Welcome back to a wonderful start to 2015!

Over the January break, the beautiful new blackbutt timber floor was installed in the Hall. Mrs Yarrow’s classroom has been upgraded with interior painting done and brand new student desks and chairs delivered. A new sandpit and “chalkboard flowers” have also been added to our playground.

**Classes** – The new Kindergarten students begin tomorrow, and will complete their Best Start Assessments over the next three weeks. Final classes K – 6 for 2015 will not be formed until Kindergarten enrolment numbers have been finalised along with the student population numbers for Years 1-6 and the Department’s Annual Enrolment Return is completed. Until then, our students will temporarily return to their 2014 classroom cohorts. Miss Xeureb will be working with Mrs Gooch and the new Kindergarteners to complete the Best Start Assessments. We are also fortunate in having Mr Graeme Wood back this year in a Learning Support and EALD role.

**Uniforms** - Sports Uniforms should be worn by all students K – 6 on Tuesdays (for Term 1 K-6 Fitness) and Fridays during Term 1.

**Library** - All students K – 6 will visit our school Library on Tuesdays with Teacher/Librarian, Mrs Irvine. Remember those Library bags for borrowing!

**Absence Notes** - If your child is absent from school please be sure to notify us with the reason for your child’s absence. The school must be advised within 7 days of any school absence, or it is recorded as “unjustified.”

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**Catherine Leslie**
Principal

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“The new “chalkboard flowers” brighten the playground and will provide the children with more opportunities for creative and imaginative play.

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**~ Dates to Remember 2015 ~**

**TERM 1**

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**Check out our School Website!**

Last week there were 125 hits to our school website. It is updated weekly and has notes, news, photos and newsletters! Have a look!

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“Energy and persistence conquer all things.”

~ Benjamin Franklin
P & C ASSOCIATION NEWS

NO CANTEEN
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!
HELP! ~ATTENTION ~ ALL PARENTS & CARERS & GRANDPARENTS

Canteen Volunteers needed for 2015!

CAR PARK – SAFETY
Parents and children are reminded that the car park area outside the school office is not to be used for dropping off children before school or collecting children at the end of the school day. The car parking spaces outside the Hall are for the use of the preschool parents only. There have been concerns raised about the safety of our students due to cars entering and leaving these restricted areas. Cars using this area put toddlers as well as children who use the bike racks or walk to school via the Ellis Street gate at great risk. Please use the Clare Street gate for dropping off and collecting your children.

Challenge Club is open to all children from Years 1 – 6. We will be involved in games and activities designed to promote critical thinking, develop problem solving strategies and improve cooperative learning skills.

The first meeting of the Challenge Club for all interested students from Yrs 1 – 6 will be held on Wednesday morning, 11th February, from 8:30 a.m. in the Computer Room. Please be prompt! See you there! If you have any questions about the Challenge Club enrichment program, please feel free to contact Mrs Leslie.

The 2014 Picnic Day was a huge success – All of the children enjoyed the petting zoo, face painting and games on the Oval.
The new timber floor in our Hall looks magnificent!

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**See Change** is a 6 session facilitated, small group program for families whose lives have been impacted by Drug and Alcohol issues and/or Mental Health issues.

See Change covers the following:

- Information on mental health issues, drug dependency and recovery
- The impact of these issues on families
- Understanding the process of change
- Strategies for reclaiming your life
- Tools for enhancing personal and family wellbeing

The Salvation Army has been working with families impacted by drug and alcohol issues for over 15 years and run a number of monthly support groups and education programs.

When: Wednesday's, 25th February - 1st April, 2015
Where: The Salvation Army, 23 Kiora Road, Miranda
Time: 6pm—8pm
Spaces limited, bookings essential – to reserve your place please phone 9540 4460.

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