Welcome back everyone. With the return of our students came the chilly wet conditions, however it was lovely to listen to their excited chatter when the snow was mentioned.

This week interview notes have been sent home and most of the teachers will be conducting them over the next fortnight. Students are very welcome to attend and we would again like to emphasise the importance of this opportunity to share and exchange achievements, progress and goals for the coming semester. We also ask for red assessment folders to be returned after attending the interviews.

Thank-you to our P&C who approved the payment of $430 for the Stage 1 teachers to purchase Maths resources to support the 'TEN ' program. Through our assessments we are finding this program is contributing to the significant improvement of numeracy skills.

We would like to welcome Mr Peter Gollard to Clergate. Mr Gollard is in his final year at CSU and will undertake a 9 week practicum on Years 3/4 commencing next week.

Due to the inclement weather conditions, finishing touches to our new classroom have been moving at a snail’s pace. We hope to move in next week and keep our fingers crossed for some sunshine to help dry the grounds.

The students have the opportunity to see two productions at the Orange Civic Theatre this term. 26th Story Treehouse is on 31 July and open to all students from Kinder to Year 6.

I Am Jack is on 28 August and is open to all students from Years 3 to 6. Notes will be sent home shortly.

Good luck to Jackson Wright, Eva Keegan and Bonnie Keegan who’ll be competing at the NSW PSSA Cross Country Trials at Eastern Creek on Friday.

Welcome back! It was wonderful to be back at Transition with our friends. It was a cold day and we talked all about the snow and animals that live in cold places. We also made a great picture of a penguin. A big welcome to our new class member Ben. We hope you enjoyed your first day with us. See you next week, Mrs Bradford & Mrs Cannell.
**GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP**
The second instalment payment of $50 is due Friday 24 July. Please make sure you pay each instalment payment on or before the due date. Invoices were sent home yesterday to the students who have not paid the first instalment. If you received an invoice please send payment immediately to the office.

**TEXT BOOK FEES**
Invoices were sent home yesterday requesting payment for overdue text book fees. These fees are not voluntary school fees. The amount charged covers the cost of the text books used by your child in class (Maths and Handwriting). If you received an invoice please send payment to the office immediately.

**HOT LUNCHES**
Hot lunches will continue this term on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Currently we are struggling to fit the lunches in the pie warmer as a large number of students are bringing their lunches in large rectangle foil containers. Please limit the size of the containers to a small square container or alternatively wrap the lunch in foil. A reminder that all lunches need to be clearly marked with the students name.

**SPORT**
We are currently sourcing coaches for Sporting Schools for Term 3. We’ll advise you of the sport once details are confirmed. During sport time on Thursdays our students will be learning and practising their dances for the OSSA Spectacular.

**CHANGE TO SCHOOL TIMES**
After our six month trial of changing lunch and recess times and with much discussion amongst the staff it has been decided to change recess and lunch times. School times are as follows:

- School Starts 9.10am
- Recess 11.00-11.20am
- Lunch 1.00-1.50pm
- School Finishes 3.00pm

**BOOK CHARACTER PARADE & FAIR**
A special invitation to all our families is extended to come along to our annual Book Character Parade and Fair to be held on Tuesday 28 July. Students are to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. The day will start with our book character parade at 10.30am followed by morning tea at 11.00am. During morning tea the book fair will be open for parents to browse and make purchases if they wish.

**P&C NEWS**
The P&C are once again catering at the Molong Players on Saturday 22 August. This involves serving approximately 180 guests with alternate main and desserts. We are looking for volunteers to help on the day for preparation and in the evening for service of the meal. We will need at least 15 people on the night. Please contact the P&C Executive if you are able to help via Facebook or email clergatepandc@hotmail.com or you can send Alex McLean a message on 0425 276 880. We will also be asking for donations towards food costs shortly.

The P&C currently has a school banking arrangement with Orange Credit Union. We are looking for expressions of interest to continue this arrangement as currently there are only a few families who are participating. If you have any questions or are interested in joining please contact the P&C.

Pie drive orders are due back at school today. Unfortunately no late orders can be accepted.