From the Principal
It has been a really smooth start to the year and I would like to thank parents and staff for helping the children settle back into routines and begin another year of learning. We are already into our third week of school and the term will fly by so we need to make the most of every day. To enable this to happen, school and home need to support and communicate with each other for the benefit of every child. As an impetus for this, I would like to meet with all parents.

Parent meeting – The meeting for ALL parents will be at the school on WEDNESDAY 27th FEBRUARY at 6.30pm. The meeting will be no longer than ¾ of an hour. See the separate notice giving more details.

New Staff Member – I would like to welcome Mr Matt Ward to our staff. Mr Ward will be teaching the grade 3/4 children on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Uniforms – It has been really pleasing to see nearly all of the children wearing their school uniforms. It certainly looks good and shows a pride in our school when we are all in uniform. In first and second terms, children are required to wear hats whilst outside during the day. There is no need for primary school children to wear jewellery or makeup to school. If children have pierced ears, then sleepers or studs are acceptable however long dangly earrings or large looped earrings are potentially dangerous and therefore should not be worn to school. Rings and bangles are also not necessary and are not part of our uniform. If these are worn to school, children will be asked to remove them. We look forward to your support and co-operation with this.

Values – The school value that we are focussing on this term is HONESTY. Being honest in what you say and behaving in a trustworthy manner is very important. Talk to your children about being honest as we will also be doing at school.

Equipment from Coles and Woolworths – Thanks to the efforts of many of you who were able to collect Coles and Woolworths stickers and vouchers last year, we have now received some equipment that has been put to use in the classrooms. A storage unit, a drumkit, a bookshelf, large crayons, a collapsible tunnel, some balls, a cricket bat, a tee ball stand and some soft cross sticks are some of the pieces of equipment we now have.

Donation – I am extremely pleased to inform you that the Hub in Sheffield has donated $5,000.00 to our school to put towards playground equipment. We are very grateful for this and thank the Hub for their generosity. This added to the money from the fair will now enable us to get something reasonably substantial for the children. We are in the process of looking at options and getting quotes and we will put forward some options to the children and the School Association then progress from there.

Canteen - Canteen will begin this Friday. It is pleasing to see some new volunteers for the canteen. Thank you. A menu is attached to this newsletter.

Keep an eye on the calendar to keep up with this busy term.

Yours in partnership
Ralph Thompson
Principal
February 22nd: Canteen commences
March 1st: Clean Up Australia Day
March 7th: Assembly 2.00pm (Thursday)
March 11th: Holiday
March 14th: North West Athletic Carnival - Grade 3-6
March 18th - 22nd: Swimming & Water Safety Sessions - Grade 3-6
March 27th: Easter Service
March 28th: Student Free Day
March 29th - April 2nd: Easter Break
April 5th: Small School’s Swimming Carnival - Latrobe Pool
April 18th: Last day of Term 1
May 6th: Term 2 commences

Registration Day for 2013 Soccer Season
Registration is done on line now so please register online www.myfootballclub.com.au and bring invoice and payment to our registration days on the 24/2 and 3/3 starting at 11am-2pm on both days. Under 8's $60 and School roster which is under 10 and opens $77 price includes soccer ball.
Any enquires, more information and new registration contact Lisa G 0437 868 466 or Ang 0419587132.
Ulverstone Soccer Club email; UlvieSoccerClub12@gmail.com

FROM THE CHAPLAIN
As this is my first school newsletter entry for the year I thought that I would take the opportunity to welcome all of our new families to the Wilmot Primary School community and to let everyone know of the chaplaincy service that’s provided here at the school.
It is fantastic to have already met and spent some time with our new students and of course caught up with those students carrying on from 2012. I look forward to supporting all of our students throughout the 2013 school year.
The chaplaincy service here at Wilmot is a federally funded position that is facilitated by Scripture Union Tasmania. With this funding a chaplain is employed for 2 days a week to provide chaplaincy to students, parents, staff and the broader school community. The chaplain is a person whom the school community can feel free to contact should any support or guidance be needed in life’s matters.
The chaplain is not a professional counsellor or a religious teacher but can give referrals and direction for anyone needing the service of professionals in these areas and more.
A little bit about me:
This is my fourth year here at Wilmot Primary as chaplain. This year I will be here at the school each Monday and Wednesday during school hours throughout school terms. Appointments to see me can be made through the school office or you can just grab my attention for an impromptu chat at any time, that’s always welcomed. Any out of hours appointments can be arranged through the school office also.
I look forward to seeing you throughout the year and supporting our broader school community in this chaplaincy service.
Rupert Penrith
Wilmot P.S. School Chaplain