

Risdon Park Primary School

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SCHOOL TIMES

School begins at 8:55am

*Children should not be at school
before 8:30am*

Recess is from 10:45am-11:15am

Lunch eating time is

12:55—1:05pm

Lunch play time 1:05-1:35pm

School is dismissed at 3:15pm

There is a 12 pm– 6am curfew on
all Education sites.

GOVERNING COUNCIL

The role of the Governing Council is to involve parents in the well being of the school and its pupils, and has an active involvement in such matters as finance, grounds, canteen, education, sport, fundraising and general education topics.

Governing Council is open to all school families and meets at 7:30pm twice per term. The Annual General Parent's Meeting from which the Council is elected, is held in the first term of each year.

Please feel free to contact any Councillor (a list can be found in the Front Office) on matters that are of concern to you. They will ensure that problems are raised at meetings and that you receive a personal reply.

WELCOME

Thank you for your interest in Risdon Park Primary School. We hope that the information contained in this brochure will assist you in making an informed decision on the choice of your child's primary education. The school endeavours to provide variety in school life and encourages active participation by all concerned with education—parents, students, staff and the wider community.

ENROLMENTS

New Reception Students

Students attending Preschools in Port Pirie will receive transition information through the preschool. A comprehensive transition program runs between the school and the preschools. Enrolments for Reception students occur at the beginning of each year. Students must have turned 5 years of age before May 1st to start at the beginning of that year. Enrolment packages are available from the school.

Students Transferring In

Whilst we respect the right of parents to exercise their choice of school for their child, families moving into the district are encouraged to enrol at the school closest to their place of residence. For ease of transition we ask that prior notice of intended enrolment be given. This way classes can be identified, teachers notified and the necessary organisation of the classroom made. Students attending another school in the Pirie area who wish to transfer to Risdon Park Primary School must follow the Pirie and Environs Schools Enrolment Policy. Transfer will only occur with the mutual consent of the Principals at both sites. Applications for enrolment can be made in the first week of Term 4 each year for transfer at the beginning of the following school year.

MATERIALS AND SERVICES FEES

Fees are charged annually to cover the cost of materials and services supplied in the deliverance of the curriculum. For example stationery, art materials, computers, internet access and learning resources, such as library books and other text books. The majority of our materials and resources are purchased early in the year.

A tax Invoice is sent home at the beginning of the year for the years materials and services charges. This amount is due by the end of term 1. Early payment is appreciated. We accept payment by cash, cheque, credit card and EFTPOS. Arrangement can be made to pay the fees by instalment. Direct debit is a preferred option. Please see the finance officer to make arrangements. The School Card scheme provides financial assistance to low-income families to cover Materials & Services fees. Please see office staff for details.

SITE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Education at Risdon Park Primary School focuses on the promotion of each child's intellectual, social, emotional, spiritual and physical growth through the provision of relevant learning experiences. Risdon Park Primary School has a 3 year Site Improvement Plan, which focuses on priorities for each year. The plan reflects current Departmental policies. The vision of the Site Improvement Plan is that our school endeavours to provide a positive, secure and stimulating environment, enabling children to develop as responsible, caring individuals.

THE CURRICULUM

Risdon Park PS currently utilises the Australian Curriculum in all subject areas. These include English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities & Social Sciences, The Arts, Technologies, Health & Physical Education & Languages.

ASSESSMENT, RECORDING & REPORTING

Assessment of children's work is based on observation, comparisons of a child's work over a period of time, conferencing and periodic testing; mainly in Primary and Middle Years.

Teachers keep records of a child's progress in the following ways:

- Checklists
- Samples of work (on which progress is noted)
- Anecdotal notes (based on observation & conferencing)

These are supplemented by teachers with interviews, class testing, contracts and standardised tests. Formal reporting to parents takes the form of interviews and written reports.

PARKING CARS

The car park at the front of the school is strictly for staff and tradespeople. Please do not use this as a 'pick up and drop off' zone. Murdoch and Fitzgerald Streets have the largest parking areas.

DROPPING OFF & PICKING UP

Please observe traffic signals and the 25km/hour and 50km/hour speed restrictions. It is an offence to park/stop in the Bus Zone between 8am and 9:30am and 2:30pm and 4:30pm. Please avoid this area at all other times, as we often have buses coming and going for excursions.

BICYCLES

We believe that children should ride bicycles to school only when they know all the road rules.

Bicycles must be left in the bicycle racks during the day. The bicycle rack is locked during the day and is an out-of-bounds area, however, individual locks are a good idea. **NO** bicycle is to be ridden within the school grounds.

SCHOOL BUS

Children travelling to and from school on departmental buses must live over 5km from the school to be eligible to travel.

Kent's Garage (Spencer Gulf Coaches) operates the public transport buses within Port Pirie. They can be contacted on 86322949 for details on timetables, fares and bus routes.

