Dear Parents and Caregivers,

2012 has been a wonderful year at Risdon Park Primary School with lots of learning, events, special programs and activities.

Term 4 has been a busy one with many highlights and they include:

- Literacy and Numeracy Open Morning
- Pirie’s Inter Schools Sports Day, held on the St Marks School grounds
- Year 6/7 and year 5/6 Aquatics Camp
- CARCLEW Artist in Residence program meant that Dale Taylor put our year 6/7 students through their paces in writing and performing their own class song.
- Many and various Guided Inquiry presentations R-7
- Geoff Brock’s visit to room 35 students to talk about the way parliament works
- Christmas Pageant
- Pupil Free Day - full day of learning for staff with a focus on data analysis
- Premier’s Reading and Be Active Challenge presentations
- Volunteer’s morning tea
- Cooking in the unit 3 – to reinforce writing procedures
- Year 6/7 excursion to the Wind Farm
- Transition for year 7’s to John Pirie Secondary School, St Marks and Gladstone
- Christmas raffle
- Risdon’s Got Talent
- Year 7 Graduation
- Room 22’s Learning presentation
- Class parties and pool days

It has been an amazing term. I would like to thank all parents and students for making 2012 a year to remember. Have a happy and safe holiday and I look forward to seeing you back here on Tuesday 29th January, 2013.

Kindest Regards,
Carolyn Clinton

PS Good luck to all our year 7 students who are moving onto secondary education.

Staff Farewell’s

It is with sadness that we say farewell to the following teachers
- Shellee Harradine (room 12) Shellee has won a position in the Clare Regional Office as a consultant for the implementation of the Australian Curriculum
- Penny Taueber (room 14)
- Vanessa Biedrzycki (room 15)
- Morgan Joyce (room 24)
- Annette Burgan (Music & Science)
- Annette Sutton (Science & Health)

First day of term 1 2013
Tuesday 29th January
Office open 21st January
9am — 4pm
Kate Taylor will be taking 12 months leave upon the imminent birth of her baby. Good Luck Kate!

I also would like to thank the following SSO’s who will be leaving us, but we may see some time again in 2013:
* Kelley Reid
* Shaun Nichols
* Paige Young
* Rosa-Lee Pisani
* Sally Power

Next year we welcome back:
* Tessa Collins (front office)
* Kelly Zwar (teacher in unit 3)

We will also welcome new staff:
* Belinda Dick (co-teaching a year 1/2 class with Bobbie Jean Taylor in unit 2)
* Melanie Wooley (Reception – Year 1 teacher in unit 1)
* Arrielle Kroschel (Year 1/2 teacher in unit 1)
* Amy Grant (new German teacher)
* Tracey Large (NIT teacher R-7)

A new school counsellor will also be working 4 days a week.

Thank you to all staff who have put an enormous amount of time, effort and energy to make sure every student can be the best that they can be.

For those families who have had a long association with the Risdon Park PS, may remember Darren Clinton who has spent the last 5½ years in the Navy. Darren has just completed 6 months tour of service on the HMAS Darwin. Darren was school captain in 2001 and was well known at Risdon Park PS for his soccer accomplishments.

LAST DAY OF TERM

CASUAL CLOTHES DAY ON FRIDAY
(REMEMBER TO BE SUN SMART)