Welcome to everyone, I am looking forward to a productive, happy and exciting year with your children.

My expectations in all school settings:
- Be respectful
- Be safe
- be a learner

Overview of Key Learning Areas

**English** - (Language, Literacy and Literature) includes Reading, Writing, Talking and Listening, Spelling, Grammar & Handwriting. These areas are incorporated into our Literacy groups as well as whole class instruction. Students will refer to time spent with the teacher as ‘in the engine room’. This is close work with the teacher with short sharp lessons in small groups aiming to highlight emerging behaviours and focus on getting them really cemented before moving onto the next stage of development.

**Mathematics** - includes Working Mathematically, Number & Algebra, Measurement & Geometry, Statistics & Probability. These strands are incorporated in our Numeracy groups as well as whole class instruction.

**HSIE** - History Unit Term 1 - Family Life / Passing Time

**Science and Technology** - Topics will include Watch it Grow, Push Pull, Water Works and Mix it up. Units are built by Primary Connections in accordance with the Australian Curriculum. Tinker Time has also been added to the classroom timetable to ensure hands on time and scientific curiosity is being enabled.

**P.E. and Sport** - Every Friday. This is the day to wear the sports uniform. Students will learn and progress through a range of Fundamental Movement Skills through a variety of activities through the year.

**Personal Development & Health** - integrated throughout the year and includes:- Expectations, Anti-Bullying, Child Protection, Drug Education, Road, Bus and Bike Safety.

**Creative and Practical Arts** - integrated with other Key learning areas.

**Library** - Tuesday is our Library Day, please send in a library borrowing bag and return books borrowed previously on this day.

**SRI (Special Religious Instruction)** - Wednesdays morning after Roll Marking.

**Voluntary Contribution** - These valuable contributions cover a range of important resources required for Stage 1. We use a lot of consumable resources items such as glue, tissues, hand soap, lead pencils, coloured pencils and art supplies including texts, glitter, feathers, cardboard, google eyes etc. We also supply levelled home readers, all the workbooks they need, mini whiteboards and markers and many essential teaching aids and games to promote the acquisition of literacy and numeracy skills. We thank you for
paying this small fee that helps your child have the necessary resources needed for creative and stimulating learning.

**Homework** - Home Reading is the vital part of Homework this year, and a Home reading bag or plastic folder is required. Home reading should be an enjoyable time for you and your child. Ten to fifteen minutes of reading each night makes a world of difference to children literacy levels and promotes a positive attitude towards reading.

**Absences / Attendance** - A note or absence slip must be provided explaining absences. Your child will need to take this note directly to the office on returning to school explaining this absence for the school records. Please send notes when there is a change to routine, e.g. leaving early, catching a bus or heading to after school care. If your child is late in the morning they must go to the office to receive a slip and the class roll adjusted.

**Special requests** -
* Please provide real fruit for Crunch & Sip. Please cut hard fruit like apples into small pieces and other messy fruits cut up into small bits to be eaten quickly to minimise disruption. Also, these hard fruits are playing havoc with their teeth!
* Please provide only water in drink bottles.
* Please label ALL personal belongings. There is a lost property cabinet inside the rear entry to the school. Any items of high value can be found at the office if they are handed in. Please ensure that your child is in school uniform every day, including a school hat.
* Please read all notes and newsletters. Please send in any money in sealed and marked envelopes indicating; name, class, amount, event and it it includes payments for siblings. Also, please sign permission notes if required. All money goes directly to the envelope box located at the top of the stairs near the school office.

**Notifying the school about your child’s health.** We welcome information about your child’s health and wellbeing, even if you are not requesting specific help from the school. We ask for medical information when you enrol, but it is important to keep us up to date if things change over time.

Please notify the school if there are any changes to the your contact details or the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

**School Counsellor** - You need only to make an appointment if you wish to see the school counsellor or at some time we may ask your permission for your child to see the counsellor.

**Parent Helpers** - If you are assisting in an area of the school eg. reading, group work, computers etc. you must sign in at the office.

If you have any concerns please make an appointment to see the classroom teacher so that they can be addressed. By working together we can ensure a successful and positive educational journey for your child.

Regards,

Brad Tate
Assistant Principal