

## *Welcome Back!*

I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday break. I spent a week away camping with my own family in Beachport. It's nice to come back feeling refreshed and I am excited to see everyone's enthusiasm as they walk through the door in the mornings!

Early this term, we will focus heavily on problem solving skills and ways to seek support from each other. This is something we talked about a lot in the last weeks of term. Not only can we use this skill at school, it can be something you can encourage at home also.

We will continue our focus on oral language, by doing class sharing daily to promote active listening while others are speaking. The children will be encouraged to ask and answer questions, show listening manners, speak in clear voices, with a focus on building confidence to speak to an audience. The first week of sharing has gone really well. Lots of students have 'had a go' being brave when sharing their holiday stories. Each week has a theme/topic (2 free choice options) that will link to our classroom learning.

All students will have learning goals displayed by the end of week 2. I have spoken to many families about these during interviews and I have spoken to all the children about ways to work on these in class. Goals will be based around reading, writing and maths.

### **Upcoming events/celebrations**

- Mother's Day stall: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May/Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May
- School Photos: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May
- Room 8 sharing in Assembly: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May
- National Families Week: 15<sup>th</sup> May – 21<sup>st</sup> May
- Reconciliation Week: 27<sup>th</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> May
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June: Public Holiday
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June: Student Free Day

Looking forward to an exciting term ahead!

*Mrs Fedele* 😊

