**Principal's Message**

We’ve had a terrific start to the year. Congratulations to all the students for their attitude and enthusiasm in the classroom and thanks to all the staff for a smooth start to the year.

All the new students have fitted in seamlessly and it is almost hard to imagine Breadalbane without them! The kindergarten students have done an exceptional job at learning the routines and expectations of ‘big school’.

The ‘old’ Breadalbane students are also doing very well in welcoming our new students and helping out when they can – even their little brothers!

Most students are doing a great job with home reading so far this term. Hopefully we can maintain the momentum and keep the children enthusiastic about reading at home. Reading (and talking about the books) really is the most positive way we can enhance our children’s learning at home.

**Mrs Bentley**

During Term 1, we have Mrs Christine Bentley as an extra teacher on Tuesdays. This means that we can split the school into K-2 and 3-6 groups, which provides an opportunity to focus on the introductory literacy and numeracy activities that the new kindergarten students really need while giving the senior students a chance for extension.

It is also particularly useful to give the Stage 1 student individual attention with some of their fundamental skills which still need consolidation.

Mrs Bentley is an extremely experienced teacher who has recently retired after a career spent mainly in small schools. She has brought terrific ideas and already given us our first cooking experience of the year!