Welcome to the 2017 school year. I hope you all had a relaxing holiday full of quality family time. We were lucky to have such wonderful weather for most of the holidays. It has been great spending time in the playground listening to a variety of adventures the students have had over the break. I also loved seeing students looking very smart in school uniform. A reminder that students must wear a broad brimmed hat in the playground.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all last year's family members and extend a large welcome to all the new families who have joined our Albany Primary School community. We hope 2017 is an enjoyable school year for all.

I am looking forward to being Principal of Albany Primary School for Term I working alongside Ben Goldsmith and Jenny McSevich as the Deputies.

It is great to see most of last year's staff back on 'teacher duty' this year. We do welcome some new faces to our teaching staff: Michael Gardiner, Jane Connelly, Jane Stein, Sue Wilson, Tanya Wilson and Breanna Wright.

New faces to our support staff are Vaughn Hanbury: Gardener, Deb Doak: Social Worker and Susan Anderson: Chaplain. Some teachers who were working part time at our school are now taking on additional time.

Below are a list of the teachers and the room numbers where they are located.

Room 1: Mrs Hennig
Room 2: Mrs Perrella and Mrs T Wilson
Room 3: Mrs Pietropaolo and Mrs S Wilson
Room 4: Mrs Walmsley
Room 5: Mrs Hooper
Room 6: Mrs Cooper and Mrs Enright
Room 7: Mrs Whitfort
Room 8: Ms Mitchell
Room 9: Miss Reynolds
Room 10: Mr Grey and Mrs Enright
Room 13: Miss Norman
Room 15: Mrs Mercer
Room 16: Mrs Connelly
Room 17: Mrs Stein
Room 18: Mrs Offer
Room 20: Mr Gardiner
Room 21: Mrs White
Room 22: Mr Wylie
Room 23: Mrs Jay

Over the holidays you will have noticed that our room numbers have changed. Maps have been placed around the school and I have included one in the newsletter so that you can become accustomed to the new room numbers.

There have also been some wonderful additions to our school surroundings such as the extra paving alongside the junior playground, new seats near the bottom carpark, pictures on the walls and the front office and staffroom have been painted. The school community thanks Brian Lee for his enormous effort over the holidays to complete these tasks. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Julie Brooks, Serena McLauchlan, David Edgar and Cassie Brooks for fixing our ‘Ride the Wave’. Take the time to check it out, it looks fantastic.

Once again the term is filling up with activities. The major event this term will be the Swimming Carnival in Week 4. Over the next week this event will be organised, so if you are free don’t forget to offer your assistance at the carnival.

I look forward to catching up with all the students over the next few weeks.

Deidre Jones
Principal
Welcome back to school for 2017. The P&C managed to get a jump start on the school year by reinstalling the “Ride the Wave” Mural. A huge thank you to Serena McLauchlan and all her helpers. Let’s hope it’s here to stay.

If you are not aware what our P&C does at APS please take a moment to read the attached pamphlet. We are recruiting new members for 2017 as many of our members have left or will be leaving the school at the end of the year. There is a role for everyone so please don’t be afraid to contact us via our email albanyprimaryschoolpandc@gmail.com for more information.

I have been lucky enough to meet many new friends and learn new skills during my various roles on the P&C. It’s a place for everyone and a chance to discover skills and talents that you never knew you had. Most importantly, you have an active voice in your child’s education.

We look forward in meeting new faces at our AGM which will be held on Monday 13th February at 7pm in the staff room.

We are also looking for volunteers for our canteen and uniform shop. If you have a spare 2 hours once a term please contact either Kay or Tracey in the canteen on 9842 7422 or Rowena at the uniform shop. apsuniformcoordinator@outlook.com

Hope you are all having a fantastic first week,

Julie Brooks
P&C President

Parking Issues
Thank you to everyone for our smooth start to the year. We do understand that parking is at a premium, especially in these few weeks with new families. It has been pleasing to see everyone being polite and careful when driving in our carparks and the roads around the school area. We have been contacted by ASHS to request that parents refrain from parking in their staff carpark off Suffolk Road. New signage will be going up later this week to clearly show the ASHS staff allocated bays. Both Albany Primary and Albany Senior High School would appreciate your assistance in this matter.