Welcome to the 2018 School Year –
I would like to say a huge welcome back to both our returning and new families in 2018. I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday break and that you had the opportunity to relax and unwind over the past few weeks. It has been wonderful to see the happy, smiling faces of all our students as they have returned to school this year. Today, we also welcomed 30 new Foundation students who have had a great first day. They all looked so happy to be starting their schooling journey and we are so proud of them all for how well they have settled in today. Congratulations to all our students for the positive way they have started off the school year and we are all very much looking forward to an enjoyable and productive 2018.

This year, we have also welcomed a number of new faces to our staff team for 2018. We would like to officially welcome the following staff members to our school:

- Kellie Canning – 1/2C
- Belinda Graham – Thompson – 3/4G
- Courtney Shiels – 3/4S
- Monica Lindsey – 5/6S
- Kelly Allan – 1/2A on Fridays, and classroom support
- Jo Gall – Education support staff member
- Jessica Delaney — Trainee in Foundation

On Monday the 29th and Tuesday the 30th of January, our staff team participated in 2 days of professional learning and development. Throughout the 2 days we focussed on the setting of high expectations, investigating our 2018 AIP (annual implementation plan), literacy and numeracy strategies, the setting up of our professional learning communities, as well as looking at the use of visible learning strategies in the classroom. It was a productive 2 days and has given our teachers the opportunity to be really prepared to deliver high quality educational programs to our students in 2018.

The start of a school year also means a change of school and house captains. It is with great pleasure that I can now announce our School and House captains for 2018:

- **School Captain**: Eva
- **School Captain**: Xavier
- **Vice School Captain**: Amy
- **Vice School Captain**: Cody
- **Reid House Captains**: Makybe and Patrick
- **Chisholm House Captains**: Jessie and Sienna
- **Murphy House Captains**: Emily and Thomas
- **Faithfull House Captains**: Nicholas and Sam
- **SRC Leaders**: Anika, Ella, Janied and Zarah

**Outside School Hours Care**-
On the 19th January, we were advised that Stepping Stones would not be continuing to provide OSHC services at our school as of yesterday. This means that we have had to begin the process of establishing a new service at our school. However, the short notice has meant that we have had to put into place interim care arrangements for families who previously used Stepping Stones. Unfortunately, until the new OSHC program is up and running, we are unable to take on new enrolments, unless there are exceptional circumstances or arrangements have been made with the Principal. We thank you for your patience as we work through this replacement process.
Thank-you-
A big thank-you to Steve, Carly, Thomas and Bailey Johnston for the work they did in the school grounds over the holidays. The grounds are looking fantastic and we all really appreciate the time and effort you all put into completing this work.

Exit and entry into the school grounds-
Just a quick reminder that students existing the school gate at the back of the school, should do so only under parent supervision. As students who leave via this gate must cross a busy car park, we are requesting that they only do so if accompanied by an adult. We also want to remind students who ride to school that they can ride their bikes into the school along the gravel road but must dismount once they reach the netball court. Finally, we would like to remind all members of our school community that cars should not be entering the school grounds between 8.30am – 9am, 3pm – 3.30pm, and during recess and lunchtimes in order to ensure student safety.

Media Consent Forms-
Media consent forms have been sent home with all students today. It is really important that parents fill these out and return to the school ASAP. If you require more information about these forms, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Student Illnesses-
We would like to ask for your co-operation in an important matter.
One of the children at our school is receiving medical treatment, which puts them at risk if they develop chicken pox or measles. The risk for this child can be reduced by receiving a special injection as soon as possible after coming in contact with these illnesses.

It is very important therefore, that you let us know immediately if your child or yourself are unwell or develops chicken pox or measles, so that the child at risk receives the protective injection at the earliest opportunity. This protection lasts for a few weeks only, and must be repeated every time they come into contact with these illnesses.

Your child is at no risk whatsoever from this situation. However, the health and wellbeing of one of her classmates does depend on your help and cooperation.

All students whose fees were paid in full were placed into the draw for the $100 Uniform Voucher from Work Locker. Congratulations to Christopher Munzel who was the lucky recipient.

Regards
Maree Moyle
Principal

From the Assistant Principal
Welcome to all families, old and new, to our Chisholm Street family. It has been very exciting to see all the students return happy and refreshed from their break. It has been especially exciting for me as I begin my role as Assistant Principal and I look forward to working with all students as the year progresses. I am excited to share with you some of the learnings and happenings within the school each week and providing compass tips and news at times throughout the year. Keep an eye out for my Compass Information Sessions later in the term.

Classroom Happenings
The link between home and school is so important to ensure that student learning is maximized.

Raisingchildren.net.au say:
When everybody is working together in the best interests of your child, they’re likely to reap academic and social benefits, like:

- attending school regularly
- achieving at school
- having a positive attitude towards school
- finishing school
- going on to some form of post-secondary education.

It is important that you know what your child is learning and are able to talk with them about what they are doing in the classroom. Each week I will provide a brief overview of what each unit is learning about in class to help you start these discussions at home.
Foundation:

We have warmly welcomed our new foundation students for 2018. Students have been focusing on settling into school and learning the school rules and routines.

Year 1/2:

The Grade 1’s have transitioned well from being the ‘babies’ of the school and are ready to tackle the year ahead and the grade 2’s have stepped up to lead their classes. They have started thinking about their unit “all about me” which has been incorporated throughout reading and writing topics. They are focusing on counting patterns in maths and are learning their new classroom rules and routines.

Year 3/4:

The 3/4 unit have welcomed their new teachers warmly and everyone is settling into their classes well. They have been focusing on organisation this week, including how the timetable will work, what they need to have ready for each session and the new rules and routines of their classrooms. They have been practicing adding adjectives in their writing and working on odd and even numbers in maths.

