This year our Music and P.E lessons will take place of a Thursday. P.E for term 1 will include our swimming program which begins in week 2 and continues for all of term 1 (weather dependent). Drama will remain on Fridays.

Over the Christmas vacation we had several trees trimmed to ensure playground safety and work continued on the ramp to the 4/5/6 classroom as well as the disabled toilet block. Work on these constructions are expected to be completed in the coming weeks.

In fantastic news for the school, the P&C were successful in obtaining a funding grant from the Government to help build a 4/5/6 playground in 2017. Also this year, we are excited about continuing to improve our school grounds by completing our Butterfly Garden, which is designed as a part of a green corridor for the endangered Richmond Birdwing butterfly, as well as completing our Indigenous garden and establishing new vegetable gardens.

To help all of our students settle back into school routine with minimal disruption, the playground has been divided into two sections with the P/1/2/3 students playing near the sandpit, undercover playground and swings whilst the 4/5/6 students have the oval and multi-purpose court. Due to supervision requirements, the swings, covered playground and multi-purpose court are all out of bounds after school.

Our P&C undertake various fundraising ventures throughout the year to help support school activities. Our first meeting for the year will be Thursday the 2nd February at 3:00 in the School Library. At this meeting we will be planning and discussing which activities we are hoping to include in our plans for this year as well as covering expectations and consequences associated with our Responsible Behaviour Plan.

This year we have changed our newsletter to fortnightly. As well as a paper copy that goes home with your child, this is also available on the school website. Any upcoming activities or excursions will also be posted on the school website.

If you would like any further information about what is happening this year please feel free to either call or drop in and see us.

Yours faithfully,
Warrick Lucht
Principal
24th January 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to what we are sure will be an exciting and fulfilling year at Kandanga State School.
We are fortunate this year in that our staff remains the same as last year. Our staff for this year are:
Admin – Mrs Maher
P/1 - Miss Hunter
2/3 - Miss Taylor
4/5/6 – Mr Lucht
2/3 and 4/5/6 Science – Mr Casken
Drama – Miss McDowell
Music – Mrs Greer
P.E – Mr Martin
School Chaplain – Lisa Klein
Teacher Aides – Mrs Fromm, Mrs Lyttle, Miss Rooke
Support Staff – Dawn Johanson (cleaner), David Hall (grounds care)

Our school times for 2017 remain the same with school beginning at 8:45 and finishing at 2:45. First break is from 10:30 until 11:15 and second break is from 12:45 until 1:15. All teaching staff are available in their classrooms from 8:30 of a morning or from 2:50 of an afternoon. If you would like to talk to a teacher about your child please utilise these times or make an appointment through the office. This helps maximise the amount of time that teachers can spend preparing work and teaching your children.

Lisa Klein returns this year as our School Chaplain. Lisa is available on Thursdays and Fridays and will be assisting in both the classroom and playgrounds. Whilst she is a Chaplain and is available by parent request to provide spiritual advice and guidance, Lisa will also help across the school by assisting with small group work and co-ordinating lunch time activities for students. If you would like more information regarding the Chaplain role please feel free to introduce yourself to Lisa on one of her rostered days.