From the Principal’s Desk

What a smooth start we have had to the 2016 school year. Enrolments are up on last year and we currently have approximately 585 students enrolled from Kindergarten to Year 6. We have taken over 50 enrolments in the last few months and so we welcome many new families to our school community. The strength of our school lies in the way our parents and staff support the same values and share the same vision for our students; to empower students to achieve their potential in a safe and supportive learning environment. I look forward to leading this wonderful school community in 2016 as together we celebrate 40 years of quality public school education.

I urge you to show your support for our school community through your attendance at the following events this term.

- **Monday 8th February - Thursday 11th February** - Parent Teacher Meetings will be held in the classrooms next week. Please note your children are not required at these meetings and if possible we ask you to make other arrangements for your children. Please see timetable attached.

- New Parent Meeting: As mentioned in our school handbook all new parents are invited to attend a morning tea at 8.45 am in the school hall on Thursday 11th February. Come along and find out about our school and what is important to us. It is a time to ask any questions you may have had in the short time you have been with us.

- **Friday 12th February** is a very special community event organised by our P and C to bring our community together at the beginning of the year. I look forward to see you at the ‘Jazz Night’ and thank the P and C for organising this event. You should have received information about this event.

- **Wednesday 17th February** is our English as a Additional Language (EAL) Parent morning tea at 9am in the school hall.

- **Friday 18th March** is our annual Harmony Day Family Picnic at lunch time.

- **Saturday 19th March** is our school 40th Anniversary Fair and I ask you to get behind this very special event. Please support the P&C in any way you can to make this a very memorable event.

This one page newsletter is being sent out in Week 1 of term, however, our regular newsletter is emailed out in Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10. We have emailed this newsletter out and also sent out a paper copy in order to determine which families are not receiving our electronic communications. If you have not received this newsletter via email please complete the slip below to confirm your correct email address so we can ensure that in future you receive our email communications. Please indicate on the slip below your correct email address and return to the office as soon as possible.

I look forward to seeing you at the special events planned over the next few weeks.

Jayne Ebworthy
4th February 2016

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Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent teacher meetings will be held in the classrooms at the following times next week. Please note your children are not required at these meetings and if possible we ask you to make other arrangements for your children. There will be no supervision of students while these meetings are in progress.

**Monday 8th February**
- **4.45 pm**  Year 3 Rooms 22 (Mr Gardin), Room 23 (Miss Fairclough), Room 24 (Mr Doherty) and Room 25 (Ms Hopkins)

**Tuesday 9th February**
- **4.00 pm**  Kindergarten and Pre Primary Rooms 13 (Miss Smith), Room 14 (Miss Steiner and Mrs Martin), Room 15 (Ms Marlow), Room 16 A (Mrs Orr) and Room 16 B (Ms Carey and Mrs Lavender)
- **4.45 pm**  Year 1 and Year 2 Rooms 17 (Miss Sutherland), Room 18 (Mrs Harries), Room 20 (Mrs Mc Cubbin) and Room 21 (Mrs O'Donnell and Mrs Elston)
- **5.30 pm**  Year 2 Room 19 (Mrs Harris) and Year 6 Room 2 (Mr Heron), Room 3 (Mrs Bell and Ms Patton) and Room 4 (Mrs McLay and Mr Crouch)

**Wednesday 10th February**
- **5.30 pm**  Year 4 Room 10 (Miss Raynor) Room 11 (Miss Kenevin) and Room 12 (Mr Holyoake)

**Thursday 11th February**
- **4.45 pm**  Year 5 Room 5 (Mrs Taylor) Room 6 (Mrs Paxton) Room 7 (Mrs Barnes)

Music Information

**Instrumental Lessons:** Most lessons will start next week (wk2) and timetables are still being finalised. The first lesson will probably be just to meet and touch base with the teacher. Students will need to know if they are hiring or buying instruments. Reminder to parents that Violin, Viola and Guitar students need to have purchased their own instrument.

**CHOIRS and ENSEMBLES**

**Chamber Strings:** Monday 7:45am in the Music Room. Any students from year 6 who learn violin, viola, cello or double bass either at school or privately are invited to join this group.

**String Orchestra:** Tuesday 7:15am for a 7:30am start in the HALL. If you are a Year 5 or 6 students learning Violin, viola, cello or double bass at school, you are required to attend and participate in String Orchestra concerts and rehearsals. Any students who are receiving private instrumental lessons and have been learning for at least a year are very welcome to attend.

**Senior Choir:** Wednesday 7:45am in the Music Room. Any students from years 4, 5 and 6 are very welcome to join. After the first 3 weeks of rehearsals, it will be expected that you attend for the rest of the year.

**Junior Choir:** Thursday 7:45am in the Music Room. Any student from years 1-3 are invited to join. After the first 3 weeks of rehearsals, it will be expected that you attend for the rest of the year.

**Wind Band:** Thursday 3:15pm – 4:15pm after School in the HALL. All Year 6 students learning a wind instrument at school are expected to attend. Year 5 students will be invited to attend later on in the year. Any students who learn a wind instrument privately and who have been learning for at least a year are invited to join.