Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to all “old” and new students and their families to the 2012 school year. We have started the school year with 418 students at Risdon Park PS. We especially welcome 18 new receptions and 22 students across the school years 1 - 7, which means a larger numbers of students to start the year for many years.

2012 promises to be an exciting year for learning at Risdon Park. Our literacy improvement priority moves from writing to reading. With our eyes focused clearly on reading improvement R-7. As a result of our change from writing to reading you will notice some changes especially in the early years in what you child bring home to read and learn. We are implementing a program in the early years called Jolly Phonics which focuses on students knowing and blending sounds to make words before they take readers home to read to you. Sounds are introduced in quick succession so that students are sounding and making simple words very quickly. Shellee Harradine, our Literacy Coordinator will be holding a Jolly Phonics information session next Tuesday 14th February at 2:15pm. If your child is in a junior primary class they should have also brought home a note regarding this information session. If not, please ask their class teacher for a copy.

Monday 20th February will be a pupil free day when a literacy expert, Stephan Graham will be working with staff, looking at effective teaching and learning strategies to improve students reading from reception to year 7. Stephan will also be holding a parent information session either on Monday the 20th or Tuesday 21st February, as he will be spending time with teachers and students on Tuesday demonstrating tried and tested teaching techniques that are guaranteed to improve student reading knowledge, skills and understandings.

More information about the parent session in the next few weeks.

On Tuesday 21st February we will also be holding our Acquaintance evening, which will be conducted along the similar lines as last year’s. The Acquaintance Evening is planned to provide an opportunity for parents to come into their child’s classroom to meet the class teacher and receive information about the routines and learning that will be taking place in your child’s class for 2012. We will also be holding a sausage sizzle on the night to encourage family involvement. Your children will be preparing a personalised invitation in the next few weeks to invite you to this very special event.

I am looking forward to the exciting year of learning ahead and hope to see and talk with you at our Acquaintance night on Tuesday 21st February.

Kindest Regards,
Carolyn Clinton

Welcome To New Staff Members
and returning Staff Member

Aileen Wohling
Room 23
Anita Campbell
ACEO
Maciej Jankowski
Room 34
Morgan Joyce
Room 24
Naomi Connor
Special Ed

Canteen Roster
• Monday 6th Feb
  L Cooke
• Tuesday 7th Feb
  P Williams
• Wednesday 8th Feb
  J Sawyer
• Thursday 9th Feb
  J Saris
• Friday 10th Feb
  R Giles, G Baggott
• Monday 13th Feb
  M Hayward
• Tuesday 14th Feb
  V Guymer
• Wednesday 15th Feb
  K Dwyer, L Reimann
• Thursday 16th Feb
  K Gray
• Friday 17th Feb
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Last Day of Term
Thursday April
Good Friday

A Learning Community that Values: Respect, Responsibility, Cooperation, Honesty, Caring
We welcome to Risdon Park Primary School:

Maciej Jankowski  Aileen Wohling
Morgan Joyce       Anita Campbell

We also welcome back Naomi Connor after 12 months parenting leave. Naomi takes on a multi-faceted role of Special Education Manager, ESL Manager and Aboriginal Education Teacher (AET).

Danielle Malone is taking 12 months leave and Damien Mellow our Deputy Principal is taking on the school counsellor role for 2012.

Ashley Belton is also taking long service leave for term one and will return to teach students in room 25 next term. Amy Tiller will be teaching in room 25 for term 1.

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**General Information for all Families**

**SCHOOL CARD**

School card is a government subsidy for materials & services charges “school fees” for eligible families. Application must be made each year to receive the benefit. Eligibility depends on the income of the family for the previous financial year. Most families receiving Centrelink benefits qualify. Risdon Park Primary School charge only the standard fee set by the government.

**STUDENT BANKING** is on Tuesdays

**STUDENT ABSENCE** - please either contact the school by phone or send a note to the teacher advising why your child has been absent from school. Absentee slips are available from the school office.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS** are usually due on Friday of the week forms are given out. Check the diary dates in the Newsletter or phone the school office.

