PUPIL FREE DAY WEEK 3

On Monday of week 3, staff worked towards creating a Whole School Agreement in Numeracy. We looked at different aspects of teaching including programming and planning, assessment, professional development, the Australian Curriculum: Mathematics, plus much more! We are aiming to have our agreement in place by the end of the term, creating a more consistent school approach to the teaching and learning of Numeracy.

Teachers participated in an activity during the day aimed at developing Mathematical fluency around the four operations (Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division). Working in pairs, one person holds up flashcards while the other answers as many as they can correctly in one minute. The goal is to complete over 30 sums correctly in a minute, twice in a row with the same focus (e.g. adding by 4). This is a great, quick activity to try out at home!

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**BOOK WEEK REMINDER**

Book Week will be celebrated at Risdon Park PS during week 5 of this term. We are celebrating the enjoyment and development that students get from reading and the way our country has many stories told and untold.

As part of our celebration, we are inviting students to **DRESS UP** on Friday 26th August. We would like students to use the book week theme and dress up as **ANYTHING AUSTRALIAN**.

This could include sporting stars, book characters, historical people eg Ned Kelly or Australian animals.

Throughout the week, teachers and students will be reading the shortlisted books, completing integrated units and Junior Primary students visiting the public library.

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**STUDENT DATA BASE UPDATE**

In the next few days, you will receive a report from our data base containing your child’s details, contact numbers, and address etc. Please check the information, noting any changes on this document. Please then sign the document and return it to the school at your earliest convenience.

From time to time information can be missed, or changed incorrectly. It is important that we have up-to-date information at all times, and you can update at any time, by phone on 86322226, by text on 0409097059, using the Risdon Skoolbag app, or a note in your child’s communication book or diary.

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**GOVERNING COUNCIL**

Governing Council met on Wednesday evening from 6:30pm—8:30pm. Discussions were focussed on:

- Changes to the school uniform
- The NED show and the popularity of 3 different types of yo-yo’s
- Progress of the back yard upgrade and we are hoping that we will have a new backyard by the end of term 3.

A small number of staffing changes including:

- Eleanor Watkins teaching in room 24 until the end of 2016
- Kendall Pretty teaching in room 22 during Aileen Wohling’s absence

Governing Council Roles & Responsibilities: One of our roles is participating on subcommittees of Grounds, Finance & Canteen. Did you know that you do not need to be on Governing Council to be a member of the Grounds & Canteen Committees. If you are interested in being on one of these committees, please call Carolyn Clinton (Principal) on 8632 2226.
CAPTAIN’S CHAT

Hi Everyone!

We hope you have had a good 3 weeks back at school. We hope that the year 5/6 and 6/7 classes enjoyed the camp in week 1.

It is great to see the students enjoying Pals and indoor soccer.

Last Friday, we had the some of the year 6/7 students participate in the SAPSASA football and netball carnival. It was great to see everyone enjoying themselves.

On Tuesday, every unit went to a performance in hall called the NED show. NED stands for NEVER give up, ENCOURAGE other and DO your best. We saw some cool tricks with yoyo’s. You can purchase 3 different yoyo’s at the office. The last day to purchase is Tuesday morning 16th August. There is also the Choir Performance in week 5 and lots of RPPS students are performing.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

BINGO NIGHT
WHERE: Pirie Sporting & Community Club
(102 Broadway Rd, Pt Pirie)
WHEN: Tuesday 23rd August
TIME: EYES DOWN at 8pm
Supper, Raffles and Drinks available to purchase on the night!!!
ENQUIRIES: Judy Kenny 0411 061 105

BINGO
WHERE: Sporting & Community Club
(102 Broadway Rd, Pt Pirie)
WHEN: Tuesday 30th August
TIME: EYES DOWN at 7:30pm
COST: $5 (includes door prize & supper)
TICKETS AT THE DOOR

CHECKMATES SOFTBALL CLUB
The junior softball season commences on Saturday, 22nd October. We invite all school age boys and girls to come and try softball or T-ball (under 9) with us. Trainings are held after school on Wednesdays, on the Murdoch Street oval. Games are played Saturday mornings at Leonard Park on Kingston Rd. Registrations will be taken on Wed, 24th August from 3.15pm til 4pm, on the oval. Trainings will commence the following Wed. We already have Risdon school students playing with our club so if you would like to give softball a go, please come to the registration day. Any queries please contact Ngaire Simms 0417 886733. Any parents are also most welcome to play in our senior grades. We are a child safe, family friendly club.

RISDON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL SOCCER
REMINDER:
Trophy money is due, please give to your coach by the 20th August.
Team photos will be taken on Saturday 20th August, please ensure you arrive half an hour before you game and you are wearing full correct soccer uniform.
Any queries, please contact
Michelle on 0488 073 079

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Room 33 On Camp

At camp we learnt lots of things about wildlife. Jenna
On camp I saw dead animals and it was super sad. Holly
   It was cold and freezing but it was fun. Tanisha
   It was cold and wet. Josh
I liked the taxidermy animals and skeletons. I also liked
   the fun experience. Tamika
Camp was fun but you learn things at the same time. We
learnt about survival, nature and so much more. Ashlea
The food was good, I liked talking to Claude the cockatoo
   and I liked learning about the animals. Ebony
Camp was fun but it was really cold, I liked seeing all the
animals and doing the activities. Asher
Camp was fun and exciting. We learnt a bunch of things
   and had a lot of fun. Lucy S
I think camp was great. I loved making nest boxes. Kloe
   At camp we did orienteering. Alana
   Camp was really fun. My favourite part was mission
      survival. April
Camp was fun and I enjoyed it because I learnt more stuff
   about the environment. Jake
   An amazing experience. Dylan
Camp was a cool place to run around and their food was
   amazing. Lachlan
   It was so fun and I learnt new things. Lucy E
Camp was really fun. My favourite part was the muddy
   hill. Beau
Camp was a lot of fun and I liked the Web of Life game.
      Zac
Camp was fun and there was lots of Healthy Food. Sam
   There was a very high hill, which I slid down. Kyle