Welcome back to term 2 and a big welcome to the rain.

Learning Sustainability and environmental education will be the focus of the children's learning this term.

“All Things Natural”, will be the first phase in allowing children to make connections with nature. We will be introducing the “Nature Bag” with children bringing in nature materials from home. The children will be encouraged to experience the elements of all seasons. Please send in your child’s GUMBOOTS and RAINCOAT. The children will be planting vegetables and using them in cooking so that we continue to embed healthy eating. This learning forms part of our Quality Improvement Plan in enhancing children’s learning and growth.

The children will also continue to meet with the R/1 class on Fridays as part the IPWS trial program as well as visit the library Thursday mornings.

Another major focus this term is “Relaxation”. We consider this a major part of building children's “Executive Function” so that they are able to learn how to rest their mind to think clearly in their busy world.

Regards Vicki

Integrating Preschool with school (IPWS) update

The kindergarten and R/1 children are continuing to come together under the above trial. The program has primarily involved gross and fine motor activities along with a literacy block using big books to engage to the children emergent literacy. Karin Bammann and Megan Amy having been planning together so that our children’s needs are all taken into account. Both Educators should be commended on the visible partnership they forming through their collaborative efforts.