Welcome to the 2016 school year. I hope that everyone in our school community had a safe and happy holiday and enjoyed the opportunity to spend time with family and friends. We’re looking forward to a great year, continuing to focus on our strategic directions of Wellbeing, Teacher Quality and Engagement.

Yesterday, during our Staff Development Day, our teachers participated in a range of professional learning activities including working with the School Excellence Framework and the new History and Geography syllabus.

I’d like to welcome Mrs Sheppard, our Librarian, back to our school after spending 2015 in Laos. We’re looking forward to hearing lots of stories about Mrs Sheppard’s time there, and learning about the Lao people and culture.

At this stage our school staff structure is as follows:

Principal: Miss Tanya Bajda
Assistant Principal: Mrs Sue Phelps
K/1: Mrs Lisa Carey
Year 1/2: Mrs Lisa Kovacevic
Year 3: Miss Rebecca Jones/ Miss Tanya Bajda
Year 4/5: Mrs Emily Bingle
Year 6: Mrs Sue Phelps
Learning & Support Teacher: Mrs June Pitkin
School Learning Support Officer: Mrs Barbara Hammel
Librarian: Mrs Carol Sheppard
Music/French: Ms Marie Montes
School Admin Manager: Mrs Ita Fahey
School Admin Officer: Mrs Dorothy Everingham
General Assistant: Mr Greg Greenhalgh
School Chaplain: Mr Vivian Hoskins

Mr Greg Oborn will continue to be on leave during 2016.

This week Mrs Carey has been completing the Best Start testing with our new Kindergarten students. The first day of school for Kindergarten will be Monday 1 February.

We are finalising our school timetables - details about Library and French class times will be distributed next week.

Our school swimming carnival will be held on Friday 5 February 2016. The participants will be students who will be 8 years old this year and older (Years 2 to 6). Confident swimmers participate in races – novelty events for those less confident. Consent notes have been issued to students today. We rely on parent volunteers to assist with the carnival, so thank you in advance if you are available to help on the day.

We are pleased to welcome representatives from West Tigers NRL Club on Tuesday 2 February at 10:30 am. The focus for the visit is “Wellbeing”.

Looking forward to working with you this year.

Tanya Bajda
Principal

Calendar – Term 1

Week 1
Thurs 28/1 Students in Years 1 to 6 return
Best Start testing for Kindy students

Week 2
Mon 1/2 Kindergarten’s 1st day at school

P & C Meeting
Our first P & C Meeting for 2016 will be held on Wednesday 3 February at 5:30 pm. Parents and community members are invited to attend.

Participating in P & C activities is a wonderful way to be involved in the experiences that you child has at school and a great way to meet other parents and staff.
# DPS Canteen Menu

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<td><strong>Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Chicken Burger</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Chunky Beef Pie &amp; sauce</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Pizza Single</strong></td>
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<td>(ham &amp; pineapple)</td>
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**Canteen:** Canteen will be open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. We rely on parent volunteers to operate the canteen. The roster for Term 1 will be issued with Monday’s newsletter - there are still some gaps on the roster. If you are available to assist please contact Kerrie Beaumont on 66 573210 or email kerriebeaumont@dodo.com.au