Dear Parents and Community Members,

What a wonderful start we have had to the new school year. Despite the heat the children have returned to school with a very positive and enthusiastic attitude.

This year we warmly welcome our two new Kindies – Maddison and Elyssa. We wish them a successful learning journey through school at Numeralla PS.

2014 Staffing & Roles

This term we warmly Miss Courtney Freeman to our school as a member of the teaching team. Courtney has taken up the position of second teacher and will be responsible for teaching grades K-2 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays; and K-6 on a Friday. We hope Courtney enjoys her time at Numeralla PS while experiencing the delights of a small country school.

Margaret, Trish and Jan return in their roles as Student Learning Support Officers. Margaret will continue with her support role and specialised learning programs on Monday, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Jan will provide classroom support on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; and Trish will provide classroom support on Tuesdays. Fiona will provide support in the library on Thursdays; and Jim will continue as a permanent General Assistant. We warmly welcome Roz back in the role of SAM after her long spell away and hope she continues to enjoy good health.

Also this year we welcome Madeleine back in her role as Kitchen Specialist and Therese in her role as Garden Specialist.

SCHOOL TIMES

We would like remind you that school officially commences at 8.50am and concludes at 3.00pm. The 8.50am start allows us to formally break for Crunch ‘n’ Sip while adhering to curriculum allocation times.

If your child is not present when the roll is marked in the morning, we request that you sign your child in at the Office or they will be marked absent.

This year we will be continuing the Live Life Well Program in conjunction with Crunch ‘n’ Sip, The Premier’s Sporting Challenge, the Gross Motor Program and Sport. As the Crunch ‘n’ Sip is only for 10 minutes a day we would appreciate if students could bring their fruit and/or vegetables already sliced, diced or cut into chewable portions.
They will not oxidise or go off if they are stored in an airtight container or in a resealable plastic bag.

TERM OVERVIEW
Next week you will receive an Overview of your child’s learning for Term 1. As this term is packed with many events and activities please keep checking the dates on the newsletter and check your child’s bag for notes that may be sent home without notice.

2014 SAKG PROGRAM
Madeleine, Therese and I have discussed the program for 2014 to ensure it maintains its integrity. As such we would like to share the proposal / outline of the 2014 program with everyone at the first P&C meeting for the year.

STATIONERY PACKS
As outlined in one of the last newsletters from 2014, each child has been provided with a stationery pack containing all their requirements for 2014. These packs are priced very reasonable and are heavily subsidised to ensure equity for all students. The cost is as follows: K-2: $40.00 and Grades 3-6: $50.00

THANK YOU
A huge thank you to those families and staff who cared for the garden and chickens over the holiday period. Your assistance is greatly appreciated by all.

WELCOME BACK BBQ / P&C MEETING
Finally, The Welcome Back Barbeque / General P&C Meeting will be held at the school on Thursday 13th February commencing at 5.30pm. We kindly request that some families bring salads and some families bring desserts; and the staff will provide bread, sauce, butter and onions.

Salads: Barron, Boucher, Gould, Miners and Newson.
Desserts: Jauncey, Barnes, Meloni, Schofield and Swain.
The P&C will provide the meat. We look forward to seeing you all at this event. The BBQ will be followed by a general P&C meeting. Until next fortnight

Regards Jo

NOTES HOME
• Rivers Swimming Carnival
• Absence notes
• Book Club

Thought for the Fortnight
“Take the opportunities that come your way very seriously; each is unique and never to be offered in exactly the same way.”

UPCOMING EVENTS
February
5 - Rivers Swimming Carnival
13 - P&C Welcome Back to School BBQ
P&C MEETING
20 - District Swimming Carnival

Students of the Week
Congratulations to:
Maddison and Elyssa on a wonderful start at school.

DISPLAY
At the end of last year I put up a display of books about ‘Summer at the Beach’. Students will be pleased to know that they can now borrow books from this display.

KOALA Awards
I hope you enjoyed voting in the KOALA awards last year. We will do it again this year so start thinking about books you might like to nominate. Remember, they have to be by Australian authors and have been first published within the last 10 years. I will put up a display of Australian books in a few weeks to give you some ideas. Some of the books in Book Clubs are in this category.

Enjoy your reading,
Fiona Wharton