Welcome back to Bullarah Public School. I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday break. The children seem excited to be back and have settled quickly into school routines. Bullarah Public School currently has 16 students K-6. This year we welcome Hannah - Kindergarten, Jaelen - Yr 4 and Tannaih - Yr 3.

I also wish to welcome Mrs Lidia Mathews to the school. She will be working as the Teacher’s Aide on Thursdays and Fridays. Miss Winter continues in her role as School Administration Manager and has already ensured that all students are enrolled in Spelloadrome, Mathletics and Reading Eggs. I thank her for her continued assistance in this area. Mrs Hayne will provide Principal Release and additional teaching support on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Her knowledge of the children and school routines is invaluable and we are lucky to have her. Mr Robinson is our temporary scripture teacher and will come on a Wednesday afternoon. As I type this newsletter he is introducing himself to the students. Graeme and Kisti continue to drive the school bus. Students are expected to follow their rules at all times. Explanation of student absences is a DEC requirement. If your child is absent a note should be sent in on the first day of their return. This is the preferred method, but a phone call to the office is also acceptable.

School Grounds

I am sure that you would agree that our school grounds look amazing. What a fantastic area - a green oasis - for the children to play and relax. This is due to the tireless efforts of Deb and Gary Walton, who continued to work over the Christmas break while the rest of us were enjoying our holidays. I take this opportunity to thank them for their all their work in making Bullarah Public School look wonderful. As you may be aware the shade sail over the fixed equipment tore during a recent storm. We have a second sail that will be put in place as soon as a working bee can be arranged. When the time comes, your help with this would be much appreciated.

A thank you also to Kisti who made sure that our school was clean and tidy for the student’s return.

Library

Library day continues to be Tuesdays. The new library bags that the children received as Christmas presents look fantastic and won’t be easily misplaced. As in previous years the students are required to return their books each week. If they haven’t finished reading the book it can be re-borrowed.

Homework

Next week homework will start. A LCWC of spelling words and a section of each contract should be completed every day and returned to the school for marking. Reading every night is also important and home readers will be sent out as required.

I know I am being optimistic (you never know it may rain soon!!) but could all wet weather packs from last year be returned to the school. I will reorganize these and send them home again with instructions.

I am looking forward to a fantastic year at Bullarah Public School. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me on the school number.