All systems go……..
We have had a truly wonderful start to the school year with students settling in quickly to their learning. In addition to our new kindergarten students we have welcomed new enrolments in secondary including the vast majority of last years’ Year 10 returning into Stage 6. I am sure they will find Year 11 not only challenging but also rewarding and they are looking forward to meeting their new teachers and fellow students from across the Riverina Access Partnership (RAP) at next week’s induction camp.
Our Year 7 students are also settling in well to their new mode of lesson delivery and getting used to having their lessons in different rooms and with different teachers. Planning for next weeks’ Year 7 and 8 peer support excursion to the Talbingo area is well underway and promises to be a very exciting couple of days.
This year will be the second year of the current school planning period and we will be continuing our focus on the three strategic directions: Relationships, Leadership and Quality Teaching. I am very much looking forward to working with our student leadership group and encouraging them to become more involved in school matters. The new SRC will be voted on within the next week or so with their formal induction assembly soon thereafter.

A reminder that the Greater Kengal swimming carnival will be held on February 3rd at the Lockhart pool with our students competing against students from Pleasant Hills, Boree Creek and Yerong Creek. I apologise for the late notification of this carnival however we were only advised of the final date at very late notice. As per previous notifications, the Lockhart Central School swimming carnival will this year be a twilight carnival and will be held on the afternoon/evening of February 11th. I hope that many family and community members will be able to join us for what will be a most enjoyable event. Students will not be expected to attend school on Friday, February 12th and consequently only minimal teacher supervision will be provided.

On a final note I extend a very warm welcome to our new staff members Ms Tara Buckley and Mr Andrew Donaldson to our school. Ms Buckley is assigned as a secondary English/History teacher and Mr Donaldson is an additional Head Teacher Secondary Studies. A welcome is also extended to our new families: I look forward to us working together for the educational benefit of all our students.

Ruth Ernest, Principal
**Upcoming Events**

**February**

**Week 2**
- 3rd – Greater Kengal Swimming Carnival

**Week 3**
- 8th-9th – Peer Support training Yr 5, 6 and 10
- 9th – P&C meeting at 7pm
- 9th–10th – Year 11 RAP Induction Camp
- 9th–10th – Year 7&8 Peer Camp
- 11th – Twilight Swimming Carnival (K-12)
- 12th – Student Free Day – minimal supervision

**Week 4**
- 17th – Scholastic Book Club due

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**Primary News**

Welcome back to everyone for what has been a much cooler start to the school year.

In primary we have three classes:
- L1 – Mrs Carla Fletcher (Early Stage 1 and Stage 1)
- C2 – Mrs Callum Simonuvic (Stage 1 and 2) and
- S3 – Mr Keith Finemore (Stage 2 and 3)

**Sport**

Mr Finemore is the Primary Sports Coordinator for the year.

Students will participate in class sports sessions on Fridays.

We are looking forward to the Greater Kengal Swimming Carnival tomorrow at the Lockhart Pool, starting at 9.30am. Details have been sent home. Please remember to return your permission note if you haven’t already.

*Mrs Fletcher, Assistant Principal*

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