Welcome back to everyone for the 2016 school year. This is a very significant year for our fantastic Small School. We will celebrate our 150th Anniversary as a school established in 1866. There is planning already underway and a great deal to be done to make the celebration of this milestone as special as possible. Please add your assistance wherever you can.

We especially welcome our two Kinder enrolments – Mikayla and Edward – and hope that they enjoy being here every day. We also welcome our new enrolment, Ivan Voronkin, to Year 2 and his parents Olga and Glen Shea. Please take the opportunity to introduce yourselves to this new family either before or after school.

As the year begins we take the opportunity to let you know who is where and remind students and families of some of the daily rules.

Mrs Eloise Dews is our Acting Principal and this will continue until the outcome of the Expression of Interest process to find who will be the Relieving Principal until the end of the year. Mrs Dews will also be teaching the students in the Primary classroom. Mrs Sarah Coloe has relocated to the Infants classroom and is enjoying the opportunity to teach the Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 students again. Mrs Coloe will not be here on Wednesdays and Mrs Ball will replace her on this day. Mrs Ball will also return every second Tuesday and continue the library program with all the students. Mrs Henman will be here on Mondays as the Learning & Support Teacher for half of the day and the other half as teacher relief on the Infants class. This gives Mrs Coloe the chance to plan and prepare for the week/term ahead. Mrs Hannan and Mrs Staples will continue their routine in the office. However, the office will be unattended on Wednesdays so we suggest that any admin questions be left for the other four days. Mr Broadbent will be here on Thursdays as our General Assistant working on the maintenance of the grounds and buildings. Mrs Langford is here every afternoon after everyone has gone and does an amazing job cleaning our school. It is lovely to walk back in each day to a nice and clean room. Mrs Drew will recommence her Special Religious Education/Christian Values classes at the end of February. A permission note will be sent home next week.
Before and After School
As all students and their families are aware, there are a couple of rules that are in place to ensure the safety of everyone.
There is no supervision available for the students before 8.30am and we ask that you do not arrive/drop off/or allow students to ride or walk to school before this time. All staff are engaged in meetings, planning or preparation for the day until this time.
No one is to be in any of the classrooms or buildings before 8.30am unless it has been pre-arranged to meet a teacher there before this time.
Students are asked to ride or walk to school in a safe and responsible manner. All bikes are to be left in the area allocated at the front of the library building.
At the beginning of the day students are to remain in the covered central area and are asked to not chase, run or jump around during this time.
At the end of the day ALL students make their way to the silver seats and remain there until their parents are ready to leave. If students are riding bikes home they have permission to depart immediately as they are not usually waiting for a parent/car. Please don’t make the children wait too long before you depart as they are ready to go home and the mozzies can be quite nasty at this time of year.
Your child’s teacher is always happy to talk to you and they are more than willing to make a mutually agreeable time to meet if you have specific issues to discuss. Please call to speak to them or contact them via email to make these arrangements.
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Lost Property
A pair of size 6 red shorts were lost at the pool on Friday after the swimming carnival. If you have these by mistake please bring in to school.

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