From the Principal’s Desk

Welcome to 2017

We welcome all families back to school and hope you had an enjoyable Christmas & New Year break. The teachers have been in many times over the holidays to ensure that everything is ready to support the children in a super year of learning.

It is a very exciting time with new children, classrooms, teachers and resources.

Student Leadership

Near the end of 2016 the students voted in the new student leadership for 2017. Congratulations to those who were successful but also we encourage those who may have missed out this time to keep trying at every opportunity.

The new student leaders are:

The School Captains: Molly Davies, Joe Appleton
Vice Captains: Chloe Tippett, Kadin Long

House Captains: Kane Hatfield, Jacinta McKenzie, Paisley Herbertson, Emma Brown, River Murray, Lily Keating, Alysian Haughie, Logan Hand.

Playground Mentors: Archer Leaver, Bella McLeod, Taj McPhee, Abbey Fishlock, Brendyn Wilson (absent)

## At this stage we are planning to present the leadership badges to students at the school assembly on the 10th February.
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**Breakfast Club**

Many children have already been asking as to when ‘Breakfast Club’ will be starting up again. At this stage it will start again in Week Three of this term with the exact start date being sent out via tiqbiz and in the newsletter next week.

**Newsletter**

The newsletter is currently published and sent to families each Thursday. This year there will be a couple of slight changes to ensure both quality communication and efficiency.

Firstly, in odd weeks a streamlined newsletter will be produced and in even weeks a more comprehensive newsletter will be published.

Secondly in late Term One we will be asking parents to opt into having a hard copy or receive their copy of the newsletter on-line. This change-over will occur in Term Two and will be a big paper saver which helps support the sustainability targets of the department.

**Attendance**

At Creswick Primary School we have had strong data in this area for many years. Most children achieved over 95% attendance during 2016. We encourage all families to establish routines to ensure that all students can attend every possible day. Positive attendance routines will help with learning and are qualities that are respected at all ages.

The school will encourage high level attendance by placing information on the newsletter, working with families that need support and will recognise great attendance by students at assemblies.

‘*If you are not at school you are missing out on learning!*’

**School Welcome Picnic**

On Thursday the 15th February the School Welcome Picnic will occur. This year it will be on-site at the school and we will be supporting the evening with a barbeque.

More details will follow but the evening is expected to be from 5.30pm – 7.00pm.

**Important Dates**

- 6th February – Canteen starts
- 6th February – Keyboard Lessons begin
- 16th February - School Welcome Picnic 5.30pm – 7.00pm
- 20th 21st & 23rd February – Parent/Teacher Information Meetings
- 1st March – School Athletic Sports
- 24th March – School Cross Country

**First Day of School**

Some of our new Foundation students making their way to class on their first day of school.