



HAPPY VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents and guardians,

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Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful summer with friends and family. All signs point to another incredible and productive school year. We are all part of a caring community school culture with the common goals of nurturing responsible, caring students and promoting high-level learning. I am very much looking forward to the rewarding challenge being Principal at Happy Valley Primary will bring over the next two terms and I wish Sue Schmidt all the best in her retirement.

I would like to personally acknowledge and thank all of the teachers and SSO's for their hard work in preparing for 2020's new beginnings. Each year brings positive change and this includes a few additions to our staff. We are delighted to welcome Cameron Wright, our new Year 4/5 teacher, who will be teaching in the middle school area. Cameron comes from Craighburn Primary and he is looking forward to the year ahead and settling into the Happy Valley community. We also welcome Miriam who is joining our awesome SSO team, supporting teachers and students within learning activities. Our new canteen manager, Marilyn Hughes, has been acquainting herself with the Canteen kitchen and menu over the holidays and is looking forward to getting to know all of our students. We are looking to finalise our acting Deputy Principal position over the next week. As this has been advertised internally, it means that one of our class teachers will be appointed to this position and we thank you in advance for your understanding around this.

A big warm welcome also goes out to all of our new families and students. A great deal of time, effort and thought has gone into the process of student placement for this school year after input from staff, families and students, as well as student learning styles. Classrooms have been balanced academically and socially and our classes are structured to provide equitable class sizes at each year level. Thank you so much for being positive with your child and for understanding that it can take a few weeks for your child to adjust to a new class, peer group and teacher. All of our staff will work hard to make school a positive experience for all of our students.

Together, I know we will make this school year one of growth and achievement for all children. Our school Acquaintance Night has been set for the early evening of Tuesday 11th February so please keep this evening free if you can – it would be super to see you all there. Meantime, please keep in touch with your class teachers and get in touch with us if you have any questions or queries. I hope to catch up with you all soon.

Warm regards,

Hazel Robertson

Principal