To the Clyde Primary School Community

I would like to take this opportunity of introducing myself to the Clyde Primary School Community. My name is Fiona Pratt and I am very excited about taking up the position of Principal of Clyde Primary School from term 3, 2015.

I offer my experience as an Instructional and Educational Leader, having spent the last two and a half years as Principal of Koo Wee Rup PS and prior to that, Associate Principal of McKinnon Primary School whilst completing the BASTOW Principal Intern Program (a 6 month Department leadership course designed to prepare participants for the Principal role). I was Assistant Principal at River Gum Primary School for numerous years, responsible for a range of leadership roles. I have three grown up sons and six grandchildren ranging in age from 8 months to 10 years. For those of you who are obsessed with golf, I am continually trying to better my handicap!

The Clyde PS motto of ‘Shared Learning’ immediately made an impression on me. I believe that learning never stops for anyone. As a leader I model the belief that all children can learn. To prepare our students for their lives ahead, we need to get creative in the approaches we use. Our job is to develop an intrinsic motivation in students to want to learn, ensure they keep their curiosity and become respectful, knowledgeable, open minded, empathetic, global citizens who are able to problem solve, use technologies and be ready to work in jobs that are not invented yet.

Clyde Primary School has recently developed a new strategic plan (2014) to take us through the next four years. I am looking forward to leading the school community to continue the work in achieving the goals that have been set. Our values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience provide the core for everything we do at Clyde PS. We will support and encourage students to achieve their personal best both academically and socially.

With the values in place and our vision almost ready to be finalised, it is time to ensure that these are clearly seen and communicated by all of us; students, staff, families and the Clyde PS wider community. The focus is on achievement and high expectations for all students.

I value connections with the parent community and developing partnerships with the wider community. This is an essential element in enabling our students to optimise their learning. I look forward to getting to know as many of you as I can over the coming months.

I have scheduled a ‘meet and greet’ session for Wednesday, 22nd July at 2:45pm so if you can make it, come and introduce yourself and have a cuppa.

Kind Regards,
Fiona Pratt