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# Risdon Park News

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Friday 3rd July**

**LAST DAY OF TERM 2  
EARLY DISMISSAL  
2:00PM**

**DON'T FORGET  
BREAKFAST CLUB EVERY  
MONDAY,  
WEDNESDAY AND  
FRIDAY.  
@ 8:30AM**

**Monday 20th July**

**STUDENT FREE DAY  
DAY 1 OF TERM 3**

Dear Families

I'd like to begin by stating our school vision. ***"To achieve a school of excellence where students are nurtured and academically challenged to enable them to pursue their aspirations."***

I am particularly fortunate to lead a team who are committed to this vision and dedicated to providing high quality education and care for your children. This has been particularly evident as we together navigated the complexities of Covid 19 during semester 1. Regardless of the complexities, our staff's commitment to embracing new learning, and implementing new processes and routines for improvement has been outstanding.

I would like to share a powerful quote by a most inspirational leader, Nelson Mandela

***"I never lose, I either win or learn"***

This resonates so strongly with me and supports what we are aspiring to at Risdon Park PS, a culture of learning for **all** as indicated by our mantra.

***"Together we learn, together we achieve"***

Risdon Park PS is a place of learning for not only our children but for the adults, including myself. Rich learning only occurs when we allow our thinking to be challenged and we are courageous enough to have a go, persist and try and try again.

We need to understand and remind ourselves that the process of learning is hard, it's messy and we need to experience confusion as part of this process. Only when we work through this *'struggle'*, sometimes referred to as the *'learning pit'* does powerful learning take place. Ensuring children understand this is critical.

When we are open to learning we never lose. It's not just about achieving immediate success or getting it right first time round, but most importantly what we have gained by

engaging in the learning process. Building student's persistence and learning stamina through the Berry Street work has been a whole school focus.

So next time you see your child in the learning pit, I challenge you to step back and not default immediately to rescue. As a parent, I understand how difficult it is to watch your child who's feeling the discomfort of learning and how easy it is to jump in and help them. Just don't do it, you're doing them a great disservice! Instead encourage them to persist and provide them with the self-talk to help them work through this struggle. Working themselves through this builds resilience and gives them the confidence to persist next time. To see their pride with mastery will be your reward!



You will receive your child's report in week 10. As you read through the teacher's comments, please keep in mind the points I've made. Have the conversation with your child about their 'productive struggle.' What does it feel like for them when they're in the learning pit? Do they give up or do they have some strategies to work through this? Most important, reassure them that the feeling of discomfort is normal and necessary. Please make time to speak with your child's teacher if your child is feeling overwhelmed or you have any concerns with their progress. Please be mindful that due to Covid interruption to learning and the significant time some children were in a home learning program, the reporting will be modified this year. A-E grades will be given for years 1-7 if the child has provided sufficient evidence for assessment or an N/A (Not Assessed) otherwise.

Wishing you a great end to the term.

Warmest regards,  
Julie

## Italian Cooking with Mr. Bonazinga



### Buon Appetito!

In Italian this week, we have been learning about the history of pizza. Students were surprised to learn that it took over 3000 years of food evolution for pizza to reach its current delicious state from its beginnings as just flatbread topped with olive oil and herbs.

Over the next few weeks, students will be creating their own tasty pizzas and learning how to describe their creations using Italian grammar and vocabulary. Meanwhile the Junior Primary classes have been constructing pizzas of their own, albeit, not as edible.



**DID YOU KNOW:** The Margherita Pizza was first made in 1889 in honour of Queen Margherita of Savoy. The toppings consist of basil, mozzarella and tomatoes and represent the colours of the Italian flag.



## CAPTAIN'S CHAT

Hello and welcome to this weeks captains chat,

It is nearly the end of Term 2 and we are all looking forward to these school holidays.

This week we had a Leaders Meeting where we discussed all of our ideas for a school fundraising event with Mr Perry, there was so many great ideas!

It was lot's of fun hearing everyone's ideas.

This week is Refugee Week and we have enjoyed learning about refugees, their experiences and their different stories in class.

Signing off for now. Over and out!

Aster and Leo



**Leo Johnson**



**Aster Ramsay**

Respect

Responsibility

Persistence

Confidence

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

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Wednesday Canteen Special

**WEEK 9**

Chicken Wedges &  
Pop Top or Big M  
Half Serve \$5.00  
Full Serve \$6.00



Don't forget to  
download the QKR App  
for easy ordering.

Thanks  
Katie



**Please be aware  
that the bus  
zone needs to  
be kept clear at  
all times for the  
safety of our  
RPPS students.**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



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

### Risdon Park Primary School

Schools Ministry Group, in partnership with church and school communities, are seeking applications for this 10.5 hour per week position, ideally commencing Term 3, 2020. The position exists to offer Chaplaincy Services to students, staff and the school community.

The Job & Person Specification and Application Form are available to download from the SMG website - go to:  
**[smg.asn.au/chaplaincy-vacancies](http://smg.asn.au/chaplaincy-vacancies)**

or via request on 8378 6800 or [mail@smg.asn.au](mailto:mail@smg.asn.au).

**Closing date: 10 pm, Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020**

## PLEASE NOTE

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**Early Dismissal**  
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**Port Germein Golf Club**  
Register at: [www.mygolf.org.au](http://www.mygolf.org.au)  
10 week program June - August  
Saturdays at 9:30am - Duration 1hr  
(or other times via enquiry)  
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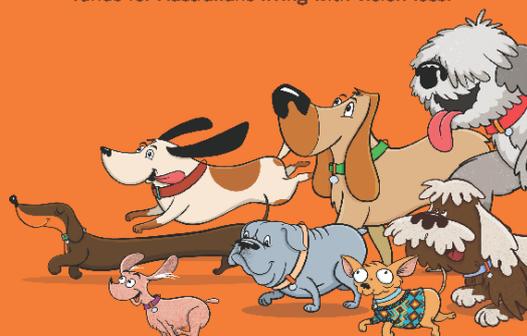


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We Welcomed Herbit and friends to our class this term. We have been learning how to take care of hermit crabs and lots of other interesting facts. Did you know there are more than 600 species of hermit crabs?



# What's happening in Room 14?

We have also been working hard on developing our problem solving skills in maths. Here we were using our new problem solving kits to help solve an addition problem and sharing our findings with our classmates.

