As we come to the end of Term 1, it has been nice to reflect on the great start our students have had to 2013. Our teachers are delivering the very best opportunities in our classrooms for our students to learn. To match this, recent research points to the fact that if parents are engaged with the school, supporting their child’s education, more often than not, children will have higher engagement and achieve better outcomes. So, on reflection, it is clear to see that, with our ‘Meet the Teacher’ night, our excursions, sports days and other extra-curricular activities, as well as the regular parent helpers in our classrooms, we have an actively engaged school community. Thank you for your support.

Staff
Classroom staffing will remain the same for Term 2, however, Mrs Corke will be on leave during the first two weeks of term. Mr Burley will be teaching 4/5 and Miss King will be working on Monday and Tuesday, teaching Mr Burley’s timetable. Mrs Ross will also be taking leave on Fridays during Term 2 and will be replaced by Mrs Palmer.

Assembly
At each school assembly, various awards are given out for classroom behaviour, academic achievement and citizenship. It is difficult to notify parents at short notice if your child was to receive an award so I would like to apologise in advance if you do miss your child receiving an award. Assembly dates in Term 2 are: Friday, 10th May, Friday, 31st May and Friday, 14th June. For the presentation of Certificate of Merit awards, for receiving 10 blue Merit Cards, parents are notified in writing prior to the assembly.

Term 2
Students will return to school on Wednesday, 1st May as there are two Staff Development Days at the beginning of next Term. Monday, 29th April is scheduled for staff to look at the new English Syllabus that will be introduced in 2014 and Tuesday, 30th April will be an all-day training session for staff to further develop their teaching skills in the Focus on Reading initiative.

Anzac Day
The school will be conducting a short Anzac Ceremony for the students on Thursday, 2nd May (Week 1) from 2:30pm.
General Information

Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea
Our annual Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea will be held on Thursday, 9th May from 1:40pm in the school hall. Mothers are invited to attend and enjoy an afternoon tea with other mothers and your own child or children.

It would be great if you could bring a plate of food, as only limited catering will be supplied by the school. The P&C will be drawing the raffle on this day and Year 6 will be drawing the Lucky Number game on this day as well.

Canteen
The Canteen will be open on Wednesday 1st of May, which is the first day back for students.

Shaun Graham
Principal