Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to term 3, once again another “jam-packed” term, full of exciting learning experiences and possibilities.

This week all of Unit 3 students and teachers have spent time on Camp at Arbury Park site located at Bridgewater in the Adelaide Hills. The focus for the student’s learning is Environment and Sustainability. Unfortunately the weather has not been very kind, but the feedback is that students and staff are having an enjoyable time, although that means that sometimes their learning needs to be spent indoors and not out in nature.

This is a busy term, leading up to our Sports Day on Tuesday of week 10, which is followed by Pirie wide school closure allowing families to attend the Smelters Picnic on Wednesday 28th September.

Term 3 events to look out for are:

♦ Pupil Free Day on Monday 8th August (week 3), when teachers will be getting together to learn, develop and strengthen our whole school Literacy & Numeracy Agreements. This will provide for an improvement of curriculum delivery Reception to Year 7 in the areas of English and Mathematics.

♦ Room 21 Excursion to Wadlata Outback Centre on Friday 12th August (Week 3).

♦ Port Pirie and Surrounding Schools Student Choir evening performance at Port Pirie Festival Theatre on Wednesday 24th August (week 5), followed by a performance to all the year 4 students from all the participating schools. This performance will be held at Airdale Primary School.

♦ Book Week celebration, culminating in a dress up day and parade on Friday 26th August (week 5). Reception—Year 2 students will be visiting the Port Pirie Library.

♦ The Amazing Literacy & Numeracy Race on Wednesday 31st August (week 6) in celebration of National Literacy and Numeracy week. There will be an opportunity for parents to take part with their child’s class. This event allows students to have fun in demonstrating their Literacy and Numeracy skills!

♦ Governing Council on Wednesday 10th of August (week 3) and Wednesday 14th September (week 8)

Please find in this newsletter a full copy of our term 3 calendar for your information.

I would like to welcome a new teacher, Eleanor Watkins, teaching a year 3/4 class in room 24. Eleanor replaced Greg Cox who is taking long service leave for the next two terms. I welcome Micaela Porta and Tamisha Caddy, new School Service Officers’ who will work with students in our intervention programs of Mini Lit and Multi Lit, support students and teachers in the delivery of learning in classrooms.

I hope that students and staff have an enjoyable term, with their eyes and mind firmly focussed on the learning ahead.

Kindest regards,
Carolyn Clinton
Thinking of the cold days ahead we still have a lot of winter uniform items for sale from the money window at the front of the school. We have a lot of lost and unclaimed uniforms from last term. If your child has lost a jacket, any school uniform item, you might like to come and have a look through our lost property basket situated in the Pond Area.

If you want to make an EARLY PICK-UP of children from school, you are asked to go to the front office, sign the child out, collect a pink slip with details for the teacher, and go to the class to collect your child.

As a school, we need to know where children are, and that they are safe. If a child leaves the class, we need to know that they are with a parent or caregiver, when they leave, or that other arrangements have been made. Students always need to sign in/out if they come late or leave early. If there was an emergency, we need to know that all the children are on-site, or have left with an appropriate adult.

LUNCH TIME ACTIVITIES this term include Lego Club for students of all ages. It’s a popular activity, with very creative objects made, imaginative inventions of flying cars; multi-storey houses; robots that do tasks including homework; and more! The library is abuzz with conversation, cooperation and problem-solving.

We hope all our new staff members will enjoy their time at Risdon Park Primary School.

The school’s poster of endangered animals is in the library. Students are keen to see the poster from their class, as well as from other classes.
CAPTAIN’S CHAT

Hello everyone!

We hope you all had a good two weeks break and are ready for a big last two terms of the year.

This week the year 5/6 classes went on camp, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to Arbury Park Outdoor School in the Adelaide Hills. The year 6/7 classes went on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

We also have the year 6/7 SAPSASA Inter-school Football and Netball Carnival next week on Friday 5th August.

The Leadership team have organised an indoor Soccer tournament next week in the hall at recess and lunch time. This will be held on Mondays and Thursdays. Teams have already signed up ready to play.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CENTRAL RISDON NETBALL CLUB
Junior Bowling Night

WHERE: Bowland, Esmond Road
WHEN: Monday 8th August
TIME: 4:30pm—6:00pm
COST: $10—Includes bowling, nibbles and a drink.

PLEASE WEAR SOMETHING WHITE

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

We are into the last months of reading for the Challenge, which ends on 9th September 2016.

We encourage all students to complete the Challenge to achieve their awards.

Respect  Responsibility  Persistence  Confidence
Quality Education Empowering Community Minded Learners—Helping each other to succeed.
leckeren Brezeln in Deutsch gemacht

Guten Tag, wie geht es?

I hope everyone had a Wunderbar Ferien.

The last week of term 2 was Pretzel week in the German room. Every class in the school enjoyed making, baking and eating delicious traditional German Brezeln.

Students worked in small groups to prepare the dough. Then split the dough into four and rolled their ball of dough out long and thin. The trickiest part was trying to create that well-known pretzel shape.

The Brezeln was then glazed with melted butter and either salt or sugar.

It was great to see the students get hands on as they engaged with the recipe, the process and the pretzel.

You can find the recipe we used at

http://allrecipes.com/recipe/161886/papa-drexlers-bavarian-pretzels/

Here is some of the German vocabulary we used:

flour - Mehl
water - Wasser
sugar - Zucker
salt - Salz
yeast - Hefe
butter - Butter
ingredients - Zutaten
Stir - rühren
dough - Teig
knead - knechen

Here is what some students had to say about making pretzels:

“Ich hatte so viel Spaß Brezeln mit Herr Vanstone machen.”

Lailah Roynor

“Lecker!”

Riley Sutton

“Schmeckt es gut!” Rubi Thomas

finden Sie ein Wort

rot  gelb
blau  lila
grau

g  e  l  b

German Tongue Twisters

The first 5 students to translate this tongue twister and find Herr Vanstone at recess or lunch will win a prize.

Fischers Fritze fischt frische Fische; Frische Fische fischt Fischers Fritze.