Welcome back to school. I trust everyone had a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

As we return to school routines and schedules, I would like to thank all the families for their efforts in ensuring their children are at school on time, ready to begin class at 8:30. It has been a significant change from having a bus service, but you are all showing your commitment to the education of your children!

This year our school is committing to improvements in students’ achievement in reading and mental numeracy skills. When homework is brought home, it is vital that you engage in these tasks with your children to show the value of their education and support their growth.

If you have any questions or concerns about this focus, please come in and see me.

Dallas Schmidt
Principal

As part of our 2014 studies, students proposed new celebrations for 2015. This year we will be holding a celebration to join the National Multicultural festival, and we are inviting you to join in!

On Monday, February 16 we are asking that all families join us for a shared lunch from 1:00.

A note with additional details has been sent home.

Welcome to both new families at Abergowrie. We are very excited to have you join our school community with your children, Lewis and Brody both in Prep this year. If you see these families around, please say hello and welcome them to our school.
In the same manner as 2014, a big focus for Abergowrie is attendance. Attendance at school is vital to your child’s learning. Put simply, we cannot teach them if they are not here.

Our school’s attendance target for the term is 95%. For each student to achieve an attendance record of 95% they need to be present 36 days this term. That means a maximum of 2 days away before they drop below the 95% target.

Students are aware of their attendance targets and are keen to stay on track, please support them in being at school every day.

As listed on book lists at the end of 2014, all students have been allocated a Signpost Maths textbook this year. Invoices were sent home last week to families for these textbooks.

The school chose to purchase texts in bulk and invoice families, as this ensures all students have the correct textbook to use in class.

If your family could finalise your accounts as soon as possible, students will be able to begin using the books appropriately.

All books will be returned home with the students at the end of the year.

Northern Region School Sport Swimming nominations are open to any students wishing to apply for the team. Nominations are to be submitted by next Tuesday, 10 February.

If your child is interested in nominating, please contact Mrs Schmidt as soon as possible, as there are no official trials being held for selection. There will be an unofficial event held to obtain times that can be used for nominations.

Mrs Lee has two small travel suitcases with retractable handles that are no longer needed. One is pink and black Bratz branded and the other is blue and red Spiderman themed. If you are interested, please come in and see either Mrs Lee or Mrs Schmidt.