Welcome back to the new school year. We have started 2011 with a Bang! Captain Eric completely engaged both staff and students in our first Assembly on Friday morning. Students left the hall excited and motivated and the whole school is a buzz with the phrase “Have a go – Don’t Say No!” We have already seen students trying things they haven’t done before and having a go at contributing their ideas to class discussions – Well done!

Thanks to the hardworking group of staff at the end of 2010, the whole school has been participating in and enjoying a program called School is Cool. Throughout the week students have been participating in activities that develop relationships, co-operation and confidence.

We were very excited on Monday and Tuesday to meet our new Preps. They always look so tiny and shy. It won’t be long before they are joining the other students and are confident in all areas of the school.

The tennis program will continue this year starting with the grade 3’s for the first 6 weeks.

Many of you would have noticed the main building is empty. This arrangement has been made in preparation for the Renovations that will modify the building to include flexible learning spaces. Once the Architectural drawings have been finalised we will make them available for viewing.

The Canteen has started again and will be open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. A reminder to all those students who travel to school on bikes, scooters, skate boards or roller blades, it is essential that you wear the appropriate helmet and remember to lock them in the bike shed - Congratulations to those students who have already started this routine.

Mathletics will be accompanied by Spelleodrome this year and we will update you soon about codes and access. Remember to keep an eye on our website – make it your home page and help our school to raise funds.

Fortunately, we were not impacted by the recent storms to the same degree as some of our neighbouring schools, however, we are continuing to hear individual stories of families who have been flooded. This is a time that communities come together and support each other. Please let us know if your family is in need of support.

Thank-you to everyone for a great start to the year

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