Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the 2015 school year. I would especially like to welcome all new students and their families to our wonderful school. I would also like to extend a very warm welcome back to our ongoing students and families. I hope everyone has had a relaxing summer holiday break and that we are all ready to eagerly move forward as an Independent Public School.

STAFF CHANGES
There have been minimal teacher changes over the holidays, with the exception of Mrs Kelly, who resigned at the end of last year to pursue other interests. However, this week we have sadly farewelled two of our special needs education assistants. Miss Rundle and Mr Stanton have been permanent employees at Edgewater for the past 4 years and have worked with many of our students across the school. We wish them the very best of luck in their new schools.

NEWSLETTER DAY
The newsletter will again be sent out to you fortnightly this year. It will be posted to our website on the Friday of even weeks during the term. The first newsletter will come out next Friday.

P&C NEWS
The P&C have already had their first meeting this term and have determined that the School Canteen, which has been closed this week, will again reopen next week but only on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. This arrangement will stay in place for term one and be reviewed as the term progresses. A new on-line ordering service is now available to parents via the website or alternatively orders can still be placed at the canteen from 8.30am. The canteen will be open for both morning recess and lunch counter sales.

SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS
Expressions of Interest for the Edgewater Primary School Board were called for late last year with further information available on the school website. The closing date for Expressions of Interest is 4pm Monday, 9 February 2015. If you believe that you can add value to the work of the School Board and wish to nominate, I encourage you to do so now.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT
It has come to my attention that there are children playing on the playground equipment in the early childhood play areas and other areas of the school grounds before and after school. All children have been told that they should not be playing on the play equipment before or after school as we do not have the capacity to supervise them. Whilst we realise that in some cases parents are there with their children, other children who are unaccompanied by parents may then be encouraged to join in. Please assist us by reinforcing this rule with your children.

PARENT INFORMATION BOOKLET 2015
Copies of this booklet will be sent home next week and will include a term planner insert. Parents can also access the school website throughout the term to find any updates which may occur.

The year ahead promises much with numerous challenges and many rewards. I will look forward to seeing you all over the coming weeks.

Julie Tombs
Principal
6 February 2015