Dear Community,

Welcome back to the 2017 school year at Bridport Primary. I hope everyone had a most relaxing and enjoyable holiday and is now ready for another exciting year of learning. Thank you to all parents and carers for having students so beautifully attired and prepared for their first day of school. The day ran very smoothly with students enjoying their day, getting to know their teachers and catching up with friends.

We welcome Ms Jenna Crawford who will be taking the Launching into Learning sessions on a Monday and Mrs Melissa Hall who will be working in the primary classes as a teacher assistant to help support the students.

**Welcome back to school barbeque**

There will be a welcome back to school barbeque for all students and families old and new on Tuesday 21st February 2017 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The barbeque will be catered by the School Association. Parent help on the day will be most appreciated. Please contact the school if you are able to help.

A reminder to parents that our class structures for this year and their respective teachers are as follows:

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**Flying Start Teacher**

- Mrs Cox
- Mrs Waddingham

**Music**

- Mrs Lewis

**PE**

- Mr Hyland

**Support Teacher**

- Mandy Hall

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**FEBRUARY**

15 Swimming Carnival Prep-Grade 6
16 Assembly-School Banking Presentation
21 Welcome back BBQ
22 Launceston Cup Day- No School

**MARCH**

1 NE Swimming Carnival
13 Eight Hours Day Public Holiday- No School
15 Athletic Carnival
31 School Fair

**LINKS**

- Mathletics: www.mathletics.com.au
- Reading Eggs: www.readingeggs.com.au

**Term Dates 2017**

**Term 1**

8th Feb- 13th April
Easter Break Fri 14th April-Tues 18th April (end of Term 1)
Our teacher assistants will be providing support to the classrooms as follows:

- Kindergarten: Mrs Frost
- Prep: Mrs Burke, Mrs Frost
- Grade 1/2: Mrs Barron, Mrs Mundy
- Prep – Grade 6: Mrs McKenzie, Mrs Jacobson, Mrs Melissa Hall
- Library Aide: Mrs Burke

**School Times:**
A reminder to parents of the school times is set out below. Students should not arrive at school before 8.30 a.m. as there is no supervision until this time.

- Start of class: 9:00 a.m.
- Recess: 10:50 – 11:10 a.m.
- Lunch: 12:40 – 1:40 p.m.
- End of school: 3:00 p.m.

**Curriculum Priorities for 2017**
This year we will continue to see the implementation of the Australian Curriculum in the areas of English, Mathematics, Science, History and Geography. English and Mathematics will continue to have a high priority with the focus being on reading, writing and spelling and a range of mathematical skills in our constant endeavour to improve student outcomes and school performance levels.

We will also continue to offer the highly motivating Mathletics program, an online computer program that helps to engage student’s interest and improve their ability levels in the area of maths as well as improve their recall of maths facts. We will also be offering the highly popular and educationally beneficial online Reading Eggs program, which focuses on reading like its name suggests.

The year will see a continuation of the Positive Behaviour Support Program as we look at implementing a new program called Mytern- to continue to strengthen our Supportive School Environment in order to nurture the development and promote the positive behaviour of all children.

A copy of the Bridport Behaviour Plan will be sent out next week as a reminder to everyone regarding our school expectations that help to maximise the learning of every student.

**School Preparation 2017**
I would like to thank all of the staff who have helped prepare our school for the new school year. Mr Brown, Mrs Barnett & Mrs Whitmore have prepared the grounds and the classrooms, Missy & Mrs Nunn for the office, to our teacher assistants who have helped with various preparations throughout the school, and all of the teachers in the preparation of their classrooms and units of work ready for an exciting term.

**Sun Protection Policy**
A reminder to everyone that our Sun Protection Policy states that during Term 1 hats (not caps), must be worn during the recess and lunch breaks. Children who do not have a sun-safe hat will be directed to play in the shade areas. Sun-safe hats are available for $10.00 from the school office. Cash payments only.

**Fortnightly Newsletters**
Please note in line with the other north-east schools, from this year our newsletter will only be published fortnightly. Further information and updates will be added to our Facebook page.

In closing, I am sure that 2017 will be a year full of exciting learning experiences and challenges and I strongly encourage parents to work actively with teachers to maximise the learning outcomes for all of our students.

**Regards,**

Carol Stingel