Welcome to 2015!

**Tucker Box NEW Hours**
Welcome to our new convenors, Mrs Jenny Sykes and Mrs Louise Linck. Both ladies look forward to working with you and your children this year. **Tuckshop will re-open for business on Friday 30 January. No orders can be taken before this day.** The Tucker Box has new hours for 2015 – Monday, Wednesday & Friday open for orders and counter service. Tuesday and Thursday CLOSED. No orders or counter service available on these days. **Volunteers are needed for Wednesdays and Fridays 9am – 12pm. Please call 5429 9407 to assist.**

**NEW Parade Time!**
Thanks to feedback collected from students, staff and families our parade times have changed to Mondays, 8:50am – 9.30am in the hall. Our first parade for 2015 will be on Monday 9 February. Families are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

**Year 6 Tallebudgera Camp News**
Our Year 6 students set off for their week long Leadership camp next week. We know they will have a wonderful time, cementing friendships, establishing positive student/teacher relationships and creating memories that will last a life time. Many parents have fondly shared memories of their senior Tallebudgera camp with me. Parents of campers – we will keep you posted on our QSchools App and our website of their estimated time of return. Please do not phone the office for information on arrival times as this blocks our line of communication and we are then unable to be kept updated on their time of return.

Parents and Carers of Year 6 students are invited to a parent/teacher meeting in the Year 6 classrooms from 3:15pm tomorrow, Wednesday 28 January. We will be discussing classroom management as well as the Year 6 camp to Tallebudgera.

**Wamuran State School Pride**
Our students have returned to school looking great in their uniforms, including black shoes and laces. Throughout 2014 our communications home highlighted that our shoe colour had changed from predominantly black or predominantly white shoes to only black shoes. This has been endorsed by P&C and fits under the Education Act 2006. Slip on shoes are not permitted. If you have not purchased black shoes please be aware of the colour choice when next you purchase shoes. Only closed in footwear is permitted for health and safety reasons. Joggers are recommended for durability but girls may choose to wear Mary Janes (black shoe with a strap across the instep).

All students require a Wamuran SS hat. Our school is a SunSmart school and students are not permitted to wear caps to school as they do not meet the SunSmart Policy. No Hat No Play! All students require a hat to participate in PE sessions and games on the oval. If you need support to provide a hat for your child – please contact the school.
New Staff
We have a number of new staff this year. Please introduce yourself to them and assist to keep the warm and friendly *Wam Way* alive and blossoming. We welcome Mrs Mabb to the role of Deputy Principal, and wish Miss Pam Carlile all the best in her 6 month role of Principal at Mt Mee State School.

Playgroup – NEW DAY
Playgroup is held in our school hall on Wednesday mornings from 9:30am. Our first playgroup for 2015 will be held on 4 February. Please bring along a water bottle and some fruit for morning tea.

NAPLAN
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests for Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. NAPLAN tests are one aspect of school assessment and reporting process, and do not replace the extensive ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student’s performance. In 2015 students will participate in testing over three days, 11 – 13th May. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and urge them to simply do their best they can on the day. If you have any questions about your child’s preparation for NAPLAN, please make a time to talk to their teacher. More information can be found on the website [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au), and a parent information session will be held for those interested in finding out more.

Class Information Sessions
Notes on class information sessions will be sent home by classroom teachers this week. Notes for Parent/Teacher Interviews will be sent home next week with interviews being held in week 4.

Visitors and Volunteers
We welcome visitors and volunteers to our school, and appreciate the time many parents give to help our students. Please be aware that all visitors and volunteers must sign in at the office and wear the name badge provided at all times. We look forward to seeing many of your smiling faces around our school.

Enjoy your week!
Sue Clement and Julianne Mabb