Dear Grade One Parents of 2014,

Welcome back! It’s hard to believe that it’s that time of the year again - the beginning of a new school year. We hope that you all had a relaxing and enjoyable break and are ready for an exciting year in Grade One. All of us are looking forward to working with your child over the coming year.

In the Grade 1 and 2 area, we have adopted a genuine ‘team teaching’ approach for most areas of the curriculum. This means that all children will be taught by each of us at some time during the week. This allows for us as teachers to recognise and utilise each other’s strengths and provide our students with different perspectives and ways of thinking. This has worked successfully in this area in previous years.

We believe good communication is the answer to running a successful classroom, particularly in a shared grade. All teachers in our area will plan together for the week and will be kept well informed of any issues, parent communication, changes to the program and student progress on a daily basis. All teachers in the area will be involved in assessing and reporting on student progress.

We encourage you to call or email us if you have any questions or concerns:
~ The Patch School - 9756 7463
~ Pauleen Gould’s email: gould.pauleen.p@edumail.vic.gov.au
~ Karen Robinson's email: robinson.karen.e@edumail.vic.gov.au
~ Megan Inglese’s email: inglese.megan.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

We will do our best to get back to you as soon as we can. Please remember that we may not get to check our emails during the course of the day as we are working with the children. Do not rely on email as emergency or daily pick-up communication just in case we don’t get the message.

*A copy of this information will be stuck in the front of your child’s diary for use throughout the year.

The first couple of weeks will be devoted to settling in, establishing routines, our orderly environments and expected classroom behaviour. We endeavour to provide a smooth and fun transition into Grade 1. There will be a ‘Getting to Know You’ social night held during Week 4 Term 1 and a formal Information Night held later in the term to provide you with more specific information about the year and answer any questions you might have.

We will send our class Newsletter each fortnight as a hard copy. This can also be accessed via The Patch School website: www.thepatchps.vic.edu.au.

We are very excited about the upcoming school year and look forward to getting to know you and your child.

The Grade One Team, Pauleen, Karen and Megan.