Dear Families,

Welcome back to the 2016 school year. It has been good to see that students are beginning to settle back into school and learning routines. This year is an exciting year for the school as we continue to remain focussed on our whole school vision of **strong culture, strong relationships, strong learners.**

To help us develop strong learners across the school over the next three years we are involved in the Collaborative Impact Project alongside Willsden Primary School, Carlton School and Flinders View Primary School. Throughout this project all staff will be learning about the latest research from John Hattie in how students learn best. We will be implementing this work in classrooms. We start this work on Friday 24 February which will be a student free day.

**School Facilities**

In 2016 we are also continuing to improve the facilities at the school. Over the coming weeks you will begin to notice a few improvements happening. This includes the completion of the amphitheatre. We can’t wait for this to happen so that classes can use this area throughout the day. It will also provide another shaded area for students to play during break times.

Next week we also start landscaping the front garden directly in front of the administration building. Included in this garden is an outdoor learning area which students and teachers will be able to use.

Our foyers will also finally be completed by the end of next week too. This term we are planning to purchase new furniture for these areas to enable the foyers to be used as additional learning spaces.

Other projects planned for this year are the refurbishment of the library as well as landscaping the playgrounds and gardens along Barry Street.

*Kind regards, Bec Mueller*
**Governing Council AGM**
Our Governing Council AGM will be held on Tuesday 21 February (Week 4). At this meeting we will present the Annual Report where we will talk about last years highlights and achievements. The role of the Governing Council is to work with the Principal and staff to:

- Set broad directions for the school to improve student learning and facilities
- Initiate and approve recommendations to meet these directions
- Monitor and report on progress.

A crèche is held during all meetings to help those who need to bring their children along.
If you are interested in joining the Governing Council or would like more information please see Bec Mueller.

**School Uniforms**
We would like to remind all students and their families it is an expectation that students wear school uniform and a hat everyday unless we have a casual clothes day. It’s great to see many families buying new uniforms as their children have grown over the holidays and we thank them for doing this. **Please also note T-Shirts are on sale for $20 until the end of February.** This is a saving of $5.
If you are having difficulties organising a uniform for your child please see us so that we can support you to do this.

**Welcome to new teaching staff.**
This year we welcome a number of new teaching staff to the school. They are:

- **Deputy Principal**
  Leah Kelly

- **Rec.-Year 2**
  Ktora Dannenberg

- **Rec/Year 1**
  Rebecca Kidman

- **JP Science/Technologies**
  Tegan Francis

- **Counsellor**
  Ben Kha

- **Year 3—7**
  Taylor Miles

- **Year 6/5**
  Brooke Roy