## Term 1
### February
- 14th: Friday - P&C Meeting (1:30 pm)
- 20th: Thursday - Waterview Principal Meeting at Rollingstone SS - 1pm-4pm (Lydia away)

### March
- 13th: Thursday - Q SIL Training in Townsville (Lydia away)
- 14th: Friday - Q SIL Training in Townsville (Lydia away)

### April
- 5th: Saturday - Easter Holidays Commence

## Term 2
### April
- 22nd: Tuesday - Term 2 Commences
- 25th: Friday - ANZAC DAY

### May
- 13th: Tuesday - NAPLAN (Year 3, 5 & 7) Language Conventions & Writing
- 14th: Wednesday - NAPLAN (Year 3, 5 & 7) Reading
- 15th: Thursday - NAPLAN (Year 3, 5 & 7) Numeracy
- 21st: Wednesday - NQ Region Principals’ Forum – Townsville (Lydia away)
- 22nd: Thursday - NQ Region Principals’ Forum – Townsville (Lydia away)

### June
- 28th: Saturday - June/July school holidays commence

## Term 3
### July
- 14th: Monday - Term 3 Commences
- 18th: Friday - Waterview Sport’s Day at Helen’s Hill SS
- 25th: Friday - Small Schools Sports Day at George Day Oval

### August
- 8th: Friday - Barnes Cup at Forrest Beach SS
- 17th - 22nd: All Week - Ingham Arts Festival

### September
- 3rd - 5th: Wednesday - School Camp – Magnetic Island
- 20th: Saturday - September/October holidays commence

## Term 4
### October
- 6th: Monday - Labour Day Public Holiday
- 7th: Tuesday - Term 4 commences
- 20th: Monday - Pupil Free Day

### December
- 13th: Saturday - Summer holidays commence
Dear Students, Parents/Carers & Staff,

Firstly, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Lydia Jamieson and I am so excited to be the new principal of Mutarnee State School. I have absolutely loved my first week working with the dedicated staff and fantastic students at Mutarnee. It has also been wonderful to meet the parents. I have heard that you are a very committed and helpful group. I look forward to working with you.

A little about myself - I was previously the principal at Abergowrie SS and before that at Booyal Central SS near Bundaberg and I have moved to the school residence at Mutarnee with my husband Ryan. So I have a lot of experience working as a teaching principal and I understand the demands of the role as well as the enormous benefits this job has. I have a reputation of working hard and having high expectations of all key stakeholders such as parents and staff, as well as for the students themselves.

As I think it is essential that parents/carers play a huge role in their child/ren's education, I think it is important to notify you of everything that is happening in the school.

For instance, the school priorities for this year are:
- Reading
- Writing
- Attendance
- School & Staff Capacity Building

In 2014, the school will be participating in a Teaching & Learning Audit, Discipline Audit, School Audit as well as a Quadrennial School Review (QSR). These are completed in consultation with parents to ensure that your likes, dislikes, concerns and suggestions are acknowledged and responded to.

I will be looking at providing some workshops later this term for parents to assist you to maximise your reading experiences with your child/ren. Reading is crucial in their education and the love and interest of reading also needs to come from the home.

Please don't hesitate to call, text or email me if you have any questions or queries. I will be able to let you know of a suitable time and make an appointment to talk face to face. The details are above.

**Homework**

Homework will begin next week. The students will receive a homework grid and there will be a sheet that explains the process. They will also have to learn their spelling words and continue with home reading every night. The homework grid is a fortnightly task, not weekly.

**Attendance**

_Every lesson, every day counts._ It is vital that the students attend school every day in order to learn. To encourage high attendance I have a rewards program. Each student marks their attendance with a star in the morning. If your child has a 95% attendance rate or better for the term, I will reward them with a fun day on the last day of term. Unfortunately, I have to make it clear that if your child misses many days they will not be able to enjoy the fun experiences. Legitimate absences such as illnesses (doctors certificate supplied and other emergencies will come with special consideration.

If your child/ren will be away from school, please ensure that you notify the school with either a phone call, email, text message or letter in the communication book.

**Behaviour**

As you are aware, the school has a Responsible Behaviour Plan. This plan is a guideline for behaviour across the school. We have very high expectations for the students, staff and families when it comes to behaviour. The three school rules are: _Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Be Safe._
Communication Book
As you are aware I have implemented a communication book. The letter in the front of the book explains the purpose and processes for this form of communication. Please don’t hesitate to add comments, ask questions or add highlights from home. This may include stories or photos of vacations, pets etc. The children will be able to share these with their friends as well.

Enrolment Agreement
New enrolment agreements are enclosed with this newsletter. Please complete and return at your earliest convenience.

Textbooks
The P&C has purchased New Wave Mental Maths and Grammar Conventions textbooks for each student. Invoices have also been attached to this newsletter. Please send payments to school as per school uniform procedure.

P&C Meeting
The first P&C Meeting for the year will be held on Friday 14th February at 1:30pm. All parents/carers are invited to attend.

School Uniforms & Hats
School uniform shirts can be purchased from the school through the P&C for $25. Black school hats are also available for $10.

Contact Details
It is important to ensure that the school has updated details such as phone numbers and email addresses in case we need to notify you for any reason. If you have any changes, please notify the school through the communication book.

Thank you for making me feel so welcome here at Mutarnee State School.

Kind regards,

Lydia Jamieson
Principal