Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last week we acknowledged and celebrated National School Service Officers, commonly known as SSOs.

It is true that SSOs are the heart of our schools and have a wide range of functions, roles and tasks to do at Risdon Park Primary School. At Risdon we have 20 SSO’s, plus a CPS worker (Chaplaincy Support Worker).

I would like to thank and acknowledge the variety of tasks that they do, these include:

- Working in the front office in general administration and finance
- Working in classroom, supporting class teacher in delivery of classroom teaching program and supporting students to engage in and complete tasks to best of their ability
- Supporting individual students who have learning difficulties
- Supporting students through running of our Intervention programs of Mini Lit, Phonological Awareness, Multi Lit and Quick Smart
- Managing of breakfast club
- Managing and working with students in the school garden
- Escorting and supervising students in engagement and wellbeing programs off site
- Managing and working in the Resource Centre
- Maintaining and problem solving IT issues
- Supervising students on camp and other excursions

I would also like to acknowledge the work of Sandra Stringer, our Canteen Manager, who spends long hours, way beyond her employed hours ensuring that our students and staff lunches and recess is well catered for. It is my belief that we have the best School Canteen in Port Pirie and surrounds.

Thank you to all our SSO’s that work so very hard to ensure Risdon Primary School is a safe and wonderful place to learn and be!

Regards,
Carolyn Clinton

Thank you to:

Tessa Collins  Christine Carman  Rachel Stringer
Cassie Bond  Anne Fuss  Pauline Cooper
Lynette Young  Kathryn Wilsson  Megan Voumard
Megan Simounds  Anita Bellifemini  Rose Pisani
Damien Atkins  Monique Dite  Paige Young
Eden Caputo  Amanda Harness  Tamisha Caddy
Micaela Porta  Melissa Hands (ACEO)  Vianna Fasciano (CPS Worker)
I received a big surprise on Tuesday from Naomi Connor AET, with support from SSO’s, they organised a BBQ lunch as I will be taking maternity leave and won’t be returning until some time next year. It was lovely to have all our students able to celebrate my next chapter in my life.

I will miss working here at Risdon and with the fantastic team that Naomi and I built together to support our Aboriginal Students and their families. I have also enjoyed working with all staff here at Risdon, we have a wonderful supportive school. I’m proud to say I’ve been a part of that team.
Hello everyone!

We can’t believe we are already halfway through term 3. It’s going so fast!!! We have book week this Friday when students get to dress up as anything Australian such as sporting heroes, animals, or anything you have read out of a book.

We also had year 6/7 students go down to Adelaide last week to participate in a sporting carnival, playing different areas around SA. These students got selected to play in this event.

Attendance has been down the last few weeks so please make sure that Parents ring or message the school to explain why you are away.

Commonwealth School Banking Program

This program is offered to all students and encourages regular saving by offering rewards. Every deposit earns your child a silver Dollarmite token, collect 10 tokens and redeem them for a reward. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first school deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school.

Getting involved is easy!

Open an account for your child by visiting your local branch. Your child brings their deposit in every Tuesday to the front office using their Dollarmite deposit wallet.

Information packs are available in the front office.

FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

After months of rehearsals, Risdon Park Primary School’s choir performed to a nearly full auditorium at the Keith Michell Theatre. The choir rehearsed every week at school as well as attending numerous combined choir rehearsals where all schools involved with the Festival of Music in Port Pirie got together to rehearse. On Wednesday evening all the hard work paid off as all seven schools worked together to perform on stage. Involvement in the choir is hard work and requires dedication but as we saw from this year’s performance, the hard work pays off as students received high accolades and appeared to love being up on stage.

Parents don’t forget to pick up your child’s NAPLAN results from the Front Office
Design your Own Sports Shoe!

Sports Day T-Shirt Design! GO WOODWARD

Positive Vibes!

Perspective Self Portraits

Respect  Responsibility  Persistence  Confidence

Quality Education Empowering Community Minded Learners — Helping each other to succeed.