Welcome to the 2015 school year. I hope that all families had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas, New Year and school holiday time.

Students
Welcome back to all of our continuing students. Some of you have moved to new classes—it may take you a little while to settle into the new routines and expectations—if you are not sure about something, ask for help.

Today we welcomed 18 new students to the school:
In reception—LC, TD, TrD, ED, TG, GG, MH, LH, LH, AN, ES, WH
In 2/3/4 class—SB, JA and DL
In 5/6/7 class—KL, CL and SL
We hope that all of these students enjoy learning and developing new friendships at our school.

Staffing 2015
This year we again start with exactly the same staff team as last year. Being able to have the same people working with our students helps to ensure as much continuity of learning as possible.

Our staff team for 2015 is:
Rec/year 1— Sue Brittain (Mon—Wed) and Sarah Bastian (Thurs, Fri)
Year 2/3/4— Trudy Ireland
Year 5/6/7— Emma Bray
Environment, History, Maths - Trish Morton
Front Office and Finance—Helen Withall
Student support/Library Admin—Sue Rex
Student support—Leah Woods
Student Support—Tammy Packer
ICT support—Mark Emmott
Groundsperson—John Good
Pastoral Care Worker—Tracey Butter
Ian Pycroft continues as our DECD bus driver.

Forms
Please return the General Consent Form and Pastoral Care Worker consent forms, once signed, as soon as possible. Also, please let us know of any changes to address, phone numbers, emergency contacts for each of your children.

Swimming
Our annual swimming instruction program will again be held in week 2 (commencing Monday February 2). This does not leave a lot of time for you to complete and return the consent and medical information forms that are included with this newsletter. Please remember—if there is not a form for your child, we cannot allow them to swim.

Information Night
On Wednesday February 4 there will be an opportunity for families to come together at the school for an informal meal, a look in classrooms and an informal chat with staff. More information will be sent home soon.

Governing Council Annual General Meeting
This will also be held on Wednesday February 4 from 7:00pm. There will be an opportunity to hear reports from 2014 and this will be followed by the election of Governing Council members for 2015. I urge you to consider nominating for this group who work closely with the staff to ensure that positive steps are taken to enhance the teaching and learning program. If you have any questions about the Governing Council and its function in this school, please feel free to talk to me about this via a phone call or a meeting by appointment.

School Lunches
During the warmer weather, students are able to have their lunch stored in the canteen fridge so as to ensure that it is not spoiled by lunch time. For this to happen, students’ food items need to be clearly marked with the child’s name. There are stickers available in classrooms for this but if items could be sent from home already labelled this would help.

Lunch orders
Lunch orders will again be available on Thursdays but will not commence until week 3. An approved menu is provided by the Hamley Take-Away.

I look forward to another exciting and rewarding year at Hamley Bridge Primary School.
YOU’RE INVITED!

All families are invited to attend our

School Information Evening

and Governing Council Annual General Meeting

on Wednesday February 4, 2015

The plan for the evening is as follows:

5:45 – Classrooms open – families are welcome to visit each room and have an informal chat with the teacher
6:30 – Informal meal and light refreshments
7:00 – Governing Council AGM - including reports from 2014 and election of council members for 2015

Hope to see you there.