Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,
Welcome everyone to the 2013 school year. The students appeared refreshed and eager to return to school on Tuesday, 5th February with class groups now settled into basic routines. Teachers and support staff are focused on getting to know new students who have joined us and it is impressive to observe students initiating new friendships.

‘Meet and Greet Barbecue’
With the warm weather continuing, I would like to extend an invitation to staff, students, School Association members, parents and carers to attend a barbecue on Tuesday 5th March from 5:30 to 7:30. Meat, bread and basic drinks – cordial, water, tea and coffee will be provided. A salad as a contribution from each family would be greatly appreciated. The children can enjoy playing and having fun whilst the grownups can chat and introduce themselves to new parents and staff members.

Trialling New Teaching and Learning Models
The Kinder-Prep class has welcomed Chyanne Tunks, Tom Beard, Jonah Deacon and Sophie Mason as new students this year. Ms Brooke Ansell continues as the teacher to develop an individualized play based program with ongoing support from members of the support team.
The Primary class has increased with several students either dual enrolled or accessing the class program offered by Ms Darlene Kumar with teacher assistant support. Chandni Grubb and Sarah Aichberger have joined the class this year.

Mr Grant Maloney and Mr Luke Dolbey are sharing the planning and delivery of the Senior class program due to increased numbers of additional students either full time enrolled or accessing particular curriculum areas. Damon Kenzie, Alex Carey, Kathryn Voss and Zach Parnell are settling in and enjoying the programs on offer.

Ms Jo Corvinus continues as class teacher of the early childhood class and also undertakes the role of Teacher-in-Charge for Term 1. Damien Marshall has joined the class this year. Jo is a well-respected practitioner who is collaborative and well organized.

**Playground**

Preliminary earth works have commenced with members of the Church of Latter Day Saints providing their services to remove old logs and a concrete pad together with excavating and levelling soil to form a foundation for a retaining wall. The working bee occurred on Australia Day and I sincerely thank the group for their efforts and contribution.

We are all looking forward to an exciting school year with many initiatives already in the planning phase.

I look forward to meeting up with many families at our first social event – the barbecue.

**Grace**