Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome, welcome, welcome! It is lovely to be back and we have started the term on a very positive note. We have three new families joining our school community and eight new students! We have five prep-pies: Dominic, Isabella, Lauren, Makaede & Milla. In Year 3 and 5, we welcome Kye & Lilly and in Year 6, Joy & Tyson. This means we are safely over the line and Mrs Baldwin will be able to carry on as the P-3 teacher. I am very excited as it will be the first year I have worked with the same teacher and the first year I have not changed classroom or teaching groups!

The other exciting news is the application for the kitchen, in the undercover area, was approved in the second round of the Gambling Community Benefit Fund Grant. Many thanks to all of those involved in putting the application together. There is a huge amount of work to do and we will have to work closely with facilities to ensure we meet all the departmental requirements. However a kitchen will be installed and we will soon be able to cater for our special community days and tuckshop without having to walk back and forth from the small room that serves as a kitchen in the main building.

Attached to this newsletter are application forms to become a member of the P&C as well as nominations for our committee for 2015. We invite everyone to join and become actively involved in the school. We need your support to ensure we are able to continue giving our students the opportunity to undertake activities, such as swimming, excursions and school camp at a subsidised rate. The first meeting and AGM is on Wednesday 11th February at 7:30pm in the school library.

This year we will be continuing with our Student Diaries. It is essential parents take the time to sight these each evening and sign them. We use these to keep in touch with parents and give updates. Please use them to let us know if there are changes in parent pick-up times or bus runs. If you need to make an appointment to see Janine or me, pop a note in the diary. If there is something that is a concern we like to deal with it rather than leave it too long. Also a dress code reminder: no nail polish or dangly earrings are allowed. Thank-you!

Our staffing and support timetable will be finalised after Day 8 and we are hoping we will be able to retain Mrs. Devine in her support role. I will keep you updated once it has all been sorted out.

Enjoy the rest of your week!

Laura Watson
Principal

New School Uniforms
Delayed delivery. Sorry, but the shirts have not arrived. We will let you know the moment they arrive and are available for collection. Very sorry again for the inconvenience.

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Principal: Mrs Laura Watson Teachers: Mrs Laura Watson (4-6) Mrs Janine Baldwin (P-3) Mrs Robyn Devine (General) Mrs Heidi Thompson (LOTE)
Mr Roy Nott (HPE) Ms Jayne Shelley (Music) Teacher Aides: Mrs Annette Sinden, Mrs Lynn-Marie Cremasco, Mrs Marguerite Walsh,
Mrs Marie Gould Cleaner: Mrs Karen Mauch Administration Officer: Mrs Judith O’Shea Grounds: Mr John Watson
P&C President: Mr Derek Kane Vice: Merrill Ryan Secretaries: Alica Mauch & Majella Roche Treasurer: Jenny Ramsey
Playgroup Contact: Mrs Leesa Zagata Phone: 46612739
### Freestone Playgroup—Freestone State School

Freestone Playgroup meets from 9 to 11 am with the session involving free play, an organized craft activity and a music session. Please bring a healthy morning tea to share with others. We welcome all our new school families with little ones to come and meet some local mums.

Cost is only $2 per week plus Insurance $35 family for the full year.
If you need more information contact Leesa on 4612739 or 0419741264

### Junior Netball Sign-On

Ages 5 to 14 Yrs (born 2010—2003)
Saturday 14th February
10am—1pm at Barnes Park Courts
Fixtures played on Saturday afternoons commencing on the 21st February. Pay fees on Sign on day and go into the draw to win you fees back.
For more info call Lou Bunch on 0407734380

### Freestone: a mostly true history BOOK LAUNCH

Will be held at the Freestone Hall
On Sunday 15 February, 2015
At 1pm—Meet the author & mingle
2pm for the Official Launch
All Welcome
Country affair—’bring a plate’ to share, tea, coffee and cake bar open!
Books on sale on the day $20
For more info call John on 0408660654

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### Move School of Dance—Sign up

Saturday the 31st Jan and the 7th Feb we will be outside Brumby’s Bakery from 9am to 12pm. A $10 registration fee which is payable on the day gives you the option of Jazz, Ballet, Contemporary or Hip Hop. Dance is for all children from 4 up. A timetable is available on our Facebook page or I can be contacted on 0407727717 or email moveschoolofdance@hotmail.com.au

### Warwick District Football Association

**Soccer Sign Up is no open!**
For anyone turning 5 in 2005 and older!!

Registration is available online now at:-
www.myfootballclub.com.au please make sure you select the correct registration package as there will be multiple options available. You can select “Pay at Club” during the process to enable your child to be registered and allocated to a team. Later you can log back in to complete your payment by the 15th March.

February 14th, we will be at Rose City from 8:30am to 1:00pm to assist with online registrations.
February 21st we will be at the Clubhouse in Queens Park from 11am to 1:00pm to assist with online registrations.
For any further questions or information please email butlerps@gmail.com

### School Dental Van—Yangan

Due to a staff shortage as a result of illness we are unable to open the dental van at Yangan SS.
If you need urgent dental care please call the Warwick Dental Clinic on 46603893. We will notify

### Happy Birthday

A very belated Happy Birthday to Joseph Beh who turned 9 on the 6th January. Many happy wished also go to Tom Ramsey who was 11 year old on the 8th January.
Hope you both had great Birthdays.
The 2015 P-3 class with teacher Mrs Janine Baldwin

2015 4-7 class. Teacher Mrs Watson was very busy and we couldn't catch her.