Welcome to our Kindergarten Newsletter!

I hope that the last week has been a wonderful time for all Kindergarten families.

The children have settled in so well and it has been a special time meeting everyone and putting names and faces together.

Everyone has been very impressed with the way the Kinders have coped with all of the new routines and events that have occurred so far. Dr Miller and Mr Jackman both commented on Kinders excellent behavior at the Commencement Service. The children have been exceptionally amazing in the dining room and are making excellent choices and eating very well.

**Swimming Carnival: Friday Feb 8**

The Kinders don't get an opportunity to purchase from the canteen. Be at the pool by 9:15 so that you don't miss the excitement of the Kindergarten races!!!

**PE/Aquatics Program**
Swimming-Monday Feb 11 9AM. Children should wear swimmers to school. Wear sports uniform and don't forget to pack the undies.
Help with changing after swimming would be greatly appreciated.

**Assembly**
There will be no Assembly this week due to the swimming carnival. In future weeks please check the diary on Thursdays to see if your child will be receiving an award in assembly the following day.

You may wish to make a note in your diaries: Kindergarten will lead assembly on Friday April 12.

**High Frequency Words**
Next week I will be sending home a little book with number words for the children to learn. Please return the book in the blue bag each day.

PIPS (Performance Indicators in Primary Schools)
This week I have commenced PIPS testing. PIPS is designed to assess students entering their first formal year of schooling. The assessment is conducted individually in literacy, numeracy and phonological awareness.

Once testing has been completed I submit the data and I will be able to download feedback in a few weeks.

For the children it a fun computer activity and for us it provides invaluable independent feedback.

We look forward to another exciting and fun-filled week and I hope that you have a good week, too.

Gabrielle Darlington

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**What’s happening in the classroom this week?**

**Homework:**
Reading Before School:

- English
  - THRASS: lots of activities based on the picture charts and the alphabet
  - News
    - Week 2
  - My Holiday
    - Week 3
  - Our Five Senses-sight

- Mathematics
  - Numbers to 10
  - Number names to ten

- HSIE/Science
  - School Days
  - Sense of Direction
    - (The Five Senses)

- Personal Development
  - Routines, classroom & dining room manners
  - Art
    - Book covers
  - Craft activities for different phonemes