Dear Students, Parents/Carers & Staff,

I hope you’ve all had an enjoyable time over the last couple of weeks. I certainly have. I spent the first week of the holidays in Lakefield National Park catching barramundi and being stalked by crocodiles. Then, after a few days in Brisbane celebrating my brother’s wedding, I’ve been at school preparing for the term. I can’t wait to get into the teaching and learning. I know that Ms Isabel has also put in a huge effort preparing engaging lessons and an engaging room for the younger students.

Our aim this term is the same as it always is. To push our students to deliver the best that they can. In the first semester, ALL Mutarnee State School students earned a ‘C’ or higher on their report cards for all subjects. This was pleasing. This semester, we want more students to achieve a ‘B’ or higher. To make this happen, over the first two weeks of the term, students will identify goals for reading, spelling, numeracy and behaviour. They will also identify what they need to do to achieve these goals. We need your help to push your
child/ren at home so that they can achieve these goals. Ask your child/ren what their goals are and how they’re going with them.

I would like to welcome Donna Lewis back to our school for the first three weeks of term. Donna is a third year JCU Education student who is completing her prac with us. She will be teaching and observing in the P-2 classroom.

Positive Partnership Meetings
Going home with this newsletter will be an invitation to have a Positive Partnership Meeting with your child and the classroom teacher. It is a great opportunity to discuss report card results and direction for this term. Your involvement in your child/ren’s education is so important and this is a great opportunity to discuss how we can work together to enable your child/ren to achieve his/her best. That’s what we all want!

The meetings are also a great opportunity to discuss where your child is in relation to year level targets and how we’re aiming to move them to meet and exceed those targets.

Absences
From the start of this term, we will be implementing a new system relating to student absences. The safety of all students is our priority. With this in mind, should a student be absent, the parents/caretaker will receive a text message informing them of the student’s absence first thing in the morning. They will also be asked to confirm a reason for the student’s absence. If the parent is not aware that the student is absent, action can be taken immediately. Obviously, if you are aware that your child is going to be absent, please inform a staff member and no text message will be required to be sent.

School Opinion Survey
Going home with this newsletter will be the details required for you to complete a School Opinion Survey online. The survey is anonymous. You will require internet access to complete the survey. If you would prefer, you could complete the survey at school. There is a great opportunity to do this after the next P&C meeting. It’s really important that you express your opinion so that we can improve on what we are doing here at the school.

P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting will be held at school on Thursday, July 21 at 2:30pm. It would be great to see you there!

Tuckshop
Tuckshop will be available as normal this Friday, July 15.

Medicine
If your child needs to take medicine whilst he/she is at school, there is some paperwork that needs to be handed in with the medicine in order for school staff to administer the medication. Please collect this form from school and complete as necessary.

School Rules
This semester we will be reflecting more heavily on our three school rules-

1. Be Safe
2. Be Responsible
3. Be Respectful

I will be recognising a student every week who displays their observance of the school rules.

Kind regards,
Keith Poulter
Acting Principal