Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

Welcome to the 2014 school year! It is wonderful to have everyone back for another great year of learning. I hope that everyone had a very enjoyable Christmas and New Year break with family and friends. I am sure that the students are all very excited to be back at school with their friends and ready for all of the learning experiences that 2014 has to offer.

At this time I would like to extend a very special welcome to all of the new students and their families. It is great to have you with us as members of the Overnewton community.

We also welcome the following new staff and staff returning to the College and Taylors Lakes Campus:

- Stephanie Di Salvatore (Middle School)
- Louise Biundo (Junior School)
- Janet Gangell (Acting Head of Library)
- Belinda Klose (Deputy Head of Junior School - Teaching and Learning)
- Fil Nastasi (Junior School)
- Nikki Orr (Junior School)
- Deb Sheehan (Middle School)
- Linda Tzimos (Junior School)
- Felicity Woodlock (Performing Arts)
- Andrea Armstrong (Learning Development and Support)
- Jenni Webb (Learning Development and Support)
- Kersti Mowat (Learning Development and Support)

From the time the students left at the end of last year, a great deal of work has been done on the Campus. Apart from all of the general cyclic maintenance that occurs at this time of the year, there have been some minor refurbishments of work spaces at Canowindra as well as some general painting across the Campus.

Working Bee Thank You

Thank you to all of the parents that attended last Saturday's working bee. We certainly appreciate their efforts to ensure the Campus was clean and tidy in preparation for the start of the term.

Transport Between Taylors Lakes Campus and Keilor Campus

For everyone's information, the schedule for the intercampus bus service is as follows:
MORNING

- **BUS 1**: Leaves Keilor Campus at 8:30 - 8:35am  Arrives at Taylors Lakes Campus at 8:45 - 8:50am
- **BUS 2**: Leaves Keilor Campus at 8:40 - 8:45am  Arrives at Taylors Lakes Campus at 8:55 - 9:00am

**NOTE**: Bus 2 is traditionally known as the 'Late Bus' because it waits for the connecting buses from Sunbury and Craigieburn before departing for Taylors Lakes Campus and depending on traffic conditions on the Old Calder Rd sometimes arrives late.

AFTERNOON

- **BUS 1**: Leaves Taylors Lakes Campus at 3:25 - 3:30pm Arrives at Keilor Campus at 3:40 - 3:45pm
- **BUS 2**: Leaves Taylors Lakes Campus at 3:30 - 3:35pm Arrives at Overnewton Rd stop at 3:45 - 3:50pm
- **BUS 3**: Leaves Taylors Lakes Campus at 3:35 - 3:40pm Arrives at Overnewton Rd stop at 4:00pm

A comprehensive bus schedule can be obtained by going to www.kastoria.com.au and clicking on the Moonee Ponds Hillside 476 link.

**PLEASE NOTE**: These times may vary due to traffic conditions.

**Uniform**

Term 1 is summer uniform time for Junior School and Middle School students. This includes the blue jacket and/or blazer for Junior School and the blazer for Middle School as the outermost garment to be worn to and from school each day except for days where the forecast temperature is 30°C or above. The Canowindra summer uniform consists of the navy blue pants and white polo top and the navy blue polar fleece top is to be worn on colder days. Black leather lace-up shoes (No black leather runners or skate shoes please) are the appropriate footwear to accompany the College uniform. Hair styles must be of a conservative and non-extreme style and of a natural colour (NO stripes or spots please). Term 1 is also "No Hat No Play" term for all students from Prep to Year 9. The appropriate College hat is to be worn at recess and lunch times.

The College Shop at the Keilor Campus will have all uniform items should you still require them.

All details regarding student uniform was sent home to families in the recent mail out. This information can all be found in the student diaries.

**Car Park and Drop-Off / Pick-Up Zone Procedures**

It is timely at the beginning of the year to remind families of the procedures for dropping off and picking up students at the beginning and end of the school day. (See Car Park Map below).

For families that prefer to park their vehicles and accompany their children to their classrooms in the morning or wait for them at the end of the day, there are several car parking spaces in the main campus car park or alternatively, across the road in the council car park at the soccer club.

Families that prefer to drop off their children in the morning and pick them up at the end of the day without having to park their vehicles can use the drop-off / pick-up zone. This area is designed for vehicles to pull in for a short period of time (3 minutes max.) and either drop off or pick up children, and then pull out again into the main traffic flow through the car park. The drop-off / pick-up zone is not meant to be an area for vehicles to park and wait for
children to arrive. As we all know, children can sometimes take a while to get from their classroom to the drop-off/pick-up zone at the end of the day, so parking and waiting will only cause congestion within the car park which will spill out into Robertsons Road. If your child is not at the drop-off/pick-up zone when you arrive, simply do another circuit of the car park. This will keep traffic flowing.

Please respect the four disabled parking spaces and leave them for the members of our College community that have permits to park in those spots. Also, please do not use the staff car parking area to drop off and pick up students. In all of this, the safety of the students is of utmost importance.