Hello and welcome back to another term!

As you know we have had some changes in staffing this year, and it is a testament to the maturity and dependability of our students that even with all the changes that have occurred, week 1 went by as smoothly as ever.

New Staff - Miss Fiona

In the Junior room, we welcome Fiona Connell. Fiona is a well known teacher who has been in the area for years. She has worked mostly at HopeVale State School and Kindy, but has been in classrooms in most of the schools through our cluster. Her experience with the early years is showing in the wonderful hands-on learning she is already bringing to the Junior room.

New Staff - Mr Tim and Miss Margaret

Tim O’Hallahan is the new visiting PE teacher. He will come every Monday - so have your hats and shoes ready! The children have already given Mr Tim a resounding approval rating. Margaret Harrison will travel out each Monday with Tim. Her role is to take classes for a session so the classroom teachers can do one-one-one assessment and attend to other tasks.

New Routine - Friday Rewards Day

This term we will trial having parade every second Friday—see the panel to the right for the parade dates. The other Friday afternoons will be devoted to fun reward sessions for children who show consistent effort and behaviour. A ‘3 strikes and you’re out’ policy will apply, where children who have received consequences for misbehaviour 3 times will be ineligible to attend the reward session. A ‘strike’ might include being moved to Orange on our class behaviour charts or being asked to sit out of play at lunchtimes. Misdemeanours of a higher level will mean immediate ineligibility to attend the reward session.

School Opinion Surveys

All parents are invited to take part in the school opinion survey. The survey is completed online, and does require an access code. If your code did not make it home last week, just call and we can give you another. To take part in the survey, please go to http://education.qld.gov.au/schoolopinionsurvey/

We will have computers available at school for any parents and caregivers who would like to complete the survey but don’t have internet access at home.
Senior Class Capers
‘Better than Best’

Mondays
- PE—need hat and shoes
- Library borrowing—for reading homework
- Subjects: English—writing, Spelling Mastery, Maths Mastery, Maths and PE

Tuesdays
- BOOST! - bring hat and shoes
- Library borrowing
- Subjects: English—Unit, Spelling Mastery, Maths Mastery, Maths and BOOST!

Wednesdays
- Art Electives—spare clothes if doing a messy elective
- Library borrowing
- Subjects: English—Reading Spelling Mastery, Maths Mastery, Maths and Art Electives.

Thursdays
- Subjects: Geography, Stars and Cars (Comprehension Strategies), Figure it Out (Maths Problem Solving), Maths

Fridays
- Homework is due Fridays
- Homework is compulsory for year 6 students

Our Unit for this term is:
We can be Heroes:
Personal Strengths in Olympians and

Monday is Punday!!!!
Please help your child by looking for puns and then bringing them to class on Mondays.

As we are doing news articles, puns are often in headlines.
Your puns could be from a newspaper or somewhere else. Lots of jokes use puns.
For example:
"What did the children do when there were rock cakes for lunch?
Answer: Took their pick"

Did you spot the pun? Pick.
Pick has two different meanings. Pick meaning to
Welcome back to school! I am looking forward to getting to know each of the Junior students and their families. My name is Fiona Connell. I am an Early Childhood Teacher, with 20 years know-how educating young children. I will be your child's teacher for the remainder of the school year. What an exciting journey of fun and learning we have ahead of us! The Junior timetable has been included so that you know what we are doing at school each day. Please feel free to see me at any time should you have any questions or concerns.

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**First lunch break**

**Second lunch break**
This term in BOOST!, we are all working out our personal strengths and how we can best make use of them. A strength is defined as:

- Something that you are good at or enjoy, and
- Something that energises you and makes you feel good

Everyone has different strengths and we utilise our strengths, our life flows more and is more enjoyable.

When we talk about strengths we try to use words that group a type of behaviour rather than using the behaviour itself.

For example:
I am good at mountain biking
→ my strengths might be

Some creative prep work
They are imagining to be bears who would like really like some human friends to play with