

# Essendon C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

## Welcome to the Academic Year 2025-26

It is with great joy and pride that I write to you, for the first time, as the Principal of Essendon Primary School. Having been part of this wonderful school community since February last year, I feel incredibly privileged to now lead a place that already feels like home.

From the very first day of term, the school has been filled with a sense of calm, purpose and joy. Our pupils have returned with a fantastic attitude to learning; it has been a delight to see them so engaged, curious and confident. Each and every child is already shining brightly in their new classes – **Diamond**, **Sapphire**, **Emerald** and **Ruby** – and we are so proud of the way they have settled in. They are certainly ready to Go for Gold!

Next week, we are excited for the return of **Going for Gold** and will be introducing our very first '**Gems of the Week**' celebration.

This half term, our focus value is **Cooperation**, and we will be exploring what it means to work together and support one another. As the Swahili proverb reminds us:

*"A boat doesn't go forward if each one is rowing their own way."*

We are also thrilled to welcome some new faces to our school community. A very warm welcome to all our new families and pupils – we are so pleased to have you with us. We also extend a heartfelt welcome to **Mrs Jenner**, who will be working across the school and teaching in Emerald Class on Fridays. Mrs Jenner brings a wealth of experience and has already embraced the Essendon ethos with warmth and enthusiasm.

We are also delighted to welcome **Mr Brennan**, our new Vice Principal. He is full of energy and passion for our school's vision and is eager to support the continued growth and development of our community.

Finally, I want to thank you all for the kindness, encouragement and support you have shown me and the staff team. It is this spirit of togetherness that makes Essendon such a special place to learn and grow.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend and here is to a fantastic year ahead, filled with progress, enjoyment and adventures.

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Mrs Brennan | Principal

