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Dear Parents & Community Members

Hello and welcome to a new and exciting school year. I would like to thank you, the school community, for your patience and understanding during the unorthodox start to my time here at Condamine State School. I understand that it is fast becoming a tradition to welcome new Principals into the community with a wonderful water display courtesy of the Condamine River!

On a serious note, I’ve had a great welcome to Condamine and I thank all the families who have taken the time to introduce themselves and their children to me. To the people I have not yet met, please feel free to come and speak with me and share any suggestions you may have; my classroom and office are always open. I am extremely excited to be taking on the Position of Teaching Principal and my aim is to make our school a safe, supportive and enjoyable environment for students to learn and develop into young adults.

At Condamine State School we will be implementing the Australian Curriculum through the C2C unit plans. We will have a strong focus on improving our students’ ability in Reading, Spelling and Mathematics in order to meet or exceed the Regional Benchmarks. In order to achieve these goals we rely on parents, guardians and the wider community working together to provide an enjoyable, supportive learning experience that is targeted to the students’ needs.

Teachers will endeavour to meet with parents formally over the next few weeks to discuss their child’s current academic levels and together set goals and targets in Reading, Spelling and Mathematics for the year. We will have a strong focus on using ICT’s (Information Communication Technologies) in the classroom and for homework based activities; Students have access to Mathletics and Spellodrome web based learning programs that link to the Australian Curriculum elements that will be explored over the school year.

The sporting commitments of our students kick into gear this week with the first Tri-stars event of 2013, the swimming carnival. Due to the weather we have had to reschedule the event from last week. I wish all competitors the best of luck for the event! Let’s hope we have many representatives in the Miles and District event which also takes place later this week. I look forward to some great performances from the competitors and the parent cheer squads. Go Condamine!

As we are now thrust into the school year, I encourage you to remember that parents and carers are the major influential figures in each child’s educational journey. The staff of Condamine State School and I look forward to working together, with families, to improve your child’s education throughout this year; remembering that education starts in the home. I am confident we can achieve this goal, together.

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