**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** Welcome back to the 2014 school year to all our returning students and families! It’s lovely to see all the children after the long summer break. I was so excited that I rushed out of the house, drove all the way from Yarrawonga and walked onto the veranda, before I realised I was wearing one black shoe and one red shoe!!

A very **WARM WELCOME** to our new families and staff. Along with our new Preps, we have also enrolled or re-enrolled Sarah Handley (5B), Seth Mullins (5B), Hailie Keogh (34D), Liam Colin (34C), Mia Baillie (5S), Daniel Bell (34B), Demi Johns (34A), Boniah & Tarni Johns (12S), Joshua Taheny (12S) & Kieran Taheny (34A).

The Prep students settled VERY quickly and were happily into their work by 9.10am. They had morning tea with their excited Grade 5 Buddies.

New staff members include Nancy Cole who is exchanging places with Beth Roseby this year and teaching in Room 14 (34B). Nancy is finding the heat a bit challenging, having left behind a record cold spell in Canada. Jackie Boyd has joined our Education Support team and will be working in the Prep room. We will introduce Nancy and Jackie at the assembly on Monday morning. Overleaf there is a full list of our staff team for 2014.

**STUDENT LEADERS 2014:** Senior students, particularly those in Grade 6, will have the chance to nominate for positions as School Captain, Sports House Captain or SRC rep early next week. I look forward to hearing their election speeches. I encourage all our Grade 6 students to consider how they can contribute to the school and make the most of their final year with us.

**UPDATED DETAILS:** Your child will have brought home a large envelope today. Included inside is a print-out of the most current information we have relating to contact details, medical conditions and other vital statistics. There are also blank yellow cards that need to be filled out and returned. I know that when you have more than one child, filling out multiple contact cards is tedious. However, in the event of a school evacuation or any other emergency, these cards are our most immediate means of getting in touch with you. PLEASE ensure your family address, phone numbers and alternative contact numbers are kept up to date. Also, please check that the email address we have for you is current, and if not already supplied, please add it to the sheet.

**NEWSLETTERS 2014:** Our newsletter will continue to be published every Thursday. However, by the end of February we will be aiming to reduce the numbers of printed newsletters distributed each week. We will email the newsletter to all families who have provided an email address. It will also continue to be available through the link on our website (www.appinparkps.vic.edu.au). There is a reply slip at the bottom of my cover letter in the big envelope if you wish to continue to receive a printed copy.

**APPIN PARK PLAY GROUP:** Our facilitated Play Group will run every Tuesday morning in the Multipurpose Room (9.30-11am) starting from next week. Please tell your friends or family about this if they have preschool-age children. Beth Davies (our Chaplain) coordinates this and is happy to be contacted at school on Monday or Tuesday for further information.

**HOT DAYS!** Now that they are getting back into the school life, it is vital that children get enough sleep and remember to drink lots of water. Having a set bedtime and a regular ‘going to bed’ routine calms children and allows them come to school rested and ready to learn. Please ensure your child has a named water bottle to bring to school. We will be providing inside activities during extreme heat at lunchtime.

Wendy Larcombe

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STAFFING 2014

PRINCIPAL: Wendy Larcombe
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BUSINESS MANAGER: Sandra Makin
ADMIN/OFFICE SUPPORT: Nicole Godde

CLASSROOM TEACHERS: Craig Kerlin 6K Room 8
Fiona Carson 6C Room 7
Andrew Storer 5S Room 17
Jo Beattie 5B Room 18
Renee Sayers 34A Room 13
Nancy Cole 34B Room 14
Carol Mata 34C Room 15
Chris Vescio 34D Room 16
Leonie Bourke 2B Room 5
Julie Sands 12S Room 4
Robyn Elliott 1E Room 3
Sarah Foster PF Room 1

SPECIALIST TEACHERS: Ros Janas – Visual Arts
Wendy Martin – Sport/PE
Celine Muir – Performing Arts (Mon/Tue)
Peter Sunderland – Languages (Mon/Tue)
Jaimie Leerson – Library Manager (Tue/Thur)

CHAPLAIN: Beth Davies (Mon/Tue)

ED. SUPPORT STAFF: Tracey Clough (Prep)
Jackie Boyd (Prep)
Julie Saunders (12S)
Tian McDonald (2B)
Trudee Seymour (34A&C)
Helen Millar (5S & 6C)
Sam Brendel (5B)

MAJOR CAMPS 2014

The first of the Grade 3/4 camps to 15 Mile Creek is only 18 sleeps away. Grade 34C&D head off on 17th Feb. and then Grades 34A&D will depart on 19th Feb. Grades 5S&B, 6K&C are off to Ballarat on 26th Feb.

All payments for these camps must be received prior to departure, unless otherwise arranged with Wendy Larcombe. Students will not attend if this has not been finalised. Please contact the office if you have any questions about this. The cost for 15 Mile Creek Camp is $110.

IT'S GREAT TO BE AT SCHOOL…. As I walked around this morning, children were quickly into their first learning activities and very happy to be here!