Dear Parents, Carers & Community Members,

Welcome to the 2015 School year at Mena Creek. For those of you who are just beginning your Primary School journey I know it will be a rewarding experience. Those who are completing their Primary journey we will enjoy your last year with us.

Everyone has the opportunity to be a part in their child’s school through discussions held with their child’s teacher, helping with class-based activities and supporting the School’s P&C through membership and assistance. This school welcomes communication with parents and caregivers, we are only a phone call away.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a very warm welcome to Amanda Kirley who will be teaching Years 4, 5 and 6 this term. Great to have you with us!

Our Team includes:

Jenny Abbott — Acting Principal/P-3 Class teacher
Amanda Kirley — 4-6 Class teacher
Ann Murray — PE Teacher (Wednesday Afternoon)
Kerry Linton — Music Teacher (Thursday morning)
Sarah Taifalos — Librarian (Every second Friday)
Gerrie Christensen — Learning Support
Sharon Berkahn — Teacher Aide
Dee Wedgwood — Teacher Aide
Carmen Marks — Administration
Mandy Harper — Relief Cleaner

2015 Permission Slips & Internet Agreement Forms
The Attached permission slip is for all students in Prep—Year 6. The internet agreement form is for all students in Years 3—6. Please complete and return to school no later than Friday 20th February.

Until next time,

Jennifer Abbott

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See Menu attached.
Please ensure orders are written on a brown paper bag and are handed to the office along with money on Thursday.

LOTE—Japanese
This year 5 and 6 students begin learning Japanese online with Ms Motomi Shibata Thursday afternoons.

Instrumental Music
Ross Crear will be visiting the school Friday middle session for students participating in the Instrumental music program.

Term Dates:
Term 1 Tuesday 27th January - Thursday 2nd April
Term 2 Monday 20th April - Friday 26th June
Term 3 Monday 13th July—Friday 18th September
Term 4 Tuesday 6th October—Friday 11th December

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