Welcome back to parents and caregivers of K-2 students 2011. We hope all students have had a wonderful holiday and are ready for an exciting and engaging year at school.

There are two Kindergarten classes:
- Kinder Koalas - Miss Kerrie Cameron
- Kinder Aeroplanes - Miss Alyce Limburg

and there are three Stage 1 classes:
- Year 1 Galahs - Mrs Rowena Gay
- Year 1/2 Rockets - Mrs Rebecca Letfallah
- Year 2 Chipmunks - Miss Connie Mercuri

We are looking forward to a happy year teaching the children in these classes. This year will be a busy year for your child. During the first few weeks we will be working on building relationships within our classes as well as learning and revising school and classroom routines and rules. All students are expected to follow school rules, being Safe Respectful Learners. There are both positive and negative consequences for student’s behaviour. Positive rewards include RIPPAAs, Top Kid of the Week Awards and Assembly Awards. Parents will also be kept informed of student’s behaviour via phone calls home. Students who choose not to follow school and class rules will be subject to consequences such as time out, loss of privileges, monitoring cards or suspension. Parents will be notified of any behaviour concerns or problems.

**Bell Times**
It is important that your child arrived to school on time each morning
- 8:55am School commences
- 11.00 Lunch in classroom
- 11:10 1st half lunch
- 11:25 2nd half lunch
- 11:45 Class recommences
- 1:25 Recess in classroom
- 1:30 Play
- 1:45 Class recommences
- 2:45 School finishes

**Home Reading** will commence in Week 3. Your child will be bringing a book home several times a week. Please complete the home reading card and return to school once your child has read the book to you.

**Homework** is important in consolidating skills that have been taught in class, it also helps to develop good study habits for the future. This year it is expected that all students at Buninyong will complete homework. Homework for Stage 1 begins in week 3. Students will be given a homework sheet each Monday, this needs to be completed and returned by Friday. Homework will include Literacy, Numeracy and Home Reading. Homework for Early Stage 1 will be their home reading.
Labelling. It is very important that your child's belonging are labelled with their name, particularly lunch boxes including lids, drink bottles, all clothing including the hat. It has been wonderful to see so many children remembering to bring their hat to school. This is very important as we have a policy at school “No hat, No Sun” therefore children without hats will be expected to stay under covered areas.

Requirements
Listed below are a few items that your child will need to bring to school. Pencils and books are supplied by the school.

- A box of tissues. These will be stored and used as required throughout the year
- Paint shirt (clearly labelled)
- Liquid Soap (for hand washing)

Library
Mrs Jody Hall will be the Librarian this year.
Library will be held for classes as follows

- Kinder Koalas Tuesday
- Kinder Aeroplanes Wednesday
- Year 1 Galahs Tuesday
- Year 1/2 Rockets Monday
- Year 2 Chipmunks Wednesday

Parent helpers are a very important part of school life. Parents can assist at school in lots of different ways. If you are able to assist in your child’s classroom, please contact your child’s teacher. Your children will benefit from your involvement and teachers appreciate your assistance so please think about volunteering.

We hope to have a fantastic and productive year and we look forward to meeting all parents in the near future.

If you have any concerns or questions throughout the year please contact your child’s teacher or Mrs Coyle.

Regards

Mrs Anne van Dartel                 Mrs Debbie Coyle
Principal                         Assistant Principal