**LEGAL NAMES**

Some people are choosing to change their name or their child’s name without legal application.

There are a number of possible reasons why this may cause complications. If the child is subject to a custody order, their legal name must be on their school records for authorities to act on the custody order, or a school card application may be rejected because the names do not match. If you do change a name legally, then the school will require a copy of that document to change our records.

Please ensure that only legal names are used on school records, and if you need to change our current records, a birth certificate or other legal document will need to be presented for that change to be made.

**Ipods & electronic devices.** Students must not bring these devices to school as they cause a distraction from their learning and can be subject to theft. Responsibility for these items remains with the student. Students will have them taken away and mind-ed until the end of the day. Parents may be notified.

We also discourage mobile phones at school.

Office staff are happy to pass messages to students.

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**Swimming**

You should have received swimming forms and information with this newsletter. All fees for swimming must be paid before swimming starts.

**Health forms**

It is important for the school to have current medical information including regular medications taken at home. Should your child have and accident at school and sent by ambulance to hospital and you are not immediately contactable, medical staff will need to be fully informed. Students who need to have medication at school will need a care plan signed by their doctor. These forms are available from the school office. Students will also need to have current care plans and their emergency medication before they are allowed to enter the swimming pool in weeks 4 & 5.

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**NOTICES TO ACTION**

**Swimming & payment**

**Health information**

**Current student/family information including phone numbers and addresses.**

**School Card Application**

**Materials & Services Charges payment by end of term 1 or by regular installments as negotiated with the finance officer.**

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**SCHOOL CROSSING**

Reminder to parents and caregivers that the speed limit on Kingston Road when flashing lights are operating is 25km/hr.

Police officers will be monitoring the crossing during the first weeks of school.

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### From the Deputy ….. Damien Mellow

It’s great to be back and seeing Risdon full of students ready to learn. The school is looking fantastic thanks to our grounds person Allan Paine who has put in a tremendous effort during the school holidays.

The year is filling up fast including a visit from the Power in week 3 who will be talking to classes and talking about Health and Physical Education. During week 4 & 5 swimming starts and this is a great opportunity for student to develop water safety and stroke development skills.

My role will also include the school counsellor so please talk with your teacher or make an appointment with myself so we can resolve the issue/problem together.

Damien Mellow

### Scholastic Book Club

How can we help your child with reading? Children of all ages respond to interest and support in their activities. By encouraging the ownership of books, by sharing books with children and talking about them together, parents are helping children’s reading develop with enjoyment and understanding.

Scholastic Australia offers a convenient way for your child to select and purchase worthwhile and appealing books. The books have been expertly selected to span a wide range of reading levels and interests and are offered at very reasonable prices. As well, for every dollar, which is spent on Bookclub, our school receives one Bonus Point. These are used to obtain further books and teaching resources to update our school Resource Centre and enrich your child’s learning environment.

Scholastic Australia Bookclub operates 8 times a year. This week, your child has received the order pamphlets, which have order coupons on the back page. Simply select any books your child would like and return the order and money to the front office by the closing date – usually the Friday of the following week. A note in the newsletter will remind you about the closing date for orders to be received. Please make any cheques payable to: Scholastic Inc, with your name and address written on the back. Credit card payments can be made directly to Scholastic, with the receipt number and your details completed on the students’ order form. The books arrive at the school around 3 weeks later.

I hope that you will encourage your child to participate in Bookclub (through there is never any obligation to order). I know of no better way to promote reading than to give children the opportunity of choosing their own books, and I feel sure that you and your child will really enjoy Scholastic Australia Bookclub.

Helen McMahon

Bookclub Organiser

1st Book Club order for 2012 to be sent home Friday. Orders to front office by Friday 10th February.
**CANTEEN SPECIAL FOR FRIDAY 3RD FEBRUARY**

**ONLY**

Ham & Cheese Burger + Fruit Box

Full serve $4.50 save $1.20

1/2 serve $3.50 save 70 cents

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