Dear Parents and School Community,

Firstly, thankyou to the entire Currawa School Community for the warm reception into your school and a special thankyou to Rosalie, Lee and Lyndall who have been tremendous help assisting me to settle.

A huge welcome to our Grade Two student Charles and his family who are new this year. We hope they enjoy their time as part of the Currawa family.

We also wish Dhruv, Hannah and Cate all the best with their future studies as they enter secondary schooling. I am sure they will do a tremendous job and represent their families and Currawa Primary School with distinction.

We are looking forward to a very productive, albeit short Term One. As outlined in our School Strategic and Annual Implementation Plan, we will continue to develop the Primary Connections Science and Big Write Programs.

During the past twelve months in leadership at Guthrie Street Primary School I saw first hand how significant an impact the Big Write program has on student writing. We will continue using this format to assist our students writing skills.

Thankyou to our volunteers for looking after the plants and animals over the Christmas break. Without such assistance, most of the plants would have perished.

In the coming weeks, Rosalie and I hope to conduct Parent/Teacher interviews to set some goals for the students. More information will be made available shortly.

I look forward to a fantastic term at Currawa Primary School and hope to add to the great work already being done by the entire team.

Brendan Kenna – Acting Principal.
CALENDAR

FEBRUARY
- Mon 1st - MACC Art
- Friday 5th - Cluster activities with Lemnos Primary School (afternoon)
- Wed 10th - MARC Library
- Wed 10th - School Council Meeting @ 6:30pm.
- Thurs 11th - Parent Teacher Interviews
- Tues 16th - MACC Art
- Wed 24th - MARC Library

MARCH
- Tues 1st - MACC Art
- Wed 9th - MARC Library
- Fri 11th Cluster Day - Aquamoves
- Mon 14th - Labour Day Holiday
- Tues 15th - MACC Art
- Wed 16th - School Council AGM @ 6:30pm
- Wed 23rd - MARC Library
- Thur 24th - End of Term 1

APRIL
- Mon 11th - First day of Term 2

SCHOOL FEES
** Please note that outstanding fees for 2015 need to be paid as soon as possible.

At the final School Council meeting last year, school fees for 2016 were set. For 2016 fees are $170, and all bus travellers will pay $125 per term per family. Fees can be paid directly into the school account at:
BSB: 033 209
Account No: 14 1753
Account Name: Currawa Primary School Official Account
Please put family name and details on payment so information can be linked.
If parents find it easier we are quite happy to organise a payment plan so families are not burdened with a large one-off payment. Please see us at the school to make these arrangements.

CONFIDENTIAL STUDENT INFORMATION
Attached to the newsletter is a Confidential Student Information form that we would like all families to complete. These details will be used for updating CASES information and covers permission for student photographs, head lice checks, etc.

BARR REMINDER
Currawa Primary School is in the Northern Country Fire District and listed on the Department of Education and Training (DET) Bushfire at risk register which means that on days that are declared Code Red, the school is required to close. The DET will notify the school one to two days prior to closure so all families are informed and are ready to put in place their Fire Action Plan. On school closure days due to Code Red, children must not be left home alone.

IN AND AROUND THE SCHOOL
Below are some photos of the students being introduced to some new games on their first day of school.
Apologies for the blurry action shots. The students are too quick for the shutter speed on the school phone.
Above: Leo dodging Ted during ‘Octopus’.
Below: Maisie doing her best to run down Fletcher.