



# The Risk Public School

- newsletter -

Phone: 66 366 127

email: [therisk-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:therisk-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

Principal: Lisa Blackburn



- Be Safe - Be Respectful - Be a Learner -



Welcome to a new school year!

I hope you enjoyed a relaxing break with your families and are eagerly anticipating 2025 at The Risk PS. Teachers began their preparations last Friday, which means this week marks the second week of the term. This year, our school has 25 students enrolled, with twelve young learners in the Infants room and thirteen in the Primary room. Please join us in warmly welcoming our three new kindergarten students: Athena, Max, and Logan. I am excited to be taking on the role of the Infant teacher this year and Miss Kirral will be on the class each Thursday. The Primary room will be led by Ms. Perrin on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, and Mr. Waite on Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. McNeice will support student learning in the Infant class, while Lisa Marvin will support the teachers in the Primary class. On Wednesdays, Lisa Marvin will also serve as our general assistant, ensuring our beautiful grounds are well maintained. In the office, Tracey will be available Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

We recognise that the first few weeks can be hectic, and this term is no different. To stay updated on everything happening at the school, please check the Sentral Parent portal, visit our school website, keep our newsletter on your fridge, and follow us on Facebook.

Wishing you a wonderful fortnight ahead,

Lisa Blackburn - Principal

## Dates to Remember

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Thursday<br>6 February                 | Students<br>return to<br>school                                 |
| Tuesday<br>18 February                 | Small<br>Schools<br>Swimming<br>Carnival 8<br>years and<br>over |
| Thursday<br>20 February                | K-6<br>Swimming<br>Lessons at<br>Kyogle Pool                    |
| Thursday<br>27 February                | Zone<br>Swimming<br>Casino                                      |
| Monday<br>10 March                     | Lake<br>Ainsworth<br>Registration<br>Closes                     |
| Wednesday<br>12 March                  | NAPLAN<br>Yr 3 and 5  |
| Thursday<br>13 March                   | K-6<br>Swimming<br>lessons at<br>Kyogle Pool                    |
| Monday 31<br>March - Friday<br>4 April | Lake<br>Ainsworth<br>Camp Yr 5/6                                |
| Friday<br>11 April                     | Last Day of<br>School Term                                      |

### Update Student Information

Please complete the attached paperwork to update your information. This year, scripture will be offered at our school. Please return the note if you do not want your child to attend scripture.

### Small Schools Swimming Carnival

The annual Small Schools Swimming Carnival is on Tuesday 18 February at the Kyogle pool. All students from 8 years old and older are invited to attend the carnival, students who do not attend the carnival are expected to be at school as normal. Please grant permission through the Sentral app and/or complete the permission note attached and return it to school as soon as possible.

### Year 5 and 6 Camp to Lake Ainsworth

Our Year 5 & 6 students are invited to attend the biannual small school's camp at Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre in Lennox Head, along with our Small Schools friends. This year's camp will be held from Monday 31st March to Friday 4th April.

The children will be attending as a group along with small schools in this area. Students will be supervised by a staff member from The Risk Public School, and staff from the other small schools. The students will participate in activities throughout the week which include a choice of water activities, rope, rock climbing, cooking, orienteering and beach activities.

The total cost for this excursion is \$532.50 per student, after school & P&C subsidy the cost to families is \$350.00 per child.

Travel will be by private vehicle arranged by parents and carpooling is encouraged. Please indicate if you are able to transport additional children to the camp or home.

Please return the attached permission note and complete the online registration as soon as possible.

### Swimming Term 1

This term students will be participating in swimming lessons for two lessons per day twice in the term. The whole school will travel to the Kyogle pool on Thursday 20 February and Thursday 13 March for lessons. Please grant permission for your child/ren through the Sentral Portal.

### Library

Primary Students will have their library lesson on Wednesday and the Infant class will have library on Thursday this term. Could you please ask your child/ren to return any outstanding books from 2024 this week. Students will need to bring a library bag when borrowing as this helps protect books from getting damaged when transported to and from school. Please encourage students to borrow from the library. Connection through books is a great way to relax with your children.

### NAPLAN 2025

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake. The NAPLAN test window starts on Wednesday 12 March 2025 and finishes on Monday 24 March 2025.

