Welcome to Term 1 everyone. It has been lovely to have been welcomed so warmly by the staff, students and families and although it has been a very busy start to the school year it has been a very pleasant one.

A special welcome to all our new families and to our Kindergarten students who will be starting school tomorrow.

We hope to have classes finalised by the end of tomorrow, and if all continues to go well, students should come home on Friday afternoon knowing which room they are in and who their class teacher for the year will be.

Also a reminder that our swimming carnival is on Thursday the 12th of February, and notes have gone home today.

I am very much looking forward to working with the staff, students and families here at Bungendore Public School this year and look forward to meeting anyone I haven't caught up with yet.

Narelle Lloyd
Principal
Defence News 2015

As 2015 begins, I would like to welcome the new families (Brummell and Sullivan families) to our school, as well as make everyone aware of some exciting events and refresh your memories about my role as DSTA.

DCO has a monthly email detailing all the current activities and events for the ACT and surrounding areas, if you do not already receive this valuable information you can email dco.canberra@defence.gov.au and ask to be added to the mailing list or “like” them on their Facebook page. Alternatively give them a call on 62658777.

As of January 1st 2014, the National ADF Family Health Program came into effect. This scheme allows recognised dependents of serving personnel to claim “gap” expenses incurred for medical visits and some allied health services. You do need to register to be eligible, further details are on the flyer attached.

There are many other support services and schemes available for dependents of serving members that you may or may not be aware of. I have included some other flyers which may be of interest to you. If you need any information at all, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am never too busy to talk to parents regarding any issue.

This term I hope to organise a family get together at the Bungendore pool one Friday afternoon, I appreciate that many families have time constraints, but it would be fabulous to get as many families together as possible.

We will start the year with a welcome Morning Tea on Friday 6th February (flyer attached).

Defence Club for the children will continue on as last year and will be held on Wednesdays at lunchtime in Mrs Nicholls’s classroom (the same as last year), for those kids wishing to attend. Defence Club will start for the year on Wednesday 11th February straight after the food bell.

My working hours will be Wednesday 0845am to 3.15pm and Thursday 0900am to 1300pm, at times though I may have to vary my hours due to attendance at meetings and courses. I do move about the school constantly, so the best form of contact is via email (justine.bellas@det.edu.nsw.au). For more urgent matters please, do not hesitate to contact me using the school phone number (62381317) and the lovely ladies in the front office will find me.

I look forward to another year of working with your children, and hope to see many of you throughout the year.

There are some exciting events coming up this term

Dates for your diaries….. Please refer to flyers which come home with your child

First up is our coffee morning here at the school, in the staffroom (Friday 6th February, 9.10am)
DCO coffee club (Gungahlin Library Café, 1st Tuesday of month, 3rd Feb at 10am)
Employment and Education Seminar (for new families Tuesday 10th February, 7-8.30pm)
Cook’s Night Off Dinner (Thursday 26th February, 7pm)
DCO Welcome Expo (Saturday 14th March, 10-1pm)
Family Smart Seminar (Tuesday 24th March, 9.30-12.30pm)

Justine Bellas
DSTA