Welcome back to 2015 at Maroubra Junction Public School.

Welcome back to everyone! Once again this year, our office and teaching staff have worked very hard to ensure the transition into the new school year is as smooth as possible. This morning's welcome assembly provided us with a very positive start and I'm happy to report that all classes seem very settled.

When it comes to children settling into a new class, some take it in their stride while others take a bit more time. The best way to help your child is to show an interest as the child explains any concerns, remain calm and respond positively, acknowledge concerns and be supportive, and focus on examples of times in the past when changes have turned out to be really good. Also, give them time. If children get the idea that they can run away from changes, they will never learn resilience or the skills to adapt.

If you have questions or concerns, feel free to make a time to chat with your child’s class teacher. There is also an assistant principal who supervises each stage who is able to assist with questions. They are:

- **Kindergarten**: Easter Carmeli
- **Year 1 & 2**: Nickie Karas
- **Year 3 & 4**: Lauren Roberts
- **Year 5 & 6**: Trisha Noble

As well, there is Catherine Pierce, our deputy principal, who can assist parents and students with their questions.

We also welcome Zoe Baeten (1Z), Christina Cignetti (KM) Danielle Bambridge (3B), Karen Middleton (1K) and Amanda Abeni (1SA) to our teaching staff and welcome back Caroline Durstan and Allisa McCormack from maternity leave.

Our total enrollment has grown considerably this year. We are anticipating approximately 680 children in 27 classes. I’d like to warmly welcome the many new families to our school.

The P&C will hold a special welcome barbecue and a student disco on Friday February 20. More details will be published next week.

Our newsletter goes home every Wednesday and is also uploaded onto our web page and a smartphone application.

It’s great to back in this wonderful school and I look forward to another highly successful year ahead.

**Matt Ackerman**
Principal (rel)
2015 Class Structure
Deputy Principal (rel): Catherine Pierce

Kindergarten:
KA Allira Carlon
KS Sharon Guider
KC Aneesa Cummins
KF Caitlin French
KM Christina Cignetti
Easter Carmeli (Assistant Principal)

Year One:
1B Gina Batzakis
1SA Sandra Mather / Amanda Abeni
1G Melinda Gimblett
1K Karen Lucas / Karen Middleton
1Z Zoe Baeten

Year Two:
2F Brian Franki
2K Nickie Karas (Assistant Principal)
2V Helen Vogel
2Z Areri Zouroudis

Year Three:
3B Danielle Bambridge
3T Elizabeth Tulip
3F Michael Fitzsimmons
3/4R Lauren Roberts
(Assistant Principal, rel)

Year Four:
4Y Keryn Yook
4B Jessica Boyne
4G Alyssa Glenn

Year Five:
5G Jeff Gold
5R Merryn Ross
5L Karen Livermore / Ana Andreu

Year Six:
6W Bradley Wiblen
6H Winnie Ho
6N Trisha Noble (Assistant Principal)

Support Staff
Learning Support St 1 / Reading Recovery Elke Smart
Learning Support St 2 Julie Smith
Learning Support St 3 Easter Carmeli / Julie Smith
Relief Teacher Caroline Durstan
Relief Teacher Allisa McCormack
EAL/D / 5L Ana Andreu
EAL/D Sue Ellenden
EAL/D Lois Worsley
Library Sue Mirow
Greek Mary Stamatellis
Mandarin Hongjin Wu

Information Nights
Parent information nights will be held during weeks three and four of this term as follows:

Tuesday, 10th February
Year 1  5.45-6.30pm
Year 2  6.30-7.15pm
Year 3  7.15-8.00pm

Wednesday, 11th February
Year 4  5.45-6.30pm
Year 5  6.30-7.15pm
Year 6  7.15-8.00pm

Tuesday, 17th February
Kindergarten  6.00-6.45pm

Parents should go straight to their child’s classroom to meet with the class teacher. A map showing classroom locations is displayed outside the office.

Swimming Carnival
Our annual Swimming Carnival will be held at Des Renford Aquatic Centre on Wednesday, 4th February. The carnival is open to students in Years 3-6 and any Year 2 students who turn 8 this year and are able to swim 50 metres without stopping.

Full details will be distributed to students via a note today.

Holiday Works
During the holidays we have had the stairwell in the Library block repainted, work on a drain outside the Library, seating around trees in the Landscape area and a new concertina door organised for the two rooms above the Library (1Z and 1G).

The Randwick Council has also worked on the Moverly St crossing making it a more visible and usable crossing.

Our school strongly recommends that students needing to cross Moverly Rd use the new pedestrian crossing.

KISS & GO
Parents may register to use the kiss & go zone for afternoon pick-ups at the following link:
http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YXVH2GD
If you are already registered, there is no need to re-register. Please note that kindergarten children will not be allowed to use kiss & go until term two unless they have an older sibling who can collect them from the classroom and take them to kiss & go in the afternoon.

Please note that once you are registered to use kiss & go, parents must make arrangements with their children in the morning. It is not possible to pass messages on to children during the day about kiss & go except in an emergency situation.