Welcome back for 2017! We have had a great start to the year and are looking forward to making 2017 a wonderful year at school for all our students. I would like to again extend a special welcome to Lucy, Jane and Johnny who are joining us in Prep! Today we had the local paper at school to photograph our Year 1 and Prep students and it struck me how quickly students are growing up! It is a very timely reminder as we start a new year together to make the most of the precious time we have with our students.

What’s New in 2017
With the new year commencing, it is always the time that we look at new initiatives and goals that we would like to see at school. We are firmly aiming at continuing the improvement of student reading levels at school and will build on the successes from previous years. I will be running a reading assistance program with some students called ‘RIP IT UP Reading’ as part of an individualised learning program that we are able to provide to students on Thursdays. We are very fortunate to have a large number of staff and volunteers in the school on this day and will be dedicating some time to having students working on specific areas of need based on their academic results. We are also very fortunate to have Chappy Karl working with some of our students facilitating a ‘Rock and Water’ program that helps build resilience, self-awareness and the ability to understand and respond to emotion. He will be using a small group approach and over the course of the year it will be made available to all of the students at school. At the time of writing there has not been a successful Language other than English (LOTE) teacher found to replace Madame Scott-Power in the Clifton Cluster of schools. It is anticipated that we may have to broaden the search for a LOTE teacher to include other languages as the position has been advertised twice with no successful applicants. We will be discussing the school’s LOTE program at the first P&C Meeting for the year, once it has been scheduled.

Finally, with the resourcing that our new IPS funding has provided we are very keen to create another learning space at school, providing us with a purpose built facility in which we can target the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Arts.

Reading and Homework – Thank you for your support!
Home reading and homework has commenced for the year. Please feel free to come and talk to us at school at any time about these programs. It is so important that students read every day and we are very grateful for the wonderful support that we have from parents to ensure that students get the best opportunities they can. We have purchased some new home readers that you will see start to come home soon, as we get them accessioned and covered through the library. I would like to publicly thank our volunteers who already have started to assist us with student reading and Mrs. Frahm for her ongoing dedication to our school Library. It is so wonderful to have members of the Pilton community up at school assisting with student learning.

Sporting Schools – Swimming and Tennis
Thanks to everyone for getting back their forms about swimming at the Clifton Pool for our term 1 Sporting Schools activity. I have been asked by the pool staff to ensure that all parents and non-school aged students who attend and swim pay for their pool entry as the program that we have only covers the school aged students that are enrolled. Can I also ask that we keep the entrance to the pool free from bags and gatherings as we don’t want to disrupt other pool users during this time. It was great to see so many students accessing the Tennis lesson at 8am last Wednesday with Sarah Turner. It is a lot of fun and the students are learning some great skills.

All the best,

Jon Robertson
Curriculum News Y3-6

In English, during our first unit we will be looking at the structure and language used in writing a great narrative. The Year 3/4 students will be learning how to use noun and verb groups to build a great new chapter for our class novel “The Twits.” They will be focusing on having an exciting plot, and developing the characters in their writing. The Year 6 students are writing a short story that showcases the language features that authors use to evoke emotion. I am looking forward to seeing the products from our first unit and will be sharing these with parents when they are complete.

In Mathematics, all the Year 3-6 students will be working on their understanding of number and operations at their different levels of difficulty. This includes learning number facts for the Year 3/4 group. Some of this is done during homework and if any parents are interested in knowing more, please come and see me. Students will also be learning about the concepts of fractions and place value. The Year 6 students will be specifically developing their ability to apply their mathematical knowledge to problem solving and developing their understanding of formulas and algebra.

Mr Robertson

Welcome back to 2017!

The children have started in the Prep – 2 room with great success, starting back in week one ready to learn. The Preps have started learning their letters, sounds, numbers and sight words already and are doing a great job in the classroom. The year ones and twos have come back with great enthusiasm.

Term 1 in English sees the children investigating how imaginative stories work. They will be reading a number of picture books including Blossom Possum, Mr Grumpy’s Motor Car, Just Jack, Handa’s surprise and Rosie’s Walk. During this unit the children will be retelling events from the stories focusing on structure and repetition and they will be responding to these books by making connections between personal experiences and the text. During the 2nd half of the term the children will be listening to a range of poems to create their own imaginative poem. They will present their poem or rhyme orally to their classmates.

In Maths the Preps have begun to learn their numbers. They will be focusing on numbers to 10 this term. They will also be learning how to sort different objects using a variety of criteria and using these objects to create their own patterns.

Mrs. Heaton
**Sporting Events**

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**Hi everyone,**

Welcome to the new school year, I hope everyone is excited to be back. For those of you who don’t know me, my name is Karl Pumpta and I am your school chaplain (You may hear me being called “Chappy Karl”). The tagline for my role is to “support students, staff and parents socially, emotionally and spiritually”. The main thrust of my role is to be available to talk to anyone who would like to. My role isn’t to offer a counselling service but a listening ear to anyone in the school community who would like to chat and/or work through an issue confidentially. Usually you will see me serving breakfast before school on **Friday** or running around with the students. This year I am at the School on **Thursday** and **Friday**.

If I don’t know you already I look forward to meeting you.

Chappy Karl

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Here’s a joke to make your kids eyes roll:
Q. Why can't Cinderella play soccer?
A. Because she has a pumpkin for a coach
Congratulations Mrs Holloway Clifton & District Australia Day Citizen of the Year.

Day 1 2017

Preps mastering the Smart Board
SOCCER Season is here again. We encourage all existing players to sign up again and for those keen to try football out for the first time, to have a go.

REGISTRATIONS for the Warwick District Football Association’s 2017 season are now open – and can be done online at www.myfootballclub.com.au.

The Saturday club competition at Queens Park will start in April and there will be several carnivals around the south-west region.

Age groups in 2017 are Cubs (under 5), Under 6’s, Under 7’s, Under 8/9’s, Under 10/11’s, Under 12/13’s, Under 14-17’s, Colts (under 18’s) and Senior Men and Senior Women (18+).

The club will hold a 2 registration information days; on Saturday February 11 at Rose City Shopping world, and on Saturday February 18 at the clubhouse at Queens Park.

Check out our website: http://www.warwickwolves.com.au or look us up on Facebook for more info.

We’ll hope to see you on the pitch.