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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On Tuesday week 2 of this term, teachers from Risdon Park PS joined teachers from all other schools in Port Pirie, including Napperby Primary School and John Pirie Secondary School in a day of learning about Growth Mindsets. For parents, you would probably have lots questions about what has Growth Mindset have to do about what and how my child learns at school.

So what is Growth Mindsets all about?

A common belief is that children are born with a fixed intelligence that cannot be improved or developed. Research over many years has proven this not to be so. In fact it is “us” as adults believing that we are not good at something (eg, Mathematics) and then letting our children know that we weren’t good at Maths, so they can’t be expected to be good at Maths as well, that sets children into believing that that they are not good at Maths, which then sets up a pattern of behaviour to enforce the belief that they are not smart in that curriculum area and that they will never be good in that area.

Growth Mindset is about knowing that all students can learn something new even when they think that they can’t. Learning requires effort and practice especially in areas that we are not so confident in. Learning requires knowing what you want to achieve, setting goals and identifying strategies to help you to develop the new knowledge, skills and understanding to be successful. This is where teachers come in. Teachers’ role is to develop and build an understanding in all students that they can achieve, to support them to set goals and identify strategies to help with their learning and then to support students to track their progress.

On Tuesday 9th February teachers and leaders spent the day learning about how we can build self-belief in students so that they can succeed in whatever they put their mind and effort to and look at strategies and teaching tools to help us help our students to develop a Growth Mindset.

Over the next few weeks and throughout the school year teachers will be working with students in this area, so you might hear about this through your child and at Parent / Teacher Interviews which will take place later this term.

Regards,

Carolyn Clinton



DATES TO REMEMBER:
Fri 11th March— Yr 6 & 7
SAPSASA Summer Carnival
MONDAY 14TH MARCH
PUBLIC HOLIDAY
RPPS TERM 1
OVERALL
ATTENDANCE RATE
93%

GOVERNING COUNCIL

Risdon Park Governing Council

One of our major committees at Risdon Park PS is our Governing Council that meets twice a term, usually on a Wednesday evening in week 3 and 8 of each term. We have been very fortunate at Risdon to have a strong committed parent body to contribute in the governance of our school. In 2016, we have seen a number of parents leave due to their last child transferring onto secondary school or another school.

The role of Governing Council is to work with the Principal and selected school staff to:

- Set broad direction and vision of the school
- Participate in and approve the school's procedures as informed by DECD's Policies
- Initiate and approve recommendations and strategies relating to government policy, industrial agreements and site decision making
- Participate in the development of and ratification of the Site Improvement Plan
- Agree on the allocation of resources to best achieve the site Improvement plan and improvement targets.

Why do Parents need to be involved in Risdon Park PS Governing Council?

- Represent your child's educational needs and the needs of other students at our school
- Contribute to the shaping of your child's educational experience
- Stay informed about what is happening at Risdon Park PS
- Gain an understanding of what is involved in your child's education and be better informed about how decisions are made about student learning at Risdon Park PS
- Have an understanding of how money is spent to improve your child's learning
- Play an active role in our school community
- Participate in policy and decision making
- Become closer to your child's learning experience at Risdon Park PS

Most Frequently asked Questions

What does Governing Council do?

Think, listen, share options, consult, encourage others, express ideas, plan, oversee school operations, monitor and review school procedures

How often does Governing Council meet?

Twice a term, generally for an hour to hour and a half each meeting

Do I need any special skills?

No. All interested parents are welcome.

How long am I on Governing Council?

Councillors serve a two year term. Many councillors enjoy their time on Governing Council so they stay for more than 2 years.

Our next Annual General Meeting for Governing Council is on Wednesday 23rd March at 7pm in our hall. A light supper will be provided.

If you are interested in being a member of Governing Council we look forward to seeing you at the meeting. If you are unable to attend please fill in the nomination form enclosed in the newsletter. Even if you attend the meeting and intend to nominate yourself to be on Governing Council, please fill in the slip enclosed in the newsletter as well.

Thank you.

Carolyn Clinton

CANTEEN ROSTER

TERM 1 WEEK 6

Monday 7th March
H. Davidson

Tuesday 8th March
K. Conley

Wednesday 9th March
M. Dienhoff

Thursday 10th March
C. Roseberg

Friday 11th March
S. Jebb
D. Crossman

TERM 1 WEEK 7

Monday 14th March

**ADELAIDE CUP PUBLIC
HOLIDAY**

Tuesday 15th March
K. Conley

Wednesday 16th March
B. Gebert

Thursday 17th March
J. Baldwin

Friday 18th March
G. Baggott
M. Dienhoff

CANTEEN SPECIAL

**FRIDAY 4th
March**

**Crispy Chicken
Roll**

with lettuce & mayo

+ Pop Up Drink

Full serve \$5.80

½ serve \$4.80

**No Chicken Wedges
available Friday.**

Please contact the school on
8632 2226
if you are unable to do your

CAPTAINS CHAT



Blake Brown

Hello everybody!!

We can't believe it is nearly half way through Term 1 already.

On Wednesday 2nd March, we had the Aboriginal Flag Raising Ceremony. It was great to see the school community celebrating this special occasion with our Aboriginal students and families.



Takira Holland-Breach

We invite parents of students who were elected as Kids Co Reps, to our Assembly in week 7 to see them get their Kids Co badge.

Again attendance has been extremely high with the school getting 96% in week 3 with many classes having zero unexplained absences.

DON'T FORGET THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

- ⇒ This Friday 4th March, Clean up Australia Day
- ⇒ Friday 18th March (week 7), Bullying NO WAY Day
- ⇒ Monday 21st March (week 8) Harmony Day

PASTORAL CARE WORKER VACANCY

PASTORAL CARE WORKER
(Previously known as "School Chaplain")

RISDON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Kingston Rd Port Pirie SA 5540

Schools Ministry Group along with the Port Pirie Ministers Association are seeking applications for this 9 hour per week position, commencing Term 2, 2016. The position exists to offer a Chaplaincy service to students, staff and the school community.

A Job and Person Specification, including details on "How to Apply", is available from Schools Ministry Group on 8378 6800 or mail@smg.asn.au

Closing date: Friday 11th March, 5pm

For details about the next **Information Session** go to:
www.smg.asn.au

CHOIR COME & TRY

Today and next Thursday 10th March students from years 5,6 & 7 are invited to 'come and try' singing for the choir. They will receive a commitment agreement to be signed by you if they want to continue. Choir will continue weekly until the performance at the Keith Michell Theatre in August. The cost is \$15 for the book & CD, plus a t-shirt @ \$10. Singing in a choir requires the use of many parts of the brain and helps develop breath control and lung capacity. Students will also learn why the music was written which can be related to other curriculum areas and basic music reading skills.