The students and staff have had a great start to the school year and have been settling in well. There are three classes this year with Mrs Day taking the K-1 class, Mrs Wood taking the 4-6 class and Mr Smith taking the year 2-3 class. Thanks also to Mrs Riley who has been coming in to teach in the school.

Welcome to the Kindy students - Zack, Alice, Miley and Amber; the Prep students Chilli, Bobby, Destiny and Sebastian and to the new enrolments in the older grades with Leslie, Chelsea and Cody.

Welcome back also to the teacher aides with Amanda taking on the role with the kindy students and also contributing in the senior class. Robyn working with the P-1 group, Timina helping out in the senior class as well as with the year 7 distance education students and Pauline managing the administration area and giving some assistance to myself in the classroom. Thanks also to Sam who as part of teacher aide studies is volunteering time in the classroom.

Congratulations to the school Captains Hannah Mitchell and Sally Hawkings and to the Vice Captains Leah Bethel and Luke Smith. They have been doing a great job organising the school parade on Monday mornings and are outstanding role models for the younger students to follow.

The first P & C meeting of the year will be held next Monday and there are a number of issues that we need to discuss including where we are going with tuckshop. Legislation comes into place this year where tuckshops need to be providing healthy food to the students of the school. This has been implemented slowly over a number of years giving schools and P&C’s the opportunity make the transition. The food we eat is more and more being seen as a major contributor to disease in adult life and it is the eating habits being formed now that will follow the students into their adult life.

Last year the school implemented a fresh fruit program for students during the second lunch break. This will be started again next week.

The school’s improvement agenda this year will continue to focus on reading comprehension and higher order thinking skills in the drive to push some of the students to the upper two and three bands of achievement. We have invested seven thousand dollars in enrolling the students from years two to six in a writing and creative thinking program that will start next week. To support this we have had to purchase eight new computers and have set up a computer lab in the area that was used for the year seven and eight students last year.

A reminder that Parents are always welcome in the school and classrooms. I have guided reading on Monday and Friday mornings at 10.30 a.m. if you are interested. It is a good time to come in help with some reading and hang around for morning tea.

Daniel Smith
Touch Football training will commence next week. Mrs Kerri Wood will once again train our Juniors on Tuesdays at 5.00pm at the Gregg Bethel Memorial Oval.

Mr Ian Tincknell will also line up again and train our Seniors. Tuesdays 5.00pm and Thursdays 5.00pm. Please note that these times may change on occasion as things arise. We will keep you all informed of any change.

Left: Bobby Bethel, Hayley Butler, Chelsea Bonner, Sally Hawking