Year 5/6:

Our 5/6 students have been working hard to develop and define their classroom culture. They have been building expectations as a democracy where student voice is the key. They have completed various team building activities and introduced motivational incentives such as ‘Survivor’ and ‘Banquer’.

Specialists:

Our specialist classes will begin next week. These will remain the same as 2017 with students attending each specialist class for 1 hour per week. Cazz Hicks will teach Performing Arts, Lisa Gardner will teach Italian and Zoe Henschke will teach PE.

Compass Tips

The Compass Parent Portal is an integrated, online portal that you to access up-to-date and meaningful information about our school and your child’s progress. Compass includes many different features, including the ability to:

- Monitor your child’s attendance, and enter an explanation for absence or lateness
- Communicate with your child’s teachers
- Update your family contact information
- View your child’s timetable and the school calendar
- Download and view your child’s Semester Reports
- Book Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences

Logging In

To log in you will require your unique family username and password. Upon first login, you will be required to change your password and confirm your email address and mobile phone number. These details may be used by the school for SMS, password recovery and email communication throughout the year.

If you have lost your details or forgotten your password, you can recover your details by clicking the ‘Can’t access your account?’ link on the front page or contact the School Office.

Have a great week!

Andrea Matheson

Assistant Principal
For those families that are holders of a current healthcare card/pension card/concession card maybe eligible to receive a payment from Centrelink of $125 per child per year to assist in the payment of Camps, Sports and Excursions. This payment is made directly to the school and is tied to the student. If you feel you are eligible for this payment please call into the school office and complete an application form for us to process before Friday, 17 February.

The requirement for parents to complete and submit a new application for each year, has been removed from 2018. Parents that received CSEF at this school in 2017 do not need to complete an application form in 2018, providing there has been no change in their family circumstances. The school will apply for the CSEF on your behalf.

Volunteers Needed:
We are again seeking parent volunteers to be placed on the roster to assist with laundering the linen in our sick bay for 2018.

This involves stripping & making bed, collecting dirty items from room, washing items & returning them. Items are to be collected at end of school Friday & returned clean Monday morning. Generally you will only be required to wash the linen one or two times in a term, depending on how many parents we have on the roster.

Please see the office to add your name to the roster.

2018 Term 1 First Aid Roster

Friday, 9 February—Alyssa B
Friday, 16 February—Alison Wilson
  Friday, 23 February—
    Friday, 2 March—
    Friday, 9 March—
    Friday, 16 March—
    Friday, 23 March—
    Thursday, 29 March—

Song Writing Challenge

A group of students are writing a song for the competition for Music Count Us with assistance from Paris and Cazz. More information in the next few weeks.

WANTED/NEEDED

The Second Hand Uniform Shop welcomes donations of current school uniforms.

Please do not donate items that are in need of repair, are badly faded or stained. Donations can be left at the school office.

For those parents who wish to buy uniforms, they are located adjacent to the office, in the cupboard. We ask a gold coin donation for each item of clothing that can be paid to the office.
Where the Two Rivers Meet -
The Bpangerang Animal Song

This project was instigated by artist Kathleen Whelan and GANEAA (Goulburn and North East Arts Alliance), to create a song for Wangaratta’s Bulliawah Trail. Using stories from Bpangerang Elder, Uncle Freddie Dowling’s book, Grandpa Milawa Stories, songwriters Marisa Quigley and Racheal Oak Butler worked with 5/6 students and music teacher Cazz Hicks from Wangaratta Primary School to write this song. At the request of the Dirrawarra Indigenous Network, it was performed at the Marmungun Rock Hand Unveiling Ceremony during National Reconciliation Week and at the opening of the Bulliawah Trail.

Cd’s for Sale $5
Available from the
Wangaratta Government Centre
Tourist Information Centre
Wangaratta Primary School Office.
Breakfast Club Volunteers WANTED
Breakfast club runs on a Thursday morning from 8-8.45am. This program is currently run through the support of Anglicare Victoria and Carevan. Jointly they supply the food and the volunteers. They are now looking to hand over the role of the morning to parents. The food will continue to be supported by these organisations. There will be the need for a coordinator who can make sure that there is volunteers each week and order the food. The volunteers on the day need to set up, serve toast, cereal and milo, then clean up. The children enjoy the socialisation of this club as well as the ability to have some breakfast and chat with the volunteers. Please contact Tanya Grant at Anglicare on 0357237900 if you are interested in getting involved.

Bendigo Student Banking
Collection day for student banking is Friday.

Saver Plus
Saver Plus will match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to $500. To join you must have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, be at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself. For further information contact Donelle Walsh 0457 849 112 or 1300 610 355. Email dwalsh@berrystreet.org.au

3rd Little Duck Lunch Orders
On Line Orders must be made by 9pm on the Saturday. Written orders must be placed in the order tub at the school office FRIDAY mornings.

Children’s Online Safety Information Night
The Zonta Club of Wangaratta, with the sponsorship of the Rural City of Wangaratta has organised an information evening with Greg Gebhart from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner for Tuesday, 6 March 2018 Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre 7pm FREE ADMISSION

The presentation will provide an overview of how young people use technology, the risks they may be exposed to and advice and information.

Overseas Exchange Student
WEB is looking for Australian families to be volunteer families for exchange students in your home. SMS ‘HOST’ to 0428 246 633 for a free info pack, call 1300 884 733 or info@wep.org.au

The North East Multicultural Association
Is your child safe in the car? Is your child’s car seat properly fitted? Does my child really need a booster seat? When can my child travel in the front seat?

Bring your car! Get your child’s car seat checked by an expert! Learn more about the law!

Where: The Cultural Cottage and the Close Car Park
When: Wednesday, 7 February at 10.00am