Dear Parents

Welcome to the 2016 School Year
A warm welcome to both new and returning families for the 2016 school year. Students were keen to share their holiday news and are ready for another year of caring, sharing and learning. A very special welcome to our Kindergarten students - Rachael Whillock, Olivia Westwood and Hunter McInnes.

I am looking forward to the year ahead as Relieving Principal at Ballimore Public School. I have a passion for teaching and have enjoyed the warm welcome from the amazing children, caring parents and hardworking and professional staff.

School Newsletter
Weekly School Newsletters are sent home each Tuesday. Attached is the Term 1 Calendar. Please display for easy reference. Newsletters, calendars, photo albums and DEC updates can be found on the school website www.ballimore-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Staffing 2016
Mrs Jenny Tremain will teach Junior students on Tuesday and Thursday, and Mrs Katrina Crowley, Student Learning Support Officer, will be at school on Monday, Thursday and Friday. Robyn Irwin, School Administration Manager, will be in the office Tuesday and Thursday and every second Monday. Joining our teaching team is Miss Faith Wallace who will be teaching Library, Science and Drama.

Chinese New Year
Students will celebrate Chinese New Year this Friday 5 February with fun activities and a Chinese Banquet lunch. Students will have a Mufti Day and are encouraged to wear red, orange or yellow. 2016 is the Year of the Monkey.

Parents & Citizens Association
A General Meeting will be held next Wednesday 10 February from 1:30pm to 3pm. Discussion will include the P&C Auction Canteen and Term 1 activities. All parents are encouraged to attend.

The next P&C Auction Canteen will be held on Sunday 21 February at the Ballimore Carnival Ground. Please claim the date. Remember, ‘Many hands make light work.’

Best Start Assessment
The Best Start Assessment for Kindergarten students will be held on Thursday 11 February.

Swimming Program 2016
Our Swimming Program will be held this Thursday 4 February and Friday 5 February at the Geurie Pool. Lessons will also be held next week on Tuesday 9 February and Wednesday 10 February. A qualified swimming instructor will conduct lessons for all students. Students need to wear swimmers and a rashie and bring lunch and crackers, recess, water bottle, towel, underwear and school uniform. We will depart school at 8:45am and return by 11:30am. A transport roster is attached.

Small Schools Swimming Carnival
The Dubbo Wellington Small Schools Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 12 February at the Dubbo Aquatic Centre. Parents will need to transport children to and from the pool. Permission Notes are due by 5 February.

Diary
Week 2
Tuesday 2 February: Kindergarten commences
Thursday 4 February: Swimming Lessons at Geurie Pool
Friday 5 February: Swimming Lessons at Geurie Pool

Week 3
Tuesday 9 February: Chinese New Year Banquet
Wednesday 10 February: Swimming Lessons at Geurie Pool
Thursday 11 February: Kinder Best Start Assessment
Friday 12 February: Swimming Carnival - Dubbo

Melinda Salter
Relieving Principal
2 February 2016