Welcome to a new school year. Staff returned to school yesterday and spent a highly productive preparing for the year ahead, day welcoming new staff (including me), and enjoying each other’s company. It was great today to be greeted by students and parents returning with smiling faces and having brief conversations around the happy holiday period just completed. As I visited rooms throughout the day, I was impressed with the quick way our students “reconnected” back into learning and engaged with their teachers in such a positive way.

We welcome the following students who commenced today. Trent (5H), Hayden (5H), Jessikah (2G), Jorjah (P/1T) Mikhela (3/4), Issajah (3/4H), Raukura (2G) Matariki (3/4), and of course to all of our wonderful new Prep students. Several other students will be starting across different grade levels in coming weeks which I will welcome in due course.

We welcome new staff; Mrs Lauren Salajan 1/2S, Ms Georgie Tait (6T) Ms Deb Ferrari (ES support) and Mr Matt Coop (Welfare Support). Welcome back also to Ms. Sarah Handscomb (3/4H) who returns to Elliminyt after 12 months leave. We trust that you find working at Elliminyt Primary School to be a rewarding experience in 2014 and beyond.

First Day
Our thirty-three Preps arrived at school looking very smart in their new uniforms with beaming smiles on faces. They quickly settled into routine and, I no doubt, enjoyed their first day of school. However, by the time 2.00 p.m. came they were ready for home and some well-earned rest.

We held a “special” assembly for Years 1 – 6 students which was admirably conducted by our two school captains Talon and Tilly. Our next assembly will be next Monday in the EPEE Centre beginning at 9am approx. Please feel free to attend any Monday assembly as we welcome the presence and support of parents.

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House Captains Elections
Election of House Captains will be conducted next week for each of our four house teams from our Year 6 student group. Ms Tait informed the students today of what is expected in this regard.

XO program Reminder
Teachers are continuing their training in preparation for the introduction of the XO computer program in term 1. The cost of the XO program is $20 per child per year and for that, each student will receive their own individual laptop device. We hope the majority of parents can make some payment toward this initiative ASAP please. The Parent Computer Lease Agreement for parents to sign will be forwarded in coming weeks.

Facebook Concern
A concerned parent asked us if we could please remind our entire parent group of the important responsibility that we all hold in maintaining our students’ privacy. Publishing images of any students onto public sites like FACEBOOK without the express permission of the child’s parent can create problems for individual students and their families. Please consider. Thanks.

If you have any concerns please be sure to contact your child’s teacher or call the office. I will be happy to help wherever I can, as will all staff, to ensure our students and families are supported. Office Ph: 52315208

I am looking forward to the upcoming term and I hope many of you can contribute in some way to making the school improve on the fantastic reputation it has currently in the local community in 2014.

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