Greetings all,
Welcome back to what is sure to be an exciting year at Kandanga State School. So far this year our school has continued to show strong growth with our overall student numbers hovering around the 70 mark.

On the staffing front, our numbers ensure that we will retain 3 teachers for 2016. The only change for staffing for this year is the addition of Mrs Greer as our music teacher. Mrs Greer will provide music of a Thursday morning.

Homework is an integral part of our school programme and our grade 4’s have already began taking homework home. Other year levels will begin taking homework home next week.

Swimming and AusKick lessons both begin next week with swimming being a part of our P.E programme of a Thursday and AusKick taking place of a Friday morning.

With a short term to begin the year, students will begin training next week for their cross country which will take place on the last Wednesday of term.
### School & Office Hours

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<td>Session 1 - 8:45am - 10:30am</td>
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Please note that no student is to arrive at school prior to 8:00am. Students will be required to be collected from school no later than 3:00pm. In the event of an emergency, exceptions can be made but you must notify the school.

### Religious Instruction

We are updating our Religious Instruction Form and have enclosed a form which we ask parents to complete and return back to school. (please return even if you have recently completed an RI form). We will base the information received on your completed form to determine if your child will or will not be attending Religious Instruction. Mrs Patricia Gabbanaholds Religious Instruction classes each week and her classes are fun and enjoyed by all those who attend. All forms to be returned by Monday 01st February. Thanks.

### Welcome all new students

There are many new families in 2016 and we welcome all of you. It can be a difficult time coming to a new community/school and I can assure you that you are most welcome at our school and I encourage you to become involved in school activities and to become a member of the P&C Association. Our class numbers for the commencement of 2016 are as follows:

- Year Prep - 10
- Year 1 - 13
- Year 2 - 10
- Year 3 - 10

This gives us a total enrolment of 72 students.

### Swimming

Swimming will commence for students in Years 1-6 next Thursday 04th February. Prep students will commence swimming in week 5.

Just a few points to note:
- Thongs may be worn to and from the pool but normal school footwear is required before and after lessons.
- Children need to be aware of, and use sun safe practices, ie. sunscreen, hats, swim shirt / T-shirts etc. Please have your child apply sunscreen before coming to school. They can re-apply sunscreen at school if necessary.
- Children should wear their togs to school under their uniform but will need to bring appropriate clothing for changing into after lessons. (Staying in wet togs under a school uniform all day is not healthy or acceptable.)
- Please ensure that your child brings a proper bag for swimming, plastic bags are not acceptable as they often break.

Cost for swimming will be $30 per student for term 1. An invoice will be issued to all parents next week.

**The swimming timetable is as follows:**

**Class Time:**
- Years 4-6 Swimming time starts at 12:00noon - 12:45pm.
- Years 1 Swimming time starts at 1:15pm - 2:00pm
- Years 2-3 Swimming time starts at 2:00pm - 2:45pm.