Welcome Back

What a wonderful day the first day of school is! We welcomed all of our Year 1 to Year 6 students today and it was lovely to see everyone so excited to be back at school. Thank you to all of the parents and caregivers who ensured that our students returned in school uniform. How great everyone looked! I would also like to welcome our new students and families. We know you will find Windang Public a great place to learn.

Students have met their new teachers for the year. Classes and staff members for 2016 are:
- Kindergarten (KD) - Mrs Elena Dimoski (Relieving Assistant Principal with responsibility for K—2)
- Year 1 (1E) - Mr Richard Ellis
- Year 2 (2PM) - Ms Michelle Papesch and Mrs Kylie McCarthy
- Year 3 (3M) - Mrs Vanessa McDonald
- Year 4 (4M) - Ms Sandi Morris
- Year 5/6 (5/6L) - Mr Chris Laird
- Year 5/6 (5/6G) - Mrs Trish Gardiner
- Learning and Support Teacher: Ms Ambre Chapman (Assistant Principal with responsibility for 3-6)
- Library and Learning Hub— Mrs Kylie McCarthy
- School Counsellor—Mr Rowland Hay (day to be advised)
- School Administration Manager—Mrs Sally Cosgrove
- School Administration Officer— Mrs Tracy Carroll (relieving Monday—Wednesday)
- General Assistant— Mr Noel Fullager
- Cleaner—Mr Manuel Mallia
- Canteen—Mrs Mel Stephenson
- Principal—Mrs Susan Tolhurst

After nearly four years, it is exciting to be home. I have missed the staff, students and community while I have been away. We really have a unique school with such a warm, welcoming feeling and I’m looking forward to working with everyone once again.

I wish to sincerely thank all members of the school community who have worked so hard over the past few years to keep Windang Public the special place it is. I especially wish to thank Alisa McDonald and Janine Hopwood who have so expertly led the school in my absence.

I appreciate the warm welcome I received from so many members of the community today and I look forward to catching up with everyone over the next few weeks.
First Day Photo Booth

As a first day treat, we operated a school photo booth throughout the day. There were some terrific photos taken to celebrate our return to school. Students took group and individual photos and we even had a few family shots.

Photos will be printed this week-end and will be available to purchase from Monday, February 1 at a cost of 50 cents per photo. They can be purchased from student leaders before 9am each day until Friday, February 5.

Group shots can be reordered with payment prior to printing. They will then be delivered to students after printing.

School Crossing Upgrade

Wollongong City Council has advised that during the first half of this year our school crossing will receive an upgrade. The proposed work will include the construction of new road blisters, gutter grate and footpath.

The letter from Wollongong City Council and the plan for the works are on display on the school noticeboard.

School Swimming Carnival

The school swimming carnival will be held on Friday, February 5 at Berkeley Swimming Pool. Students that are turning 8 this year or over who can confidently swim 50 metres or more are invited to compete.

Interested students have received permission notes today and they must be returned by Tuesday 2nd February. Parents who are able to assist with the running of the carnival are asked to contact Miss Chapman or Mrs McDoanld.
The sporting year starts immediately with sporting trials that some of our students may wish to participate in.

**Mid-South Cricket Trials (Years 3—6 students)**

The parents/caregivers of students, boys or girls, who are interested in participating in the Mid-South Cricket Trials are asked to contact the office by **Friday, 29 January by 11:15am** as the trials are on Monday, 1 February.

Information and permission notes have already been provided to some interested students. Names will be provided to the convenor by 12pm tomorrow.

**Boys and Girls Mid-South Basketball Trials (Years 3-6 students)**

Any student who is interested in participating in the Mid-South Basketball trials is asked to see Mrs McDonald for information.
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