Our first full week at school has gone SWIMMINGLY. Everyone has settled in well and everyone is working hard to set up for a good learning year. Our focus is learning how to learn. The children have been investigating Art Costa's Habits of Mind. These are a set of 'habits' that good learners build in order to learn effectively. Children can really tune into their own learning and build a high level of awareness of their own strengths and challenges through practising these 'habits'.

Each week, we will include one of the habits in the newsletter so that at home you can help your child practice this habit. This week's habit is -

**PERSISTING.**

Stick to it! Sticking to a task until it is completed: remaining focused. Looking for ways to reach your goal when stuck. Not giving up.

_Happy Birthday_ to **Austen Williams** who celebrated his 7th birthday on Wednesday and to **Audrey Anderson** who is 6 years old today.

**REMINDERS**

- Information night - Our information night and BBQ has been postponed until Monday 20th February at 6.30pm due to the Shire forum on Monday 13th February.

- Forms - We still have some forms not yet returned. If you need copies of the forms sent out last week please let us know.

**CSEF FORMS**

Please fill in this form if you are eligible and return it to school. We require a copy of your Health Care Card to go with it.

**BIG WRITE AND VCOP**

Information went home about Big Write yesterday. We are all excited about our Big Writing for this year and hoping to produce some great work. Our focus for this next two weeks is Narrative. Reading great stories to your children helps them to use their imaginations in order to have ideas to write about and also reinforces how narratives are built. We also hope that you will be able to spend some time discussing your child's Big Write topic with them each week.
SWIMMING
Although we missed Monday's lesson due to the weather, we have had three great days of swimming with all children expressing excitement and enthusiasm about the program. We continue with swimming next week, every day except Wednesday.

Have a good weekend,

Eron, Lynda, Shelby and Barb