What’s Coming Up- Pop it on the calendar!
- Information afternoon - Monday 16th 2.30pm-3.15pm in school library
- Michelle (Enviro teachers) Open Garden 14th and 15th Feb 10-4.30 $8 entry
- 12 Charman Ave, Emerald – it’s amazing and worth a look!
- The Patch School Open Garden Weekend – 14th and 15th March 10-4.30 $8 entry

Notices
- Full page of notices will be given at information session on Monday.

What are we learning about at the moment?
A fantastic start to the school year we have had! Happy children and new friendships being formed with parents, teachers and children. We have had a wonderful time visiting your homes and we feel as though we already know your children really well.

We sincerely thank you for being so welcoming and for rearranging your schedules to accommodate us.
The children are all settling in really well and are learning the routines and processes of school. First Term is all about ensuring we set up an orderly, calm environment where the children completely understand the running of the room and the expectations of being a member of the grade. It is a term for them to explore boundaries and to find out for themselves what they can and can’t do at school. We also focus on forming new friendships and giving the children tools to manage their friendships and problems independently.

Our aim for this term is to have every child feeling safe, confident and happy coming to school. So far, so good!
We are also testing during this time, some of you have already had your literacy and numeracy interviews and we should have most of them completed by the end of next week. During these first few weeks we are also taking observational notes, how do they hold their pencil, are they making new friends easily or do they need help, can they problem solve, are they eating enough lunch in the given time etc....
We are painting a detailed picture so we can move forward through the year understanding exactly where your child has started socially, emotionally and academically.

We are introducing different subjects and exploring what they know and what they would like to know.
We are very proud of each and every one of them and are looking forward to a very happy year! See next fortnight’s newsletter for more details on our numeracy and literacy focus.