Dear Families,

Welcome back to 2016 everyone! I hope you all had a relaxing and restful holiday with family and friends. I look forward to hearing lots of stories of “fun in the sun”.

We concluded 2015 with a wonderful 3 day school camp. It was just such a great way to finish the year and I was so impressed with the facilities at Yarrahapinni Ecology Centre. We did many exciting activities and the students were really enthusiastic and prepared to give it a go – even if it was a bit scary.

Mr Scott and Mrs Smythe joined in on the ropes course on the Monday where we all had lots of laughs as we negotiated the many challenges. Amanda, Marc and Dave helped out with the BBQ and fishing at Stuarts Point on the Tuesday. The students caught a truck load of fish but of course threw them all back!

A big thank you to all the staff who did an enormous amount of organisation to make it all happen. Our flotilla of canoes paddling in unison was one of many highlights!

As we start the school year we have high expectations of our students and staff. We are committed to delivering the excellent public education that parents and the community rightly demand.
Our staffing arrangements for 2016 are:

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Our Learning Focus this Semester will be on implementing the new Australian History Curriculum.

Please find attached a timetable that will assist you to get an overall understanding of the school week. As we settle in to Term 1, I will invite families in to discuss their child’s Personal Learning Plan. This will be a three way conversation between the child, school and parents.

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**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Our first major event is our School Swimming Carnival. We will be combining with Eungai Public School, which will make for a fun day. Parents will have to arrange to transport for their child to and from Macksville Pool on Thursday 11th February, commencing at 9.15am and finishing around 2.00pm. Permission notes will be sent home next week.

Regards
Sarah Landers
Relieving Principal

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**Poem by Medlow Students**

**First Day of School**

Hello School, Goodbye Holidays
Hello Friends, Goodbye Family
Hello Teachers, Goodbye Sleeping-in
Hello Guinea Pigs, Goodbye Pets
Hello Uniforms, Goodbye Awesome Clothes
Hello Computers, Goodbye TV
Hello New Leaders, Goodbye Old Leaders
Hello New Things, Goodbye Old Things

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