WELCOME BACK
Once again, we are at the start of another school year. I hope that everyone had a wonderful break with their families. I trust that you had the opportunity to spend time doing what you enjoy and that you are now refreshed and ready for the upcoming year. I would like to say a special welcome to our new families and encourage them to become an active member of the Epping School Community. Epping School is a dynamic school that provides many different opportunities for students. The ability to do this depends upon the goodwill of our staff and parents. I look forward to another successful year at Epping. As always, if you have any queries, please contact the school office on 9876 1452. They will answer your question, find the answer and contact you or put you in touch with someone who can address your concern.

STAFF UPDATE
This year we welcome a number of new teachers to our school. We welcome Mr Le (5 days a week), Miss Dooley (5 days a week), Miss Kerr (5 days a week), Miss Graham (3 days a Week) and Mr Alice 1 (day a week). I am sure you will make them feel welcome and I look forward to them being part of our staff in 2015.

HOLDING CLASSES
As I have often stated our staff allocation is based directly on our student numbers. Over the holiday period we have a number of new families move into the area, families move out of the area and families who travel overseas without notice of whether they will be returning. At present we have 15 classes on our books but are only a few students short of forming a 16th class. I believe to put a child into a permanent class and then have to re arrange our classes can often have a negative effect on a student. Therefore we place students in holding classes in the knowledge that this may not be their permanent teacher. Students are placed in their 2015 grade. As always students will be placed in their permanent class once student number are confirmed. This will happen during next week.

CURRICULUM
A number of years ago there were concerns that students missed out on their learning due to these holding classes. However, we now have a strong team approach to planning and teaching and as such the content is in place. I can assure you that all students will commence immediately on the 2015 curriculum whether it is or is not their permanent teacher at the front of the room.

KINDY 2015
Our new kindergarten students will begin their Best Start Interviews this week. This involves them coming to the school for an hour or so. If you see new kindy parents at school please make them feel welcome. All of our kindergarten students will start full time next Monday 2 February.
DATES FOR THE DIARY
Mon 2 February our first newsletter will be sent home.
Thu 19 Feb school photos will be taken
Wed 25 Feb is Parent Information Evening
Thu 26 Feb is the school swimming carnival

CANTEEN
The canteen will re-open on Monday 2 February.

The Canteen is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday during lunch.

Monday is open, from 11:20am – 12:20pm, for snacks and ice blocks. There will be NO hot food or sandwiches on that day and no lunch orders will be accepted.
On Wednesday and Friday canteen will be open for hot food, snacks and ice blocks from 8:50am – 12:20pm. Please place lunch orders by 9:20am.

Mr John Ford
Principal