Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome to the 2014 School Year!

I trust you had an enjoyable Christmas and wish you health and happiness for the New Year. It was a hot start to the school year today. Whilst the building is air-conditioned, during days of extreme heat the temperature inside the building does go up into the high 20s and low 30s. We have purchased fans for the classes and alerted Spotless, the company responsible for our school. We will work with Spotless to improve this situation. Spotless understand that some of our students are quite fragile.

I am also concerned for the students travelling home on the buses during these high temperatures. The buses are air conditioned but the sun does come through the windows and every time a student is dropped off hot air goes into the bus.

If you are concerned about your child’s health during this extreme weather, please consider keeping your child at home. We will continue to work to resolve the temperature inside the building.

A special welcome to our new students, Luke Strachan (C2), Isla Sale (C3), Claire Renfrey (C6), Sebastian Foreman, Charlie Halcrow, Fononga Makaholia-Lawrie, Tukotahi Martin, Samson Seifu and Andrew Worsman (C8) and their families.

We also welcome Zina Mansueto and Lesley Coy, who are contract teachers in C2 and C8 respectively. Both did relief teaching at our school last year.

SEVERE ALLERGIES
Some of our students have life-threatening allergies to nuts, eggs and sesame seeds. As a consequence we have decided to become a ‘nut free’ school for 2014. Please assist us to manage this by ensuring there are no products in your child’s lunch box containing nuts e.g. muesli bars, some cereals, fruit & nut mix etc.

The classes with students who are allergic to eggs have been informed. Products that have been cooked with egg (e.g. cakes) are acceptable but please do not send egg sandwiches, boiled eggs or other meals containing pieces of egg e.g. special fried rice. Thank you for your co-operation.

DIARY DATES
The ‘Welcome Back’ BBQ and Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 10th February. Please consider if you would like to nominate to join the Council. Forms will be sent home closer to the event.

COMMUNICATION
A reminder - please do not send messages via your child’s bus/taxi driver. All messages need to be written in your child’s communication book. If you need to phone classroom staff, please do so during recess (10.45 – 11.15) or lunch (1.00 - 1.30) breaks so that student learning is not interrupted.

FORMS
There are many forms being sent home this week which need to be completed and returned as soon as possible.

Health Care Plan forms signed by yourself and the medical practitioner are to be returned by Friday please. We need to keep review dates for these important forms in line across the school to ensure the welfare of students.

TERM DATES FOR 2014

Term 1
28th January to 11th April

Term 2
28th April to 4th July

Term 3
21st July to 26th September

Term 4
13th October – 12th December

SYLVIA FLATO
Principal