Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a positive start to 2015 with students already very settled into classroom routines and learning programs. Our focus this year will be to continue to improve upon our positive school culture, student wellbeing and resilience, communication between home and school and high quality teaching. As a team working together we can achieve big things and I am looking forward to an exciting year where students feel safe, try their best and achieve beyond their expectations.

Welcome to new families throughout all grade levels and to Mrs Brenda Jones who is our SDR Teacher Assistant. We farewell Mrs Jane Waterhouse and thank her for her 9 years of working with students at Evandale Primary in the area of Music and Library. We were informed last week of Mrs Waterhouse’s teaching transfer to Northern Support School. Mrs Davson-Galle has kindly agreed to take on the role of Indonesian (LOTE) teacher. I am sure that Mrs DG will definitely bring flair and creativity to the subject by not just teaching the language components, but encouraging students to learn about Indonesian customs, dress, geographical location and foods.

Unfortunately our Chaplaincy Program application was not successful. For the past 8 years our program has become an integral part of who we are at Evandale Primary with students of all ages from Gumnuts (Early Learning) through to Grade 6, staff and parents benefiting from the program. There is a definite need for the program at Evandale, both at the school level and throughout the local Evandale community. We, as a staff are determined to retain this vital program co-ordinated by Mr Maynard and are currently finalising procedures to make this happen. Mrs Scott, Mr Guy, Mr Maynard and myself are looking forward to hearing from any parents who have some fundraising ideas that we can use throughout the year to help fund the program.

A big thank you to parents, students and staff for a wonderful start to the school year. A reminder to parents that our staff are very professional, friendly and approachable and if you have any questions or concerns related to your child’s education or wellbeing please make contact with your child’s class teacher. We realise that some parents are still waiting for orders of school hats to come in, therefore those students will be permitted to wear bucket or broad rimmed hats (not caps) until their school hat arrives.

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Welcome to our Kindergarten students. We have extended the Kindergarten classroom to cater for the full contingent of Kinder students this year. It is amazing the difference that moving a doorway and window panels can make to the overall classroom area. Mrs Yvette Massey has been appointed as our Kindergarten Teacher Assistant and I know that she is very excited about working with our Early Learners.