From The Principal

Welcome back to everyone – and a huge welcome to our new Prep students who began school on Monday. It was great to see so many smiling faces as I visited the classrooms and I have enjoyed catching up with what everyone got up to over the holidays.

A special welcome to our new staff members who have begun with us this year. Sally Curmi is our new Leading Teacher, Fiona Law in Prep C and Jessica Blair in 5/6.

As a staff we began the year with 3 days of training around the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People and how to implement The Leader in Me at our school. Over the next few weeks we will again be featuring a habit a week in our newsletter so you are able to talk to your children about the habits, how they have been learning about them in their classrooms and how they are putting them into practice. This week so you have an overview of each of the Habits we have included a 1 page flyer on the last page that has all the Habits listed with a description about each. Last year some of our families stuck this on their fridge as a daily reminder so they could begin to implement The Leader in Me at home too.

All staff are currently working on their own personal mission statements and I know that a number of classrooms will begin to develop class mission statements over the next week that outline what is important for them in creating a positive and productive learning environment.

This week has also been planning week for our teaching staff. During this time all staff have worked closely with Jo, our Assistant Principal and Sally, our new Leading Teacher to plan the teaching and learning program for their classes for Term 1.

Don’t forget that this year our canteen is open every day for both counter sales at recess time and lunch orders and counter sales for lunch. Term 1 is also a Sunsmart term and all students are expected to wear a Sunsmart hat during break times and Physical Education sessions. If you need to purchase a new hat for your child you can do so at the uniform shop before school on Mondays and Thursdays in the Prep-2 building.

Regards,

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### Term 1 Program

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The school canteen is now open **every day** for recess and lunch.

Keep checking the newsletter for special lunch days and events throughout the year.

An updated canteen list has been sent home to all families.

**Please place all lunch orders in a paper lunch bag with no staples or sticky tape.**

Write your child’s name, grade, room number and order on the bag.

Lunch bags can be purchased from supermarkets, next to the foil.

* In addition to this menu, a limited selection of various items will be available for over the counter purchase, at both recess and lunchtime.

* A sticker will be placed on the child’s lunch order so they can collect their frozen snacks from the canteen and avoid spillages within the class rooms.

* Please note that butter will be upon request only.
Make Reading a Part of Your Family Time

Family time is so important. Why not make reading part of this valuable time with your kids? Here are some tips for integrating reading into your daily family activities:

* Remember to listen to your child read each night
* Read bedtime stories
* Play a Board Game
* Visit your local library
* Read a recipe and cook something delicious together
* Create a comfy reading space in your home
* Put your child in charge of reading the shopping list
**Habit 1: Be Proactive**

I have a "Can Do" attitude. I choose my actions, attitudes and moods. I don't blame others. I do the right thing without being asked, even when nobody is looking.

**Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind**

I plan ahead and set goals. I do things that have meaning and make a difference. I am an important part of my classroom. I look for ways to be a good citizen.

**Habit 3: Put First Things First**

I spend my time on things that are most important. This means I should say no to things I should not do. I set priorities, make a schedule, and follow my plan. I am organized.

**Habit 4: Think Win-Win**

I want everyone to be a success. I don't have to put others down to get what I want. It makes me happy to see other people happy. I like to do nice things for others. When a problem comes up, I help think of a way to solve it. We can all win!

**Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood**

I listen to others' ideas and feelings. I try to see things from their viewpoints. I listen to others without interrupting. I am confident in voicing my ideas.

**Habit 6: Synergize**

I get along well with others, even people who are different from me. I work well in groups. I seek out other ideas to solve problems. I know that "two heads are better than one." I am a better person when I let other people into my life and work.

**Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw**

I take care of my body by eating right, exercising, and getting sleep. I spend time with my family and friends. I learn in lots of ways and lots of places.