Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to term 4 at Risdon Park PS. Term 4 is a short term of 9 weeks, which concludes on Friday December 16 at 2:15pm.

We have some staff changes in term 4, which include:

♦ Damien Mellow is taking Long Service Leave to travel with his family on a road trip.
♦ Brooke Wenzel, will leave her classroom teaching responsibilities this term and take on the role of Deputy Principal.
♦ Aileen Wohling was due to return this term, but has decided to retire. Staff and students of room 21 wish her well.
♦ Melissa Hands is still on leave. Denise Rowe our new ACEO will hopefully be joining us in week 3 or 4 and continuing in this role for five days per week until the end of term 4.

Taking into account the above leave we would like to welcome two new teachers this term and they are:

♦ Emily Wilsdon, a graduate teacher who will be teaching in Brooke’s year 1/2 class in room 13.
♦ Georgia Naulty, will be teaching in room 22, taking on the teaching of Aileen Wohling’s year 2 class.

Term 4 is a term where we start to think of and plan for the following year. A part of this planning is in formation of new classes for 2017. Creating classes for the following year is an extensive process taking into account individual student’s learning and social needs, plus equal numbers of boys and girls. We also invite parents to submit their preference based on friendships and / or family relationships. Please find a proforma in this newsletter to write down your preference if you would like to, and return it to the front office in the next three weeks. It is important to be aware that we may or may not be able to fulfil your request, if we cannot you will receive a phone call from myself or the Deputy Principal in the last week of term.
Please find a term planner as a flyer in this newsletter to remind you of the major & the most significant events that will be taking place this term at Risdon Park PS

- “Every Girl” Wellbeing program for identified year 6/7 girls every Thursday afternoon until the end of term
- Breakfast Club every Wednesday & Friday mornings from 8:30am to 8:50am
- Whole school assemblies at 10:15am, Friday 21st Oct, 25th Nov & on the last day of term. There will also be a special Remembrance Day Assembly conducted by room 21 on Friday 11th Nov at 10:45am to 11:15am
- Civics & Citizenship NAPLAN for year 6 students Tuesday 25th Oct
- Pupil Free Day, Monday 31st Oct
- Governing Council, Wednesday 2nd Nov
- Room 21’s 2 day Excursion to Adelaide on Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th Nov
- Interschool Sports Day, Thursday 3rd Nov
- Whole school performance on 3rd November
- Kindy to school transition begins on Wednesday 16th Nov & continues with every Wednesday including the 30th Nov, also extending to the full day of Thursday 1st Dec

Year 7’s who will be attending John Pirie Secondary School in 2017, will be spending 2 full days at high school on Wednesday 30th Nov & Friday 1st Dec. More information about this soon.

Parent & Community Information Night at John Pirie Secondary school on Monday 28th Nov at 6:30pm

Risdon Park PS Concert, Wednesday 7th Dec

Year 7 Graduation, Monday 12th Dec

Volunteer Thank you Morning Tea, Wednesday 14th Dec

Semester 2 Report home to families on Wednesday 14th Dec with notice of their child’s 2017 class placement

Students visit their 2017 for a short session

Don’t forget to check you eldest child’s bag every fortnight for a Risdon Park PS newsletter. We also post our newsletter on SkoolBag.

I look forward to the term ahead, working with parents, members of Risdon Park PS community, staff and students.

Carolyn Clinton.
CAPTAIN’S CHAT

Hello everyone!

We can’t believe this is the last term of the school year. I hope everyone enjoyed Sport’s Day, because we did. Congratulations to Risdon on winning this year’s Sports Day. Some students will be selected to go to Interschool Sports Day on Thursday of week 3, because they stood out in events like sprints and the marathon on our Sport’s Day.

We also hope you all enjoyed the Smelter’s Picnic, luckily the rain stayed away for us all. All classes have started practising a dance routine with Miss Silverman to ready for our school concert, which will be taking place on Wednesday of week 8, December 7th.

On Friday of week 2, October 28th it is World Teachers Day. This is a day that we thank our teachers for what they have taught us throughout the year.

DON’T FORGET STUDENT FREE DAY ON MONDAY 31ST OCTOBER—WEEK 3

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Blood Service Mobile Centre will be visiting Virtus Soccer Club, 9 Parks Street, Port Pirie

Monday 31st October 1:30pm-6:30pm
Tuesday 1st November 12:00pm-8:30pm
Wednesday 2nd November 12:00pm-8:30pm
Thursday 3rd November 7:30am-12:00pm

Central/Risdon Netball Club

In 2017 there will be many changes from our Association, with all Registrations to be online.

Come and find out how it will all work at AGM

When: This Monday 24th October
Where: Netball Club Rooms
Time: 6pm

ALL PARENTS WELCOME

SCHOLASTIC BOOK OFFER

Issue 7 has an exclusive Bonus Book Offer for parents who order & pay via LOOP. If parents have placed a registered order on LOOP at any time in the past, they could qualify for up to four Bonus Books! Issue 7 is a great place for parents to give the gift of reading this Christmas.


ORDERs DUE FRIDAY 28TH OCTOBER

LAST ORDERS FOR THE YEAR!!

ISSUE 7 HAS $1 GOLD COIN BOOK

Respect Responsibility Persistence Confidence

Quality Education Empowering Community Minded Learners—Helping each other to succeed.
Ashley Belton’s Class
Room 25

Room 25 Kids have been busy with their Guided Reading. With reading boxes, Word Puzzles, Quizzes and Daily Dash.

Book Week was a great day for Room 25 as nearly all the kids dressed up and had lots of fun on the day!