Principal’s Report
Welcome back to a year of excitement and achievement. We will begin this year with 37 enrolments. Welcome to our new nine Kinder students and families. Years One and Two are being very supportive and working hard. Year 3 students seem to be coping well in the BIG classroom. Years 4 and 6 are settled and have already indicated they are taking their leadership roles seriously. All the students appear well rested and healthy ready for 2016. We hope everyone will enjoy their time at Delegate Public School.

Just a few changes but most notably a change to bell times
Morning 8:30 to 8:45am seated in 3456 classroom
8:45 - 9:05am outside
‘Crunch & Sip’ 9:45 - 9:55am
Fitness 10:30 to 10:50am
Recess 10:50 -11:10am 5 minutes eating/sitting time
1st Lunch 1:10pm - 1:30pm 10 minutes eating/sitting time; Library 1:30pm -1:50pm only
Thursdays
2nd Lunch 1:30pm-1:50pm
Class Dismissal 3:00pm
Bus Duty 3:05pm

Scripture will only be fortnightly. If you do not wish your child to attend Scripture with Sister Therese or Reverend Bob please let the staff know.

Literacy and Numeracy groups will begin Week 3. We are anticipating a settling in period but we are very optimistic that these groups will further enhance individual learning outcomes.

Enjoy the beginning of Term One, it’s already February!!!

Carol Sellers
Principal

Around the School
Welcome to Kindergarten
A huge welcome to our Kindergarten class of 2016. They have had a fun and productive first few days at ‘big school’ making new friends, learning routines and exploring the school. It’s always lovely to see lots of smiley and bubbly students.

Monaro Excellence in Education Award
It was such a huge honour to be awarded the Monaro Excellence in Education Award at last years Presentation Night and I am truly very appreciative. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and parents for their wonderful support and tireless work – teaching is a true team effort! A special mention also goes to Emily and Lincoln who did a splendid job presenting the award to me on the night – Mrs Bucholtz
Classroom News

This fortnight in K12

K12 have been participating in the Back to School unit. This two week unit focuses on developing a positive learning environment, establishing friendships and healthy and safe practices at school. Last week the class worked with support buddies, developed and shared their own profiles, created class rules and learnt about being a good friend. This week the students will explore sun safety in the playground, good hygiene practices and road safety when arriving/departing at school.

Photo: Kindergarten learning about friendship/Brainstorm of our class culture using Wordle

Important Dates

Week 2

Thursday 4th February
Best Start Kindergarten Assessment

Friday 5th February
Swimming Carnival @ Bombala (8 years old+)
Best Start Kindergarten Assessment
K1 & remaining Yr. 2 students in the kitchen

Week 3

Monday 8th February
Literacy groups commence

Tuesday 9th February
Best Start letter home to parents

Platy pus Pride Award

Gabrielle Kidd

Responsible
Supporting her Kindergarten buddy in the classroom

Reading Corner

Due to Home Reader journals being out of stock we will not commence Home Readers until Week 4 at the earliest.
**Student Spotlight**

Crystal

- What is your favourite food? Spaghetti
- What is your favourite activity at Delegate Public School? Maths
- What do you like about living in Delegate? I can have lots of dogs
- What would you like to be when you grow up? A princess

**Message Board**

**Best Start Assessment**

The *Best Start Kindergarten Assessment* helps teachers identify the literacy and numeracy skills that each child brings to school as they end Kindergarten. These assessments help the teacher to develop quality teaching and learning programs that cater to the needs of each student. All public school Kindergarten students will undertake this assessment. Each assessment takes approximately 45 minutes and will be completed 1:1 with Mrs Bucholtz this week. A letter with further information will be sent home. If you have any further questions please don’t hesitate to contact Mrs Bucholtz.

**School Hat Policy**

During Term 1 and Term 4 all students are required to wear a school bucket hat when playing in the sun. This is to ensure good sun protection. If students are not wearing a school hat they must play in the shade. Sunscreen is also available in both classrooms and students are encouraged to Slip, Slop, Slap each playtime. School hats need to stay at school to ensure the students have a hat to wear.

**Bus Travel**

To be eligible for travel on a school bus students must be residing more than 1.6 kilometres walking distance from the nearest transport pick up point, however, students attending Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2 or have a diagnosed disability are exempt from the walking distance criteria. Bus drivers have designated pick up points and can not alter the route. It is essential that you inform the bus driver and the school separately of any changes in routine.

**Attachments**

- Swimming information/ and permission note
- School Student Transport Scheme
Celebrating a wonderful 2015

On Thursday 10th December the school community came together to celebrate a wonderful year of learning and growing at Delegate Public School. As the sun set the students enjoyed playing games with the families on the oval. This was followed by a delicious dinner served in the school kitchen. The night finished off with some dancing and games in the K12 classroom. A huge thank you to everyone who came along to celebrate with us!