2 February 2012

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope that all our families have had a happy summer break, despite the weather, and have had the chance to refresh and recharge ready for a great year ahead.

As a reminder, there will be a Newsletter published on our website on Thursday. I encourage all families to make reading this Newsletter a priority each week. It is our main point of communication with you. Many families have the Newsletter emailed to them directly each week, and there is a place on the website where you can arrange for this to be done. Emailing is managed by a provider, not by our office, so please follow the links if you would like the Newsletter sent to you directly. For the information of new families, there is also a section of our website where Notes are uploaded so that you can access any that you’ve missed because your child was away or has lost the note. I encourage you to regularly visit the website, as well as the Newsletter, as there is lots of information that will help you stay well informed and involved in your child’s education.

As explained at the end of last year, students are in their 2011 class groups pending confirmation of student enrolment numbers. There have been changes over the holidays, with many children still to return to school. When these numbers are definite and children are in attendance, we can proceed with forming our 2012 classes. We will be doing this as soon as it safe to do so. I don’t wish to delay, but forming classes and then having to reform because we don’t have the required numbers is more disruptive. Children are settled, working and undertaking anti-bullying programs this week as we finalise arrangements. Thank you for your patience and understanding in this regard.

Please find attached the yearly Medical Information Sheet required for all students. It is a double sided document, so please don’t forget to turn over and sign the reverse side! Every child needs to return a completed form as soon as possible. For children who will be in Y3-6 in 2012 (or are competent swimmers and will turn 8 years of age this year) and will be attending our Swimming Carnival (notes attached), this completed Medical Information Sheet must be returned no later than Thursday 9 February.

Please read carefully all the information about the Swimming Carnival. As a water-based activity, it has to be managed with student safety as the first and highest priority, for which I make no apology. This may seem to make the carnival less about fun and our usual “have a go” approach to participation, but I’m sure you will understand that, for one day of the year, that has to be the case.

We look forward to a wonderful year of learning for our students, and to working in partnership with you.

Mrs Anne Hewson
Principal