Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 1 has certainly been a “jam packed” term with lots of learning and many events that have made term one a notable one! We welcomed 8 new staff members and the highest number of student enrolments in my recollection. It is hard to believe that we are concluding 11 weeks of learning and at the end of another term. At the end of term I believe that it is a great idea to reflect back to acknowledge and celebrate all the things we have accomplished.

Some of the highlights and events have included:

First 10 Day Behaviour Education program, which allowed teachers to work closely with their students to establish classroom behaviour codes, class and learning expectations set learning goals, learn about our school’s virtues and how to put them into action and begin to implement Wilson McCaskill’s *Play is the Way* program.

Acquaintance evening and family night, which gave families opportunity to visit classrooms and enjoy a sausage sizzle on the front lawn.

Whole school swimming program.

Governing Council has met twice this term, including an Annual General Meeting with a new Governing Council elected for 2013.

Three Whole school Assemblies, at which Risdon’s school captains coordinated presentations from leadership, other staff members, classes and awards for a range of acknowledgements.

Nyrstar Swimming Carnival, at which our students securing the Nyrstar shield for 2013.

German Dinner for our 2012 Schutzenfest winners – Thanks to Amy Grant our new German teacher.

SAPSASA’s Come and Try Day which featured year 6/7 students having a go at tennis, cricket and softball

Intervention practices for all students put into place including the commencement of the reading room for 2013, to address young students reading needs.

Harmony Day Celebrations

Our 4 school captains travelling to Adelaide to take part in S.A. Young Leaders’ Day.

Breakfast Club resuming every Wednesday morning with a fantastic team of parent and community helpers.

The training of year 6/7 students to take part in the PALs programs which will allow for students to take on leadership roles at recess and lunch time and conduct games for Risdon’s students to play.

2013 Kid’s Co established with regular meeting planned and conducted.

A diverse range of staff learning including 4 teachers participating in the Yorke and Mid North Literacy project in conjunction with Edith Cowen University in W.A. and another staff member participating in Yorke & Mid North Numeracy project. Professional learning conducted by Wilson McCaskill for many of our new staff members has also taken place, which included a day’s visit of Wilson at Risdon demonstrating for staff his program with our students.

Kindy to school transition program over three Fridays, allowing students who will be starting at Risdon next term to visit their class teacher and class companions and get a little taste of what it is going to be like at school.