to the 2016 school year. It is guaranteed to be busy for each and every one of us with new challenges and lots to do.

Term 1 will be over before we know it with only 8 weeks of school and so much planned. We are pleased to say that we have all hit the ground running, with classes in place and programs and activities mapped across the year. Please add activities to family calendars to keep up to speed with what your child is doing.

The preps and new students across the school have made a super smooth transition and are becoming more and more familiar with our routines and practices each day. We have made some changes in teams and specialist areas this year with the 3-6 team being Mr Ahearn and Mrs Vassiliou in 3/4 and Mrs Hill and Ms Fewkes in 5/6. The P-2 team is Mrs McCormack and Mrs Barry in P/1 and Mrs Lonergan in Yr 2. Mrs Lonergan will leave us later this term to go on maternity leave and we are currently advertising for a replacement staff member to take her place.

Ms Campbell continues with Reading Recovery, Mrs Agterhuis with creativity and community and Ms Henderson has returned from leave and will be teaching science terms 1 & 3 and P.E. terms 2 & 4. Class teachers will be teaching the weekly P.E. sessions as part of their timetable.

Congratulations to Livia Mantelli and Jhye Clark on their appointment as School Captains for 2016. They have already led their first assembly and taken on more formal roles too.

House Captains were elected this week and congratulations to:

- Glaneuse (Green) Isabella Bonisch and Thomas Parsons
- Sacramento (Yellow) Alannah Ogilvie-Moore and Max Adam
- Corsair (Red) Minnie Vorrath and Louis Vuillermin
- Columbine (Blue) Eliza Ahearn and Will Baker

The Borough of Queenscliffe Australia Day event saw our 2015 3/4 teachers and students and the Bellarine Catchment Network under the leadership of Matt Crawley and team presented with the award for the Environmental Project of the Year. It was pleasing to note that many of the awards recognised the involvement of our students in their projects, including the Queenscliff Historical Museum for their Violet Duddy Remembrance project and the Young Citizen of the Year Liam Petrie-Allbutt, ex student and key player in the Nippers in Schools initiative in 2015. It was another great event and wonderful to see local children involved in the flag-raising and activities.

Reminders

**School fees due now** - lost your paperwork, please call at office for replacement. **CSEF** - Camps and Excursions Fund. Are you eligible? If you have a Health Care or Pension Card the answer is Yes! Please collect forms from the office, complete and return for processing.

**School Uniform** Secondhand shop open Tuesdays 8.30 am in Hall

All students require art smocks for “messy art”

**School Council Elections** will be held later this month and we are keen to hear from parents willing to be involved. Current councillors are Michelle Cameron, Raelene McDonald, Chris Taylor, Sam Anderson, Cathy Daniels, Fiona Topolcsanyi, Sharon Hill, Samantha Barry, Melissa Lonergan and Fay Agterhuis. We are all happy to chat to you about this important role.

The newsletter is emailed to families or paper copies are available from the office. Please ensure your email addresses are current. **Next newsletter will be emailed.**

Fay Agterhuis
There has been lots of Media coverage about schools, education in general and emergency management this past week. I would like to reassure parents that we have detailed and approved emergency management processes for all types of eventualities. Staff know what to do and how to move students to safety with minimal fuss.

The Department keeps us informed of concerns, has briefed support staff and has a well tested alert system.

Our school has not received any threatening calls or been part of the hacking of phone systems.

It is important for families to be aware that we will hold periodic evacuation drills or ‘information sessions’ for students throughout the course of the school year but that does not mean there has been an incident.

Should students be anxious about the current media coverage please let us know so we can re-assure them or access counselling if required.

Please add to your home calendars:

* **Curriculum Days 2016 ~ students not required at school**
  - May 25th
  - August 16th
  - Oct 31st

Tue Nov 1st is the public holiday for Point Lonsdale P.S.

* **Cultural Visits**
  - May 20th Queenscliff Literary Festival Children’s Day
  - June 16th Opera
  - Sept 9th Great Galaxies
  - Nov 25th QMF Kids Concert

* **Camps**
  - 3/4 Anglesea Camp Wilkin   March 15/16
  - 5/6 Narmbool Camp   April 27/28/29
  - Prep Breakfast   October 18th
  - Grade 1 Dinner   October 20th
  - Grade 2 Sleepover   October 27th

* **Term Dates**
  - Term 1 27 January - 24 March
  - Term 2 11 April - 24 June
  - Term 3 11 July - 16 September
  - Term 4 3 October - 20 December

* **Swimming**
  - Swimming P-6   September 5 - 15 @ Splashdown
  - Nippers Program (Years 3-6)   December 5/7/9/12/14/16

*Please note student participation in the school swimming program is a pre-requisite for inclusion in open water activities*

* **NAPLAN Years 3 & 5**   May 10-12