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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A happy new year and, a warm welcome to the start of a new school year and, in particular, welcome to new parents and caregivers to our school. This newsletter is a brief reminder of dates and activities occurring in the first weeks of school. Last year our final school newsletter was posted to parents containing a calendar of school events. Our first extensive school newsletter will be posted later in the term.

EARLY FINISH ON WEDNESDAYS:

This year we have timetabled a Professional Learning slot which will occur on Wednesday from 2.25pm. At this time students will be released, although supervision will be provided for bus students and other students if required until 3.20pm, in the school library. Last year we scheduled Professional Learning in Terms 2 and 3 which was very successful and worthwhile. The focus of our professional learning will continue to be the implementation of the new curriculum, ICT professional development and a continuation of our new approach to 'Getting to know your students'.

The Board values the importance of staff professional development and this programme continues as a result of the past year's success. This programme will begin this *Wednesday, 10th February*.

SPORTING EVENTS:

The Athletics Sports takes place at Porritt Stadium on *Wednesday, 17th February*. All students are required to attend and parents are most welcome to support their son or daughter on the day. Students generally make their own way to Porritt Stadium however, buses will be provided with a charge of \$3. Students should be at the Stadium by 8.45am and will be dismissed at approximately 3pm.

The Swimming Sports will be held at the Municipal Pools on *Wednesday, 3rd March*. This event is for competitors only. Buses will run as for the Athletic Sports.

Students can wear mufti to both the Athletics and Swimming events however, they are encouraged to wear House colours and all competitors to wear appropriate athletic gear.

YEAR 9 PARENT EVENING:

A reminder of the Year 9 Parent Evening on *Thursday, 25th February, 7.30pm* in the Auditorium (front of school). We encourage all Parents/Caregivers to attend to meet the Principal, Senior Management, Deans and Form Teachers.

Yours sincerely,

Kelvin S. Whiting
Principal