in a gymnastic program with expert instructors aiming to develop students gross motor strength and skills. The learning content of this program has been aligned to the Australian Curriculum and your child’s progress and achievement levels will be reported to you in your child’s Semester 1 Formal Report. Hopefully you will have received information about this exciting program with details of costs involved.

At the beginning of week 3 of this term we are expecting big changes to take place to our outside play area. Last year DECD provided us with a substantial sum to upgrade our back play area to include new asphalt, basketball and netball courts, plus shaded play and sitting areas. This upgrade will take all term and probably continue into the end of term 2 holidays. We have been assured however that the new grounds will be ready for students to enjoy day 1 on term 3. Due to the substantial amount of work of the upgrade, the back area will be fenced off to students, staff and parents from the beginning of week 3. Arrangements have been made for students and staff to move between areas and enter classrooms from different points. New play areas have been organised, although they will be limited. Unfortunately we will need to put up with some inconvenience in the short term, ready for a huge benefit in new and upgraded grounds for all to enjoy.

At Risdon Park PS we are celebrating Reconciliation Week during week 5, from Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June. Students have been working with an Aboriginal artist, Judy Crosby in the designing and painting of a large mural depicting all families coming together at Risdon Park PS to learn, play and be! We are planning to have the mural completed at the end of Reconciliation Week and celebrating its success with a formal launch and mounting at the front of the school.

Our intervention program is also being extended this term, through the support of Port Pirie Partnership Speech Pathologist, Jade Hanna, who will be training and supporting teachers and School Service Officers (SSOs) to deliver a Phonological Awareness program for students at risk in developing their reading skills. This program will cater for identified students mainly in Reception and Year 1 who experience difficulty in hearing and knowing their sounds, identifying syllables, hearing rhyme, segmenting letters and sounds. Identified students will receive 3x20 minute practice sessions a week, with ongoing monitoring of progress and achievement made. Parents of students who will be participating in this program will receive a letter home within the next week.

As you can see through the above information, we at Risdon Park PS have an exciting term of learning ahead. I have mentioned only a few of our programs and initiatives. I will continue to share with you through the school newsletter our successes and events throughout term 2.

I would like to wish all mothers a very Happy Mothers’ Day on Sunday and hope that you have a lovely day with your family.

Regards,

Carolyn Clinton
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### NAPLAN (National Literacy and Numeracy Tests)

In the last newsletter of term 1, you would have received information about the NAPLAN tests for year 3, 5 and 7 students which takes place next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Catch up tests can be arranged upon parent request and will take place next Friday.

Class teachers will be conducting the tests on nominated days and they are:

- **Tuesday** – Language Conventions & Writing
- **Wednesday** – Reading
- **Thursday** – Numeracy (Year 7 students will be sitting 2 Numeracy Tests, one of these test the students are able to use a calculator)

Alternative arrangements have been made for students in years 2, 4 and 6, while their classmates are sitting their NAPLAN tests.

If you do not want your child to participate in one or any of the tests, please see your child’s class teacher or come to the front office to complete a withdrawal form.

**BREAKFAST CLUB WILL BE OFFERED ON TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY OF THIS WEEK DUE TO NAPLAN**

### CANTEEN ROSTER

**TERM 2 WEEK 3**
- Monday 16th May
  - H. Davidson
- Tuesday 17th May
  - K. Conley
- Wednesday 18th May
  - M. Dienhoff
- Thursday 19th May
  - J. Baldwin
- Friday 20th May
  - S. Jebb

**TERM 2 WEEK 4**
- Monday 23rd May
  - H. Davidson
- Tuesday 24th May
  - K. Conley
- Wednesday 25th May
  - M. Withers
- Thursday 26th May
  - S. Jebb
- Friday 27th May
  - B. Jacobs
  - H. Davidson

### CANTEEN SPECIAL

**FRIDAY 6TH MAY TOMORROW**
- Hot Dog + Sauce & Big M (choc or straw)
- Full Serve $5.80
- 1/2 Serve $4.80
- No Chicken Wedges
- Available Fridays

**CANTEEN SPECIAL**

**TUESDAY 10TH MAY**

- **$6.00**
  - Sausage Roll with / without sauce
  - Big M (Chocolate or Strawberry)

**REMEMBER : CANTEEN NEWS—CHANGE IN PROCESS**

Last term we have seen many incidents involving missing change from children’s lunch bags. This has caused an increase in workload for class teachers and canteen staff. With any problem, solutions are discussed and resolutions are put into place.

The Canteen Committee and Governing Council will be trialling this new process of **students receiving their change at the canteen. This can be collected at recess or lunchtime, but will be signed off by the student when received.**

This will help resolve many issues and support a more productive environment for all.

Damien Mellow
Deputy Principal

**CANTEEN SPECIAL FOR TUESDAY**

**REMEMBER YOUR ORDERS MUST BE IN & PAID BY TOMORROW 6TH MAY**
On the 25th of April at 6:00am, our student leaders were invited by the RSL to participate in the Anzac Day Dawn Service. Blake Brown and Takira Holland-Breach were given a script to read about a local war veteran and his/her service during that time. Brody Maywald and Jessica Smith had the responsibility of placing poppies in front of the memorial. I was very proud of our students displaying confidence and showing respect at the service.

Damien Mellow, Deputy Principal

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS

We hope all our new staff members will enjoy their time at

Risdon Park Primary School

PLAYBOX REMINDER

If you are able to donate toys or items that are in good / clean condition for our unit 1 (Reception—Year 2) playbox program, please leave items at the front office.

Regards
Monique Dite, SSO

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During Music Junior Primary, students have been playing instruments and moving to the beat.