Date: 19 February 2016

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Date Claimers
Monday 22 February 2016
Prep–Yr 2 Basketball 2.45–3.45

Tuesday 23 February 2016
Meet the Teacher Afternoon 2.15-2.45pm
Parent/Teacher Meeting 3.00pm-5.00pm
Choir – 1st Play
Yr 3-6 Basketball 2.45–3.45pm
Uniform Shop Open 8.30–9.30am

Wednesday 24 February 2016
School Crossing Opening
Cross Country Training 8am
Dance First Play
Triple P Parenting Program 9.15 am
Soccer 2.45–4.00pm

Thursday 25 February 2016
Swimming
Uniform Shop Open 2-3 pm

Friday 19 February 2016
Cross Country Training 8am
School Banking

Friday 11 March 2016
Cross Country

Wednesday 23 March 2016
School Crossing Opening 9.00am

From the Principal’s desk…

Learning Goals – what are they? How can you help?
Each child at RISS has Learning Goals. Their teacher has taken time to look at your child’s learning data (achievement levels from previous years, diagnostic test results, Naplan results (for students in years 4, 5 and 6) and anecdotal information from the Learning Support teacher, Guidance Officer, school Speech Pathologist and, previous teachers if needed, to help your child identify goals for their learning for this term in Reading, Writing, Behaviour and Attendance. In consultation with your child, teachers have then helped them, identify what they want to achieve and to write these goals (these are SMART goals – Specific, Measureable, Achievable, Realistic and Timely).

Open Classroom and Parent/Teacher meeting:
Next Tuesday from 2.15-2.45pm parents and carers are invited to an ‘Open Classroom’ afternoon at the school.

Following the ‘Open Classroom’, parents/carers are also invited to meet with the teacher to discuss the goals their child has set and how you can help. To ensure you have a time to meet with the teacher you must make an appointment. If you are a working parent, you can make arrangements with your child’s teacher to have a meeting, over the phone, at a time that suits both of you.

RISS School Improvement Goals
The 3 main areas of improvement we are focussing on in 2016 are:

- Attendance – goal is 92% or greater over any week for every class and every student (Every Day Counts).
- Reading – improvement for all students to achieve greater than 95% above National Minimum Standard (NMS).
- Literacy and Numeracy – increasing the number of students reaching the Upper 2 Bands (U2B) in Naplan.

These are not the only areas of achievement that we expect for our children. We provide opportunities for our students to achieve in many areas such as Science, the Arts, Health and PE, socially and emotionally, leadership etc. However, we are using additional funding to support those 3 goals. Watch this space for more information throughout the year!

Attendance overall this week: 88.6%
this is 3.4% below our goal. Remember everyday counts

BADGE CEREMONY
Congratulations to all our school leaders who were awarded their leadership badges on Monday’s special Badge ceremony.

MEET THE TEACHER AFTERNOON
Next Tuesday, February 23 2016, the teachers of Russell Island State School are opening their doors for you to join your child/ren in class. This will be a short 30 minute session from 2.15-2.45pm. Each class will be undertaking different activities and it is a chance to experience a little of your child’s daily life whilst they are at school.

Parent/Teacher Meetings:
All our children have been setting their Learning Goals for Term 2 and they would like to share them with you. If you would like to spend 10 mins discussing these goals with your child’s teacher, please contact the Administration Office at the school in person or by phone (3400 9333) to make an appointment.
Bookings will be between 3 and 5pm and must be made via the school office 3400 9333. For working parents or those who cannot make it at this time, please contact your classroom teacher and they will arrange a time to discuss the goals at a suitable time.

The P&C will be holding a sausage sizzle at the same time, so don’t forget to bring your appetite and some money to support their efforts.

CHAPPY CORNER
It’s looking to be another exciting year at Russell Island State School as we have some great things planned for the Chaplaincy. I will be introducing a new format which will involve the same positive virtues as last year but will also encourage students to “Pay it Forward” or pass on the positive behaviour into the local community. Can’t wait to see some great results transpire in our School and Community when this takes off!

ATTENDANCE GOLDIE AWARD – PREP

AWARDS
Congratulations to all our award winners this week.

P&C NEWS
Breakfast Club Volunteers urgently needed to re-commence this service – please if you can help leave your details at the office or with Nicole on 0466499641.
We are calling for donations of Hamper items/prizes for our next Easter Raffle and Vouchers from local businesses would also be a great addition as prizes.

SCHOOL FUN RUN
We’re holding the adidas School Fun-Run as a major fundraising event this year! The event will be held on Friday 11th March! This is a sponsor-based fundraiser, and we’re looking to raise $3000, so all help is appreciated! The School Fun-Run promotes healthy and active lifestyles to our students, which will benefit all of them in the long run! It’s all about participation and we’re organising a great day for our school community. Family support is key to our fundraising success and we encourage all students to get involved.

Keep your eyes peeled for the sponsorship forms which will be sent home with your child. Students who raise just $10 or more will receive a reward for effort. In the Sponsorship Form you will also find many other benefits like the chance to win a Samsung Tablet every week!

The adidas School Fun-Run is a healthy fundraiser that ensures all schools have a viable alternative to junk food fundraising. The event sends the right message to students about having fun while getting involved and being active. Thank you for supporting your child’s wellbeing and our school in raising money towards the P&C funding classroom air conditioners.

UNIFORM SHOP
Hi parents, a small note from the Uniform shop. We have new stock of school bags, swimming bags and library bags. Come in quick before you all miss out.

Mathletics Champion for the week

TURTLE TICKET – FREE ICEBLOCK