Welcome back to school, I hope you enjoyed the Easter break. I look forward to chatting with the students over the coming weeks to hear all about their adventures. It has been a rather difficult and at times rather scary start to the new term. Mother nature certainly released an amazing force of destructive weather during the week. I hope you and your family were able to remain safe and your homes sustained no or minimal damage. My thanks go to the staff and community who have assisted with the cleaning up around our school and the setting up of a temporary classroom for Year 4. Thankfully we sustained minimal damage – front fence collapse, water damage to a few classrooms, loss of softfall under fixed equipment, loss of vegetable garden beds and general debri spread around the playground. Over the coming week or two I hope our school will return to normal as we begin to dry out.

This weekend marks a very important and highly significant event for all Australians and New Zealanders. On Saturday, 25th April we will recognise the Centenary of ANZAC, the community service and march will begin at 9.30am from the corner of New England Highway and Nelson Street. We encourage as many students as possible to be part of this event and ask students to meet at the top shop in full school uniform at 9.15am.

School ANZAC DAY Ceremony
We invite families, friends and community members to join us at the school ANZAC DAY Ceremony to be held at school on MONDAY, 27th April at 10.30am.

Canteen News
The P&C Canteen will be open from this Monday for morning teas and lunches. Please see attached roster and new Winter menu will becoming home soon – watch this space.

Extra-Curricular Activities
This term we are providing our students with the opportunity to take part in basketball on Mondays and gymnastics on Thursdays. Drumming will continue on Wednesdays as in Term 1. Drumming and basketball are free programs for our children. Gymnastics is Thursday and will begin next week. If you would like your child/ren to take part in gymnastics please see the ladies in the office for permission notes and more information.

Starstruck rehearsals also begin this term for nominated students and notes with details came home late last term.

National Assessment Program (NAPLAN).
Notes went home today to parents of students in Years 3 and 5 with important information about the 2015 NAPLAN. Dates for the NAPLAN are Tuesday, 12th May – Language Conventions (grammar, punctuation and spelling), Wednesday, 13th May – Reading and Thursday, 14th May – Numeracy.

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Mrs Jayne Schmarr
Principal

Dates To Remember
27 April 2015  School Anzac Service 10.30am
4 May 2015  Ka-u-ma Play 2 Learn 9.30am in the hall
5 May 2015  School Assembly 2.10pm in the hall

Canteen Roster for Next Week
Mon 27 April  Bec, Louise
Tue 28 April  Renee, Sasha
Wed 29 April  Pat, Stacy
Thur 30 April  Pat, Help Needed
Fri 1 May   Sasha, Renee

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