SCHOOL CANTEEN

Our canteen, operated by a manageress and volunteers offer fresh, healthy lunches and snacks for our students. Price lists are sent home at the beginning of the school year. Lunch orders are placed through the classrooms and are sent to the canteen by 9:30am. The canteen is open for counter sales at recess and lunch. Ice blocks are not available at recess time



ABSENTEEISM

If your child is absent we would appreciate you contacting the school. For daily absences a note should be sent to the teacher, phoned through to the office, a text via 0409097059 or use the skoolbag app. Exemption approval is required for periods longer than five days, unless in the case of illness, when a doctor's certificate is required. Should your child need to be away from school for longer periods, an exemption form needs to be completed prior to the absence.

HEALTH CARE OF SICK CHILDREN

We believe that if your child is sick, home is the best place for them until recovery is complete. It is also respecting the wellbeing of the staff and other students in the class. When a student becomes ill at school or an accident happens, attempts will be made to contact parents or carers immediately. In the case of a serious accident, an ambulance will be called immediately.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS AND MEDICATION

If your child has an ongoing or recurring medical condition, you will be required to fill out a form with details. If the child requires medication or is an asthmatic, the relevant forms need to be completed by your GP. Any medication sent to school must be in the original container with the dosage clearly marked. Often short term medication 3 times a day can be administered from home, before & after school and at bed time. The child's wellness for school should also be considered.

CONSENT FORMS

On enrolment and for certain events during the school year, parents will be required to complete consent forms. We appreciate families accurately completing these forms and returning them to us as soon as possible. Our ability to assist your child in cases of emergency or for other reasons is only as good as the information we are supplied. **It is imperative** that we are supplied with correct telephone contact numbers, medical information, custody orders, and any other information which will assist us in our duty of care of your child while they are at school.

COLLECTION OF MONEY

Occasionally money needs to be sent to school for excursions, performances, book club, etc. Please ensure that money is placed in a sealed envelope with the child's name, class and amount clearly printed on the front. Larger amounts should be paid at the office. Other smaller amounts can be sent via the teacher to the office. We discourage the sending of large amounts of cash to school with your child.

DENTAL CARE

Students at this school are serviced by the Dental Clinic at Pirie West School. It is the responsibility of the parents to transport their children for their appointments

BANK

Bank SA and the Commonwealth Bank have the right to offer student banking at schools in this state. Tuesday is banking day at Risdon. Students take their bank books to the class and the teacher sends them to the front office at the beginning of the day.

NEWSLETTER

The school newsletter is the main form of communication between the school and all families and hence is given high priority. A newsletter is published fortnightly.

Urgent information may be sent home at any time. These are sent home with the eldest child in the family. Please keep in touch with the happenings at Risdon Park School and make a note of important dates and events, which involve your child through the newsletter, Skoolbag and Facebook.

EXTREME WEATHER

During times of extreme heat or storms students will remain in their classrooms at lunch time and teachers will be rostered for supervision within each teaching area. All classrooms are air-conditioned. If it is raining, students remain in their classrooms. Early dismissal does not occur during times of extreme heat. However, parents are welcome to collect children early should they wish. Families will be notified if it is necessary to alter bus times due to extreme weather/ fire events.

BOOKCLUB

To assist your child's reading development with enjoyment and understanding, this school participates in the Ashton Scholastic Book Club offers.

Twice per term Bookclub newsletters will be sent home, usually on a Friday. Order forms are included on the newsletters. Simply complete the order form and return, with the correct money and in a sealed envelope, to the

SPORT

Both internal and external ('out of school hours') sport are offered at Risdon Park Primary School. Our Inter-house Sports Day is held annually, with Years 3-7 involved in sprints and team games in the morning, while the afternoon programme includes athletics style tabloid events. Junior Primary students are involved in tabloid activities in the morning. Students in the Primary and Middle Years have the opportunity to attend trials for the Pirie District SAPSASA teams in softball, cricket, tennis, hockey, soccer, football, netball, swimming and athletics.

Houses

Leonard—Blue Woodward—Yellow
Kingston—Red Risdon—Green

KIDS CO

The school's Student representative Council is called Kids Co. At the beginning of the year each class elects two class members to represent them for two terms at meetings held regularly.



SCHOOL DRESS CODE

Wearing of the school uniform is strongly encouraged at Risdon Park Primary School. We believe that by following the school dress code we can develop a feeling of belonging and pride in our school. School colours are bottle green and gold. We carry a range of polo shirts, windcheaters, summer and winter dresses/skirts, shorts and hats. Wide brimmed hats must be worn all year-round. A hat is provided on initial enrolment.

CHOIR

Students from Years 5,6 & 7 are invited to participate in the Pirie District Combined School Choir Festival of Music. The choir consists of approximately 200 children from Pirie district schools. Each school has a choir trainer and a set part to play in the choir. Practices are held weekly and periodically students get together for a combined practice.

The year's efforts go on show at the Keith Michell Theatre during term 3. Participation is voluntary, but students contract to abide by choir rules in regard to behaviour and participation. The opportunity exists for some solo performances for those with the ability to perform.