

# St Philomena's School, Moree

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**Welcome back to St Philomena's School for 2009!** The school community particularly welcomes to its circle new families who have joined us at the commencement of the 2009 school year. With our new families, together with our existing families, we look forward to another year of partnership in education.

Following the resignation of Patrick Roohan, I have been appointed by the Catholic Schools Office to the role of Acting Principal. Family time, rest and relaxation are all menu listings for Patrick. The staff and school community wish him well as he embraces this change.

The role as Acting Principal is one I am looking forward to. I have enjoyed a long association with St Philomena's School. At all times we need to be mindful of our origin and history. A community identifies with and cannot exist without its culture. Our culture is derived from our founders, the Sisters of Mercy, who established the school in 1898. St Philomena's School, which you have chosen, is here to provide education in a Catholic environment – our culture. Preserving, maintaining and promoting our culture will help us to maintain and nurture our identity.

2009 brings changes to our staffing complement, which are summarised below. For your benefit and interest, a full staff list will be published in next week's newsletter. New and returning staff members are:

<b>Canteen Supervisor:</b>	Kristy Gray
<b>New teaching staff:</b>	Samantha Clifton, Shannon Lea, Kara Banson
<b>Returning from leave:</b>	Angela Wilde, Jody Van Velthuizen, Catrina O'Mullane

Thank you for your support of Book Day yesterday. It ran smoothly and was an easy reconnection for us all. We acknowledge the high demand experienced by the Uniform Shop yesterday and have taken steps to rectify this, so as to avoid this situation.

You may be aware that the New South Wales Independent Education has called on its member to take industrial action on Thursday February 5<sup>th</sup>. The staff of St Philomena's School will not be taking any action, so it is school as normal.

Please note the following important dates for your calendar, which will be expanded upon next week. Very soon we will publish a calendar of events, for your information and planning.

Wednesday February 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7-10 Swimming Carnival
Thursday February 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival
Friday February 13 <sup>th</sup>	Opening School Mass and Prefect Induction
Tuesday February 17 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Grade Information Evening
	Cyber Bullying Workshop (pm)

Enjoy the photographs on the back which reflect the start of our school year!

I look forward to seeing you throughout the term and encourage you to contact me if you have any concerns.

Karen Jagers  
Acting Principal

## WEEKLY REFLECTION

### Blessing for the Beginning of the School Year

For students as they begin this new school year, that the Spirit of God may grant them the gifts of wisdom and understanding, we pray sincerely.

For parents, the first teachers of their children, that their faith and love may be an example to us always, we pray Pat Clancy.

For teachers and administrators, that they may share their knowledge and gifts with gentleness, patience, and concern for the students in their care, we pray sincerely.

sincerely. May the Spirit of Almighty God remain with us throughout the whole year.

Every Blessing and Good Wish,



Miss Lea



Miss Clifton