A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello my name is Georgia Jacobs and I have been given the honour of being the relieving Principal at Mayrung Public School for term 1 2016. I am delighted to be trusted with the care and educational instruction of your children and I look forward to meeting as many parents, grandparents and caregivers in the upcoming weeks.

I have been a teacher for 25 years and have spent the past 16 years at Edward Public School (EPS). I have filled many roles within the school including those of: Gifted and Talented teacher, Specialist Art teacher, L3 teacher, Best Start Coordinator and most recently Literacy teacher in Stage 1 and Reading Recovery teacher. I have also taught Year 5 teacher at St Michaels School and been the teacher librarian at South School.

The staff at Mayrung have certainly made the past few days very welcoming. Seeing some past EPS students now working as teaching and support staff makes me feel very proud. I look forward to team teaching with Melissa Williams as she returns from her Maternity leave and Ben Howitt is all set to go with the Stephanie Alexander’s Kitchen Garden-to-Plate cooking program. Mrs Jenny Adamson is looking forward to another great year in Stage 1 and meeting her 7 new kindergarten students.

Our focus at Mayrung PS will be to continue engaging our students and enhancing learning opportunities. The continued dedication of the administration staff, Mrs Birgit Schultz, and ongoing guidance and mentoring from Mrs Julie Eason will ensure that all current practices will continue. You are extremely fortunate to have such a committed and experienced staff to make sure that this occurs and I feel privileged to be a part of this team for term 1.

Have a great weekend

Georgia Jacobs
Relieving Principal

Open Classroom and Classroom Info Session followed by BBQ and AGM will be on 10th February starting a 5.30 pm

We say goodbye to a much loved and caring principal and wish her all the best for the next 10 weeks in her new position. We know she will be excellent in whatever she will be doing.
Kitchen Garden:

Project Manager Elijah is keeping a close eye on the job.

As you can see from the photos we are revamping our kitchen garden in a big way. Construction are under way and it should be soon finished with the planter boxes been placed accordingly so Ben and the students can layer them with straw, paper, compost, dirt etc. If you would like to be involved in any garden or other school activities (reading) please don’t hesitate to give us a ring. Siblings are more than welcome to come along as well.

News from Ms Williams:

A big hello and welcome back to this new school! I am very excited to be back teaching at Mayrung, in the primary classroom. I am looking forward to working with you and your child/children. It is going to be a fun year full of lots of learning and adventures. Please feel free to come and chat if you have any questions or something to share!

We welcome a new, year 5 student, Niccola Stanworth, to our school and classroom. We hope she enjoys being a part of our learning environment.

It is great to see so many students equipped with their own stationary to start our school year. There are some great looking pencil cases in our room!

Have a great weekend

News from Mrs Adamson:

Welcome back everyone.

I was very happy yesterday to see all of the students with their smiling faces again. They all seem to be refreshed from the break and excited to be back.

Our seven new kindergarten students had a lovely day yesterday; I am enjoying getting to know them.

Today I have been administering the Best Start Assessment with the Kindergarten students. The purpose of Best Start Assessment is to provide us with information to build on each student’s current knowledge and experiences in literacy and numeracy. Also to assist with the development of quality teaching and learning programs to support the students.

When the Best Start Assessment data is entered, I will provide you with information on how to best support your child’s learning.

Home Readers and Sight Words will be sent home with the Kinders next week and Year 1/2 will bring Home Readers home tonight and their spelling plus any other homework will come home on Monday.

I will talk about the Home Reading etc at the Parent Information night, if you would like to discuss it sooner just pop into the class or give me a call. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Parent Information night.

Jenny Adamson

Snapshots of our new Kinder Students:
Canteen:
Could you please fill in the parent info sheet and mark if you are available to do canteen this year. If you are unsure of your commitment to help out with the canteen for the entire year just let us know if/when circumstances change. I will try to roster on the new families with some of the mums who know the routine. Also keep in mind that it does not have to be a mum, it can also be a dad (thanks Donald, who has been helping out quite a bit), grandparent or an aunt (thanks Denise, we love your contribution to our school).
We will start canteen on Friday the 19th Feb, as we are not sure how many families will be able to help out. As always the more people who put their hand up the less often you are required to help out. The canteen coordinator position is also up for grab. Tarria Moore has been in charge for the last two years and has done an excellent job and we would like to thank her for her dedication and her yummy homemade pies and sausage rolls. Tarria is more than happy to help the new person to learn the ropes. So please consider if you would like to be the new canteen coordinator. Tarria assures us that it is not a big commitment and quite rewarding, knowing that the students love the fortnightly canteen.
Please remind your children to have their lunch order in by the latest Wednesday morning (on canteen weeks).
Lunch: 11.30 am – 12.15 pm and Recess: 1.30 pm – 2.00 pm

Swimming Pre Festival Session and Swimming Carnival:
We are fortunate enough to have the Deni pool for a couple of hours in readiness for our swimming carnival. The pool is booked for Wednesday 10th Feb from 9 am to 11 am.
Town students can be dropped off at the pool shortly before 9 am. A staff member will be there waiting for them. Out of town children have the opportunity to board the High School buses in the morning, which will take them to St. Michaels School, where a staff member will await and escort them to the swim centre. Purtils bus will pick the students and staff up at the swim centre at 11 am for the ride back out to Mayrung. Afternoon bus time will be as usual. Could you also please send $2/student in if you do not have a season’s pass? Thank you.
Swimming Carnival will be on Wednesday, 17th Feb from 9 am – 2 pm, please note it is an hour earlier than usual. There will be no bus running on the day and parents have to arrange travelling to and from the swim centre. Please mark on the permission note who will be picking your child/ren up. Volunteer timekeepers etc are always welcome on the day, so please make yourself available if possible.

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion:
Canberra excursion will be on end of this term, from the 4th to 8th of April. Cost estimation will be around $620 per students, this is the cost prior to P&C subsidy and school contribution. Cost could be around $280. Could you please indicate on the attached note if your child will be attending?

Scholastic Book Club:
Please find attached our book club pamphlets. If you would like to order could we please have them in by next Friday, 5th February? Payments can be made via credit card or by cheque. If you can only pay with cash please come and see the office. Thank you.