From Mr Mac,

Welcome Back to School!
The school year is underway and it has been great seeing everyone back from their summer holidays and ready for the 2016 school year. We have had a different start to the school year with the kitchen repair work ongoing, but staff and students are coping well. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new members of our school. In Prep we have welcomed Ben, Bonnie, Nate, Seanna and Sarah, in Year 1 we welcomed Isaac and in the Emu class today we welcomed Ms Masters into our school family. So good to have you all with us as we learn and grow together.

School Improvement Focus 2016
Our academic focus for our school this year is on the following three areas;

Reading—All students at our benchmarks for their Year Level and above.

Writing—All students will develop their knowledge and ability to construct different types of written texts.

Grammar and Punctuation—Improvement in the knowledge, understanding and use of Grammar and Punctuation by all students.

These areas and goals will be a focus of teacher and student learning throughout the year and I will be reporting on our progress in these areas throughout the year.

Swimming
Our swimming lessons for Term 1 are almost half way through and what a great week to be in the pool! The instructors at the pool have been very pleased with the progress everyone is making so keep it up. Our Swimming Carnival will be on Friday 18th March at Kilcoy Pool vs Harlin State School. They think they are in with a chance this year so keep working hard Linville! Competitive races are held for students aged 7 years and older, with Age Champion Awards for students 9 years and above.
Kitchen Update

Work is continuing to repair the termite damage that was discovered late last year. This Friday the kitchen cabinetry should be re-installed and the water bubbler should be back in use. Over the next two weeks, plumbing and electrical work will be completed hopefully having the kitchen fully operational by the middle of the term.

For the present time we have also been advised by Queensland Health to not use rainwater for any purpose at all due to the presence of E. coli bacteria in our tanks. All students will be provided with access to town water for drinking and hand washing.

Healthy Lunch boxes

It has been really great to see students coming to school with lots of great food in their lunch boxes. A good healthy lunch box makes a huge difference to a students learning and behavior throughout the day.

Long Service Leave

This term I will be taking some long service leave to attend my sisters wedding in New Zealand. I will be away from school from Friday 26th February until Wednesday 9th March. Mrs Corcoran will be Acting Principal in my absence and I am currently looking for a replacement teacher for the Emus class.

Cleaners Position

The cleaning position vacated by Mrs Gerhardt has been advertised this week, after receiving notification from the Department that it would not be filled by a current employee of the Department. Applications packages for this position are available from the school office until Friday 19th February.

Sporting Schools—Term 1

This term we will be using the Sporting Schools Grant to have a coach from Queensland Cricket come and work with our students. This is provided care of a Federal Government Grant and is free of charge to our parents. There will be four sessions over four weeks starting on Monday 22nd February.