Principal's Report

As the newly appointed substantive Principal of the school, I am very happy to be here and look forward to embracing the challenges ahead. My focus will be on supporting and assisting all of our key stakeholders to make Tambrey Primary School the best that we can be. It is evident that everyone I have met so far has the needs and the interests of the children as their number one priority. I firmly believe that our focus must always be on what is best for the children. I recognize that although this is something that is easily said, it is by our actions that we will all be judged. With a strong moral compass guiding our decision making process; to do the right thing, in the right way and at the right time, I believe that together, we can achieve Equity and Excellence. In line with the Department of Education’s strategic directions, our focus will be on; success for all students; improved attendance, engagement and behaviour; high quality teaching and leadership; and a capable and responsive organisation.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Ms Heather Prance and the staff of 2014 for helping to ensure the new school year got off to a great start. Considerable thought has gone into the way the school is structured, particularly in regards to staffing and class lists with a view to maximise student improvement. From my perspective, it has been a very smooth start to the year. I have been impressed with the dedication and professionalism of our staff and the focus, manners and enthusiasm of our students.

Friday, 13 February is a very important date for schools, as it is on this day that the number of students enrolled and attending determines final financial resources available from the Department of Education for the year. I encourage all families to ensure your children are properly enrolled at school, attending on a regular basis and continue to notify us of reasons for absences.

At Tambrey Primary School, we have high expectations of our students in regards to the way they conduct themselves and apply themselves to their school work. We are committed to improving all students’ academic ability, social and emotional wellbeing. Our You Can Do It program includes Five Keys to Success: Resilience, Getting Along, Confidence, Organisation and Persistence. This is a framework that provides a common language to be used at school and at home to encourage students to be their best and make the most of the opportunities available to them.

One of the keys to student success is the positive relationships shared between home and school. Some of the things you can do to show the value you place on education include; ensure regular attendance; discuss your child’s learning with them; read with your child; attend parent meetings; speak positively about the school; share any concerns directly with the school. The Tambrey Primary School Parents and Citizens’ Association is a great support to our school. The main function of the P&C is to promote the interests of the school through cooperation between parents, teachers, students and members of the general community; assisting in the provision of resources, facilities and amenities for the school; and fostering community interest in educational matters. I urge all parents to become active members of the P&C.

Staff and students have been working tirelessly together over the last few weeks with the focus on building relationships and establishing routines that will put them in good stead to maximize student progress during the year. As such, this is a brief Principal’s address to welcome everyone to Tambrey Primary School 2015. Fortnightly School newsletters will begin next week and include highlights of school life, celebration of student success and key messages.

I look forward to sharing the journey with you.

Troy Withers
Principal