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Dear Families / Caregivers,

Welcome back to the 2019 school year. It was terrific to see so many smiling faces this morning, students hugging friends and teachers and parents grateful we have returned. I hope that you have all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday and the year ahead is both positive and fulfilling for each and every one of you.

We warmly welcome our 14 new families to our school community, many of which their child is starting school for the very first time, this can be both an exciting and daunting time. We wish all our new students a successful Errington school journey.

During the school holidays, Sam Hele accepted a position at Youth Education Centre, as Head of Campus, Jonnal Street. Sam will certainly leave his mark at Errington, his professionalism and dedication over the 4 years he served as Deputy Principal and Acting Principal were outstanding. I know you join me in wishing him all the very best for his future. The staff will be farewelling Sam on the 6th Feb after staff meeting on behalf of the school community.

Lillian Murphy is our new Deputy Principal. Lillian comes to us from Elizabeth East Primary School where she was a Deputy Principal and Acting Principal. She has a strong knowledge in curriculum, behaviour management and working with students from diverse backgrounds and needs.

We welcome:

- Alistair Hodge, Coordinator, SACE/Transition, post school options. Alistair has had a diverse career and recently was a teacher at Adelaide East Education Centre.
- Darrell Avery, PE teacher
- Teaching Placement students: Jonathan Legg (M3) and Isabella Swanbury (J1)

This year students will be able to order lunch from the Plympton International College (PIC) canteen on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. All orders can be placed through the Qkr! App, available to download through the Plympton International College website. There is also a canteen and price list to view.

Communication between school / home is vital. The seesaw app is the main form of communication method. Class teachers will give out instructions on how to download and activate this. The seesaw app for most classes replaces the written communication diaries however does not replace the times when you may need to ring the class teacher or make a time to meet with them to discuss personal, confidential or more complex issues. A very popular part of the seesaw app is receiving photos or video of the class achieving learning outcomes. For this reason it is important to fill in and return the permission slip accompanied in the 'forms pack', giving permission for photos. The seesaw app is only visible to the families and staff in your child's class.

Swimming commences this week, 2018 swimming permission forms will be rolled over until week 3. Students must have an updated form sent in prior to week 3 in order to ensure continuity of their weekly swimming lesson.

A reminder that it is the parent / caregivers responsibility to inform the school each day that your child is absent. You can do this through the Errington website or ringing the school and leaving a message stating your child's name, class and reason for their absence.

I look forward to working with you to provide the best quality education and care for your child.

Niki Takos, Principal