Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is definitely hard to believe that we have come to the end of another term. Lots of learning has taken place this term with many special events and programs. At the end of each term I like to take stock of all the great things we have done and things that we have achieved. The list below is an account of the main highlights of term 2.

- NAPLAN (National Literacy and Numeracy Tests) for students in Years 3, 5 and 7
- Whole school Gymnastic program at our Port Pirie gymnastic clubrooms
- Cyber Bullying program for students and a parent information talk
- Student Leadership Day in Port Augusta
- Reconciliation Week Celebration, with lunch time activities, a special assembly with the launch of our Welcome to Risdon Mural and Aboriginal dance
- SAPSASA Soccer Come and Try Day and a number of students being selected for a Pirie Team for SAPSASA Soccer and Hockey for a week long carnival in Adelaide
- Pupil Free Day, for staff learning focussed on Mathematics, followed by a day of classroom observation conducted by Leah O’Neill, the Mathematics consultant that ran the Pupil Free Day.
- Mathematics expert Rosslyn Shepherd working with teachers in collaborative planning and programing in Numeracy and Mathematics World Environmental Day celebrations
- Two Governing Council Meetings
- Two combined choir sessions, where our students visited Airdale PS and was joined by other choir members from all public and private Port Pirie Schools. Risdon Park PS choir practice every Thursday afternoon.
- Two Aboriginal Parent Voice Meetings
- Room 21’s excursion
- Breakfast Club every Wednesday and Friday
- A comprehensive Intervention program in key areas of Literacy and Numeracy run daily by SSOs
- Garden Program

I hope that everyone has a happy, fun filled school holiday with all students arriving back at Risdon Park PS safe and sound on the first day of term 3 – Monday 25th July. Thank you to all parents for your support in getting your child to school on time and in school uniform every day, ready to take an active part in their learning. Thank you to parents who supported us throughout the term in volunteering your valuable time in a variety of roles throughout our school. Thank you to all staff, who worked hard every day to ensure your child’s learning is engaging and worthwhile.

Kindest Regards,
Carolyn Clinton

PS: A reminder to all students in Unit 3 and their families about the camp that takes place for these students in week 1 of term 3. Please see your child’s teacher if you need further information and our finance officer Christine Carman to pay for this very exciting event at Arbury Park in the Adelaide Hills.
**Year 7’s into Secondary School**

Earlier this term two parent workshops were conducted at John Pirie Secondary School to seek information about the community interest in the future possibility of Year 7 students moving into secondary education. A meeting of Port Pirie and Napperby Primary School Principals, with Governing Council Representatives was held after the information session in the Port Pirie Education Office to discuss issues raised.

The outcomes of the meeting were:

There will be **NO** Year 7’s at John Pirie Secondary School in 2017. A group of Principals and Governing Council representatives from each Governing Council will meet regularly to discuss and work through identified issues to come to a decision by the end of term 1, 2017 about the next steps in the process.

The school community will be kept up to date with the process through school newsletters and Governing Council reports.

**Staff Learning in Mathematics – Back to Front Mathematics**

On Tuesday June 14th, Risdon Park PS staff spent the day in learning with Leah O’Neill, Mathematics consultant, learning about the Back to Front Mathematics Learning Approach. This approach focussed on problem solving, in a variety of different ways. Staff were encouraged to face their own misconceptions about Mathematical concepts and understanding and try out different ways of thinking through solving mathematical problems and sharing their understanding with their peers. Leah O’Neill, returned to Risdon Park on the Friday after the Pupil Free Day to work with students in classrooms, modelling the Back to Front Mathematics approach which allowed teachers and SSO’s to observe, ask questions and spend valuable time debriefing the modelled lessons. Feedback from staff was extremely positive, commenting on the practical experience matching their own new learning in Mathematics.

**Rosslyn Shepherd**

Rosslyn Shepherd, our regular Mathematics Consultant spent 3 days this week working with teachers in learning teams to build on their Mathematics knowledge, skills and understanding through supporting teachers in their planning, programming and mathematics assessment.

