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This week our Kindergarten teachers, Miss Powell, Miss Haddad, Miss King and Mrs Beck, have been meeting our new Kindergarten students and completing their Best Start Assessments. Kindergarten students will start ‘big’ school next Tuesday 2 February.

Day 1 Professional Learning

Yesterday our staff had a busy program to complete to start the school year. Our program included review of our updated Attendance and Student Welfare Policies, mandatory annual training on the Department of Education’s Code of Conduct Policy as well as stage team meetings to prepare for the new school year.

P & C Meeting

Our first P & C meeting will be next Tuesday 2 February from 6.30pm in the library. We would welcome everyone to come along and join us.

Narelle Mann
Principal

These are your Premier’s and Parliamentarians for 2016 (student leadership). You will be reading more about them in the coming weeks.

This is our school garden. If you want to join the garden club, there will be more information in the coming weeks.
From the library...
Hi everyone and welcome back to an exciting 2016.

This year as to further involve our students in the celebration of books and reading, we are starting Birthday Book Club. For a donation of $10 your child can choose a book to give to the library, from a great selection of new and popular titles. The birthday book your child selects will feature a special bookplate with your child’s name and birthday. The selected book will be presented to your child, for first loan, at assembly and a photo will be taken for display on the website, in the library and sometimes, here, in snippets. When the book is returned, it will go into the library for everyone to read and/or borrow. How good is that? - A gift that keeps on giving!

If you would like your child to participate in Birthday Book Club, please complete the letter which will come home with your child or it will be available on the letters page of the website and return with payment to the school office.

Thanks everyone
Mrs Swartz
Teacher Librarian