Hi Everyone,

Welcome back to 2008. We are all ready and chomping at the bit to see all the students and to get the year on the way.

We have had some great news over the holidays: Warwick and Vicki Fraser welcomed their daughter, Sorrel Belle, on the 11th January. Mother and baby are both well and Warwick and Vicki are very happy.

Warwick is on the final run with his chemo treatment with only one more to go at the end of February. We are looking forward to having him back with us this year.

Meagan Whitbourne is also returning after a viral infection laid her low all last term. She is very excited about returning and is looking forward to working with her students.

As you wander around the school you will see the orange safety fencing in various places. We are very pleased to say that, thanks to grant money received in 2007, we have been able to begin the next stage of building on the science shed and add the dressing room/ music room to the end of the hall. There is also a double door being put in the Jiddelek side of the hall to link the two buildings and to provide some air flow.

Work has also begun on the wonderful frog garden sculpture at the Waratah end of the school. You will also soon see a new mast style flag pole at the front of the school. (Special grant money again!)

We also have pleasure in welcoming a new staff member, Mr Michael Doyle. Michael will be teaching one of grade 4/5 classes. He has come to us from Wallan Primary School with wonderful references and some great ideas. I’m sure he would be very pleased to speak to you if you have time to drop into room 3 to introduce yourself.

This year our school structure is as follows:

P/1: Meagan Whitbourne Rm 9
Lou Webb Rm 10
Joy Hay-Smith Rm 11

2/3: Leona Ryan Rm 8
Mary Sowa Rm 7
Liz Luby Rm 6

4/5: Angela Stringer (M-W) & Jenny Crane (W-F) Rm 4
Michael Doyle Rm 3

6: Suzi Roberts Rm 2
Vicki Keys Rm 1

Art: Sue Morton
PE/ICT: Warwick Fraser (Assistant Principal)

Early Years Co-ordinator/Special Needs support: Di Anderson

School Support: Kathy Wright
Judi Owen
Gayle Pincott

Canteen: Sue Galpin

Business Manager: Lauren Aston

Please pop in anytime and see what is happening in the classrooms and say hello to the staff.

I know this is very close to the beginning of the year but there is a school closure day planned for Wednesday 6th Feb—second week back. This is a day that involves staff from all schools in our district. The timing has been decided by the presenter—John Munro—who is very much in demand and has set this time aside for the Bairnsdale Network Schools. Please keep an eye on the diary section of the newsletter for coming school closure days. We will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible so that you may plan your options.

Don’t forget the attached Contact Detail Form needs to be returned by 1st February. These details are vital—particularly if your child is unwell or has an accident. Just pop into the office anytime or give us a call if you need to change details later in the year.

Have a great year Everyone. I will look forward to catching up with you very soon.

Debbie