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Dear parents

Welcome back to school for Term 2. After the events of last term, I know you and your children are looking forward to a fresh start with lots of exciting learning programs on the horizon.

The mine fire brought a range of challenges to schools in the region, but also brought out the best in local school communities.

Your school demonstrated great generosity when you threw open your doors to the staff and students at Commercial Road Primary School.

You were there to lend a hand when your neighbours needed you. As a school community, you went above and beyond to not just make the new students welcome, but also to ensure they continued to learn.

I am sure there were benefits to your children too from having these students with them over this period, and that many new friendships have been established.

Together with the wonderful principal, teachers and support staff at your school you have clearly demonstrated that you live in a community which values the education of its young people.

On behalf of your fellow Victorians, thank you for your efforts last term and best wishes for the year ahead.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Martin Dixon".

**The Hon. Martin Dixon, MP
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