SCHOOL SNIPPETS

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Dear Parents and Community Members
We have had a fantastic start to the term with lots of smiling faces (students pleased to see their friends and teachers, parents pleased to have their children back at school and teachers enthusiastic about what is on offer this term).

School Looks Amazing!
We were extremely grateful to return to a school that looked AMAZING! The school was super clean and the garden really well kept. A huge thank you to Brad Ross, Tamah Drummond and Cheyenne Bland for all their work.

Welcome
Welcome to Miss Fowler, who worked very hard during the holidays getting her classroom ready to receive the Year 1/2 class. There was lots for her to unpack after her move and now there are many new things around the classroom to create interest and enhance learning. We also must acknowledge the work ALL of our teachers do during the 'holidays', spending many hours researching and preparing for engaging, relevant and challenging learning programs. You only need to check the classrooms or the children's workbooks to see evidence of their efforts!

Mrs Beagley returns to the Year 3/4 class to work with Mr Brown as she completes the final stages of her teaching degree. We are lucky to have such a capable teacher join our team. She has spent lots of time planning some great activities and I know the Year 3/4 class are going to have a very busy term.

Mrs Petchell has increased her time at the school and will be supporting literacy and numeracy in the Year 3/4 class as well as continuing in her role of TDS coordinator. They are very fortunate to have such a great team helping them to learn.

Finally welcome back to Mr Minson who returns after leave to welcome his daughter, Remmie.

Timetable Additions
The Kindergarten children have increased their time to three days each week; coming on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Mrs Quartermaine is very excited about the learning that will take place as a result of an 'extra' day with her students.

The Three year Old Kindy Readiness Program commences on Tuesday morning. This program is for children who will be attending Kindy at Dowerin in 2018. Yesterday 14 very excited children came along for a morning of play, songs, stories and activities. Parents were full of mixed emotions; some lamenting how quickly their children were growing up, others looking forward to the next stage in their child's development and probably one or two eager to enjoy a quiet cuppa while their child was at school! If you are sending your child to Dowerin DHS for Kindy and haven't heard about Kindy Readiness, please get in touch with the school.

Thanks to Jason Gard and the team from Dowerin Engineering for the great job they did with our new sign and to our fabulous P & C who are helping finance the sign. There will be additional signage around the school in the near future so keep your eye out for that!