Welcome:
A warm welcome to all of our new and continuing families for 2017. I trust you have all had an enjoyable break and are ready for another exciting year. Today I visited both classes and children are excited to be back at school with their friends and talk about their holidays. Our Prep students, below, were also eager to begin school.

I would also like to again welcome our new staff - Mrs Marilyn Kirton who will be teaching our P-2 class; and Mr Tom Stockman who will be teaching Year 3-6 (with me), as well as HPE and Science across our school.

Chooks:
Thank you to the Hudson family for looking after the chooks over the holiday period.

Stands for tuckshop fridges:
Thank you to the Town family for building stands for the fridges to sit on in our tuckshop (to keep them above flood water levels).

GRIP Conference:
A letter with information about the upcoming GRIP leadership conference for Year 6 students has been sent home today. Please note permission forms must be returned by Wednesday, 1st February.

Contact details:
There are times when we may need to contact parents and carers.
Do we have your most up to date contact details? (These details include parent/carers’ name, address, phone numbers, email address and emergency contact details.) If not, please let Stefanie know so our records can be updated.

Absence notification process:
Please remember to let us know of your child’s absence before 8:50am if your child is going to be away or late for school (so your child’s absence can be recorded correctly). Please notify the school via:

- QParents app,
- Phone call, or
- Phone message (if the office is unattended).

NB: Please do not notify us of your child’s absence via email on the day your child is absent.

Same day notification:
This year, it has now become mandatory for schools to follow up on any unexplained student absences, on the day the student is absent.

In line with this directive, our school will phone parents as soon as practicable on the day a student is not at school to find out why.

Parent Handbook:
An updated Parent Handbook has been sent out to all families today.

Webber Shield:
This year, the Webber Shield will again be held for 9-12 year olds prior to the State Swimming Championships at Chandler Pool in Brisbane in March. The Webber Shield will be held at the Ayr pool on Tuesday, 7th February.

Newsletters:
This year our newsletter will again be published electronically. If you require a paper copy of the newsletter each week, please let Stefanie know.

Have a great week.

Regards,

Stacey 😊
Happy New Year!!!

It is great to see everyone again, and to chat about all the stuff we did over Christmas.

I enjoyed Christmas: our family came to our place for Christmas lunch, so we were very crowded! But the food was yummy and everyone was happy.

Then my wife Heather and I went to Bowen for a week over New Year. We just wanted to veg out and put our feet up, but the first day there our eldest daughter Lori and her friend dropped in; the next day our middle child Anne and her friends also dropped in….our boy Ian nearly dropped in too, but found something more exciting than visiting Mum & Dad to do! Phew!!

So School’s in, and we are lining up for a Fantabulous (is that a word?) 2017. Be happy. Care for the new students we have. Be good for our new Teachers, Mrs K and Mr S. And have a great year learning lots and lots!

Chappy John

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**KEEN TO PLAY TENNIS! (in Giru)**

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Everyone Welcome from Beginners to Advance