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

**TERM 2 WEEK 10**

Monday 4th July
H. Davidson

Tuesday 5th July
K. Conley

Wednesday 6th July
B. Gebert

Thursday 7th July
C. Rosenberg

Friday 8th July
B. Jacobs
D. Crossman

**TERM 3 WEEK 1**

Monday 25th July
M. Dienhoff

Tuesday 26th July
K. Conley

Wednesday 27th July
N/A

Thursday 28th July
D. Crossman

Friday 29th July
B. Jacobs
A. Meaney

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**TERM 2 and TERM 3 REMINDERS**

**Term 2: Week 10**—NAIDOC Week Celebrations

**Term 2: Week 10**—Thursday 7th July—Unit 2 Mambray Creek Excursion

**Term 2: Week 10**—Friday 8th July. This day will be Casual Clothes Day and early dismissal is at 2.15pm.

**Term 3: Week 1**—Unit 3 Camp, starting on Monday 25th July.

Parent term planner will be sent home early in term 3, to confirm upcoming events.

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Hello Everyone,

We can’t believe we are nearly half way through the year already. Every Tuesday, Lego Club is in the Resource Centre and everyone is welcome. Attendance has been down due to huge amounts of sickness. Parents, could you please inform the school if your child is absent by phoning the front office on 86322226, text message the school mobile on 0409 097 059 or using the skoolbag app on your smartphone. Next Friday, 8th July, we will be having Casual Clothes Day and dismissal will be at 2.15pm to finish off the school term. We hope everyone has a safe and happy school holidays. STAY WARM!!!

As you know, Risdon Park PS and Pirie Partnership of schools Qualities are:

RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY CONFIDENCE PERSISTENCE

Our core Qualities are so important as they are life skills, not simply ‘school’ requirements. As every child begins to understand and demonstrate these Qualities in their own actions, whether they are at school with their friends or in their community playing sport they are learning to become active citizens in our society. This prepares them for their future as apprentices, in further education, in a workplace or as a volunteer and as potential parents themselves.

Parents and schools have a big responsibility to guide and teach their children / students, knowing that every day, this guidance and support is a necessary part of their interactions and ‘duty of care’. The school acknowledges the role of parents and aims to work in collaboration to achieve the best outcomes for each student.

If you have concerns about learning or social/ emotional issues, please speak to your class teacher, Mrs Clinton, Mr Mellow or myself.

Rosie Bannister

UNIT 1
RM 11: Rubi Thomas
Dean Megne
RM 12: Makyla McKendry
Harrison Seidel
RM 13: Jayda Norton
Marcus Lawrie
RM 14: Jake Davey
Peyton Promnitz
RM 15: Koby Lundin
Kacey Seidel

UNIT 2
RM 21: Dylan Gray
Thomas Casserly
RM 22: Sophie Cominos
Ryan Ferrand
RM 23: Gabby Hall
Jaxon Richards
RM 24: Bella Nelligan
Kurt Eldridge
RM 25: Ashanti Smith
Lucas Horsnell
RM 26: Lachlan Nimmo
Harry Johnson

UNIT 3
RM 31: Laylah Lyon-Bradley
Byron Grist
RM 32: Tyson Nielsen
Brianna Hann
RM 33: Ashlea Ryder
Candace Colbert
RM 35: Jessica Smith
Shania Johnson-Mildwaters
RM 36: Fraser Murray
Charli Mallyon
Mrs Wilton: Ryan Ferrand
Herr Vanstone: Tyson Nielsen
Miss Silverman: Leo Johnson (JP)
Layla Lyon-Bradley

RAN (Responding to Abuse and Neglect) training for volunteers will be available this coming Tuesday, July 5th, from 8.45- 11.45 am. It is important that you register your interest at the front office with either Tessa or Rachel on Monday. Thank you.

Rosie Bannister
Last Tuesday, as part of our History learning, both of the Reception classes shared an afternoon of fun with many of our grandparents. We shared books and played games such as cards, elastics, marbles and quoits. We also shared afternoon tea together. Miss Wade, Mrs Greig and all of the students would like to thank all of the grandparents and parents who were able to attend and support us in our learning about games from the past.