Dear Parents/Caregivers

I feel very honoured and privileged to have the opportunity to be a part of such a wonderful and caring school community. I have heard such wonderful comments about the staff, students and parents and also the local community. The school grounds look so beautiful thanks to Tom. I would also like to thank Steve and Mark, our cleaners, for doing such a great job making sure everything was clean and tidy ready for day one. The staff have been so helpful and friendly and have been working very hard over the last week to ensure they were all organised for this week.

I started my teaching career of 25 years, in the Toowoomba area. I spent 13 years there then relocated to Rockhampton.

I have been Principal at the following locations:

- Gogango State School: Prep - Yr 7 (one teacher school with 25 students) - 5 years
- Bouldecombe State School: 8 teachers - 12 mths
- Depot Hill State School: 6 mths
- Port Curtis Road School: 4 ½ years

The last 3 schools were extremely challenging and complex. I thoroughly enjoyed my time there and gained a lot of skills and experience.

Now I’m looking forward to getting to know the staff, students and parents of Mapleton School and being actively involved with the school community.

Consistency is very important and I will continue to encourage students to follow the ‘Mapleton Way’ – Care for self; Care for others; Care for learning and Care for the environment. I have high expectations and I have a ‘Zero’ tolerance towards bullying. Please feel free to come and see me if you have any concerns.

Welcome to our new students/families and preps for 2017. The students look lovely in their uniforms and they are all eager to start learning which is great to see.

Suzie Pappagallo has come to us from Eudlo State School and will be teaching year 5. I am sure you will enjoy your time at Mapleton.

Have a great week

Julianne
STUDENT NEWS:

**Parent Morning Tea:** Morning Tea on the first day of school was well attended by parents. Thanks to Rebecca Moss for organising the great little kits for parents with the essential items called The 3 T’s – Tissues, Tim Tams and Tea.

**School permissions:** If you would like to update any of the School Permission Forms, please call into the office so appropriate forms can be completed. Permissions can include:

- School website, Facebook page, YouTube Channel and Twitter Profile (We are looking into starting a school Facebook page this year)
- Local Excursion permission
- Religious Instruction permission
- Newsletter distribution – providing email address for newsletter distribution
- Internet Access Agreement

**Student Absences:** If your child/ren are absent from school please advise us by phoning the **student absence number 5456 3360** and leaving the relevant details.

Please note - when your child/ren is absent from school for 10 days or more in a row, an **Exemption from Compulsory Schooling and Compulsory Participation** form needs to be completed. Please call into the office to complete the form.

**Thank you:** A huge thank you to Alan and Norelle from the Montville Village Newsagency for doing a fantastic job coordinating our school book list packs. Many parents have been delighted with this service – a one stop shop for their child’s stationary needs.

P&C NEWS:

**TUCKSHOP 2017:** Bianca has set out a delicious menu for 2017. As there will be no ‘specials’ and with the menu staying the same throughout the year, please print out a copy of the menu and place it in a safe place for future reference.

**Parent volunteers** in the tuckshop are needed on Monday mornings from 9-11am. If you can spare 2 hours and would like to assist, call in and see Bianca in the tuckshop or leave your name on the roster in the office.

**Uniform Shop News:** In 2017 the Uniform Shop will be open between 8.30-9.00am each **Wednesday** morning. Please email the Uniform Shop at mapletonuniformshop@gmail.com if you would like to contact us out of hours. Kind regards Katherine and Janet.

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

**Local gym:** The local Range Community Gym is holding an 8Week Weight-loss Challenge and 8 Week Self Defence Course. The Gym is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 6-10am and Tuesday and Thursday 4-7pm. For more information on these classes and other training on offer check our school noticeboard or contact Paul on 0439 670 629 or Tina on 0490 024 367 and.

**Palmwoods Devils Junior Rugby League Club:** Registrations are now open for 2017 season. For more information see the attached flyer or the school noticeboard.