# Our Students continue to Achieve through the School Holidays.



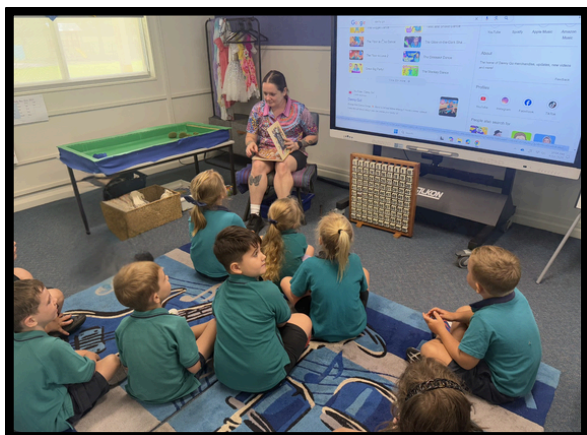
Jocelyn received Junior Student of the Year at the Australian Day awards for 2024.



Sylis, Liam and Araya received highly commended for their pumpkin art at the Pumpkin Festival.

**Congratulations**  
**to our Risky students**

Rachel, Breanna and Charlotte qualified at regional level in Little Athletics!





# Attendance Matters!

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

The Importance of arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Gives students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

**If your student is late to school please send them to the office to sign in. If the lateness is unjustified parent will receive an SMS to justify the absence. This is a system generated response and cannot be overridden. Please respond to the message.**

A colorful poster for an 'Attendance Reward Lunch'. The background is blue with a border of colorful bunting and balloons. On the left, there are illustrations of a watermelon slice, three strawberries, two chocolate chip muffins, a box of popcorn, and a bag of french fries. On the right, there are illustrations of two sandwiches. The text 'ATTENDANCE REWARD LUNCH' is in large white letters. Below it, a pink banner says '85% OR ABOVE ATTENDANCE'. Further down, smaller text explains the initiative. At the bottom, another pink banner says 'ATTENDANCE MATTERS!'.

## ATTENDANCE REWARD LUNCH

**85% OR ABOVE ATTENDANCE**

Students that maintain an attendance rate of 85% and above will be invited to an attendance reward lunch at the end of Term 1. If your child is sick, please provide a note to their teacher to justify their absence. If the child's absence is justified it will not be counted as an absence for this initiative. After 3 school days children require a medical certificate to justify their absence. More information can be found on the Department of Education website.

**ATTENDANCE MATTERS!**

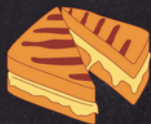
# Our lunch Menu



## WEDNESDAY

### Toasties

|                                 |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| 1 whole cheese .....            | \$1.50 |
| 1 whole cheese and tomato... .. | \$1.50 |
| flavoured milk .....            | 50c    |
| Cup of popcorn .....            | 50c    |



## FRIDAY ODD WEEK

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| Pies.....           | \$3.00 |
| Sausage rolls ..... | \$3.00 |



## FRIDAY EVEN WEEK

Student Parliament cooking ..... \$3.50  
menu will be advertised on  
our FB page



thank you -  
student parliament and P&C

# Lunch

## TIME

Spaghetti  
Bolognaise  
\$3.50



Friday 7 Feb

**RITCHIES** IGA + LIQUOR



## NOMINATE US TODAY

### AS PART OF THE RITCHIES COMMUNITY BENEFIT PROGRAM

and help us generate extra funds.

- 1 Download or update the  
Ritchies Card App



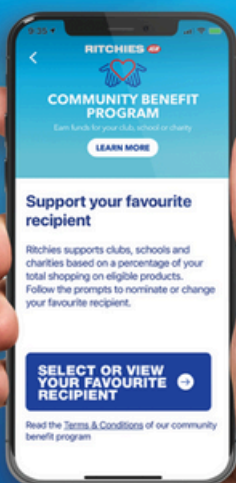
Download on the  
App Store



GET IT ON  
Google Play

- 2 Search and select our  
name when prompted to  
nominate a club, school or  
charity

- 3 Every time you shop at  
Ritchies and scan your  
app or card, Ritchies will  
contribute a percentage  
of the total to us\*

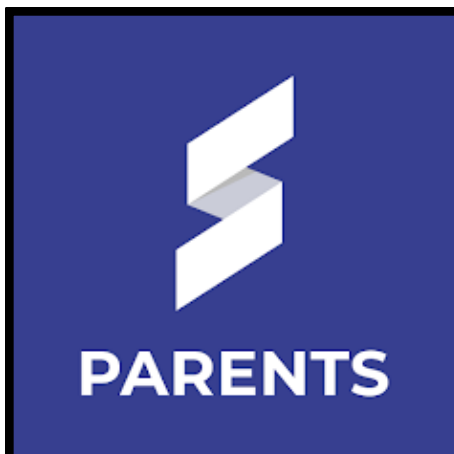


\*CONDITIONS APPLY. Go to [ritchies.com.au/loyalty](http://ritchies.com.au/loyalty) for further information.

GOOD MORNING...  
It's time for

## Breakfast club

each morning at The Risk PS at no cost to families



Please remember to check  
for permission notes  
and school information.