

Principal's Report:

**WELCOME TO 2009!**

**Happy New Year!**

We got off to an excellent start, thanks to some diligent forward planning and organisation by staff before, and during, the holidays. I have visited each room and every student was eagerly engaged in activities designed to set the scene for the year ahead. It is always an exciting time for students receiving their new materials, re-establishing contact with classmates, meeting the new students and getting an idea what this year's teacher will be like.

It's lovely to see our families back safe and sound. **A genuine welcome to all the new families in the Mullum community, we're delighted to have you with us.** It's the beginning of another fabulous year for the Mullum Primary School Community. We will work together to create the best educational environment for our kids. They will have the opportunity to become the best they can be both academically and as a person. 2009 looks to be an exciting year.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

We will be sending home a package to give the timelines and nomination papers for some school council positions for 2009. Attached is an explanation about how to become involved – please read it.

**TRAFFIC REMINDER**

The area down hill from the crossing in Panfield Avenue is a "kiss and drop" zone. Parents are strongly urged to respect this arrangement and never park or wait in this area. If you stop and your child is not there..... off you go around the block! There will be parents waiting behind you to pick up their children. We do have a traffic flow plan for before and after school. Drivers are asked to drive **down hill** in Byron Street and **uphill** in Panfield Avenue.

**Parents are asked not to use the access road from Mullum Mullum Road for the purpose of dropping off and picking up children. This access is banned for both primary and secondary parents. Vehicles backing and turning at the top of the drive pose a significant threat to the safety of our children.**

**SCHOOL LEVIES**

A pink form and accompanying information has been sent home with the youngest child. Please read the accompanying letter which will outline the regulations of what is **required** and what is **voluntary**. You are now able to claim school levies on your tax.

*Lynne Holland - Principal*

