Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It has been a wonderful first week back at school after my long service leave. I have really enjoyed sharing my travel adventures with some of the classes. I would like to thank Mrs Griffiths and Mr McNee for their leadership while I was away.

While I was away, I was extremely thrilled to hear the news that our school had made vast improvements in our NAPLAN results. This achievement has occurred through the work of all teachers and an increased focus on working with students to set learning goals and monitor their own levels of achievement. I would like to congratulate and thank my staff who have been united in their approach to making sure every child is progressing and achieving to their potential.

We have a number of new families starting with us this term and I would like to welcome them to the Dakabin Community. This term has started with excitement with a number of school events on the horizon.

Firstly, our student council are running a fundraiser to support drought affected areas in Queensland. With the support of Trevor Ruthenburg, our local Member of Parliament, we are holding a "Whip around Winton" dress up day where students, staff and parents are encouraged to come in "country attire" of boots, jeans, checked shirts and big hats!!! Bring a gold coin donation to support the township of Winton. The funds are going to support the Royal Flying Doctor Mental Health initiative and the Winton CWA to support women in the bush. This fundraiser will be held on Thursday 16 October.

Our second big event is an arts performance called The Wonderful World of Roald Dahl. This famous children’s author wrote many classic favourites including Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, The BFG, George’s Marvellous Medicine and many others. This performance is on Wednesday 15th October. Please make sure payments and permission forms are returned to the office. Cost is $8 per child and no refunds are available. The last date for payments is Tuesday 14th October at 9:30am.

Swimming for our students in Prep to Year 3 starts later this term. Information letters went out late last term in regards to alerting parents of this program. The total cost is $72.50. Invoices will be sent home with permission letters next week. As this is a significant cost to parents, please remember you can enter a payment plan through Nichole Meehan the Business Services Manager in the office.

Term 4 is usually an action packed term with these kinds of events along with Celebration Evening, Year 6/7 Graduation, the Interhouse Choir Competition and Christmas Carols. Date Claimers will be in the newsletters in coming weeks to let parents know these exact dates.

In the coming weeks we will be starting our preparations for 2015. There will be more information in the newsletter next week about our 2015 procedures.

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Kelly Jeppesen
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