INFANTS NEWS:

Welcome to the new year!
I hope everyone had a refreshing time away from school and is ready to get back into the school routine.

This term in Infants we will be learning about the following:

**History** – family history. There will be questions being brought home over the course of the term for students to ask parents and grandparents. This will help us to understand more about how things have changed over time. More information to come.

**PDHPE** – Road Safety

**Science** (yr 1s and 2s) – Toys – how they move and how they are designed. A design challenge will complete the unit at the end of the term.

**Creative Arts** – Music

Information about homework will follow in the next couple of weeks. Students will receive a diary for the year. This is a way to communicate between home and school. Please send in your child’s folder next week so I can begin to hand out the diaries.

And in that day you will say: "Praise the Lord, call upon His name; Declare His deeds among the peoples, make mention that His name is exalted. Sing to the Lord, for He has done excellent things; this is known in all the earth.

Isaiah 12:4-5 NKJV

Year 3 & 4 NEWS:

The Year 3/4 class has settled in really well and is looking forward to the year ahead. The students all know one another well and have formed some good relationships as they have been together for several years. Together with Mr Heffer, the class has been exploring ways of working together, showing respect and kindness. This term the English focus is on Friendship and Belonging and the class is looking forward to growing and learning together.

Year 5 & 6 NEWS:

Now that a new year has started, Stage 3 has been getting used to being split up from Stage 2. The students have been getting to know each other and Miss Keast in different ways and we have been working on establishing what our classroom will be like. Some ideas the students had were to be a classroom that respects each other by listening to each other as well as a class that cares for each other. This Term we will be having our PE classes on a Friday, so students may wish to bring or wear their joggers on this day.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS:

Please refer to the additional attachment being sent home for information in regards to Design and Technology. Mr Pullar is looking for parent/caregiver volunteers for this project, so if you are able to assist please refer to the attached expression of interest document.
From the Office:

I have sent home a copy of the medical and emergency information update form so we can update students details on our system. If these could be filled out for each student and given back to me in the office by Friday 12 February it would be greatly appreciated. Also if any contact details have changed (mobile numbers, address etc) could you please notify me of these changes asap.

I will also be sending a little note home on Monday in regards to emailing the newsletter and permission notes to parents and caregivers. This is an optional choice for those who do not wish this to happen or do not have email.

Due to pool availability we are hoping to run our swimming program in Term 4. Stay tuned for further information at the end of Term 3.

HEAD OF SCHOOL NEWS:

I am happy to welcome everyone to what will, I am sure, be an exciting year at Deniliquin Christian School. A special welcome to all new students and their families. As someone new to the School myself I understand that some of you may have been nervous about the start to the year. By now you will have had two days and I am confident that you will settle in quickly.

I thought it would be useful to use this first newsletter to introduce myself. I come to the role of Head of School at DCS after a long career in education. I have worked in Queensland and Victoria as well as NSW. My most recent role was as Foundation Principal of Moama Anglican Grammar School. That School commenced with just Year 7 and was a K-12 at the end of my 9 years as Head of School.

My wife, Jenny and I are actively involved at Christ Church Anglican in Echuca. We became Christians in our teens and have always found our faith has underpinned our work as teachers. Our three children are all married and live in a variety of locations across NSW and Victoria.

In 2015 I was engaged by the Board of DCS to assist them with the School’s reaccreditation and I am pleased to say that the School was praised for the quality of its teaching programs and policies. I really enjoyed working with the staff and would like to record my appreciation of the great job that Mrs Rosemary Chernov did as Interim Head of School in 2015.

The Board has appointed Mr John Clark as Head of School and he will take up this role in Term 2, so my time as Head of School will only be a short one.

I am pleased to introduce Miss Jemma Keast, who is joining the staff as the class teacher for Years 5 and 6 (Stage 3) and Mr Ryan Heffer will be the teacher for Years 3 and 4 (Stage 2). It is really exciting to see the way the School is growing. Only a few years ago there was a K-6 primary class. This year there are three classes. Mr Simon Taylor will be returning to the School to teach German to our Secondary School students.

As we enter a new school year it is good to remember that Jesus said:

"Lo I am with you always". Matthew 28:20

Mr Andrew Pullar
Interim Head of School