Executive Report...

It has been a very busy start to the year in all classrooms and learning spaces! I have had the chance to visit all classrooms and it has been very pleasing to see the work that is being produced by students.

Some stage 2 students are currently spending their literacy learning time in the library with Mr Hall, Ms Drage, Mr Byrne and Mr Corey. The students are currently learning how to use an App called a Popplet to make a ‘mind map’ on a topic they will write about. The students have used both the new computer lab and iPads to create their first Popplet.

The new library space is very exciting to work in, as 30 computers and a class set of iPads, in addition to all of the amazing books we have, ensures students have access to all of the information they need to inform their writing.

The gardening group are well under way again with the native garden project which started in 2015. Our group were fortunate enough to receive a grant of $2000 from “Tradies” to spend on the garden. Part one was completed in 2015 and this term we will be laying down even more newspaper and cardboard to stop the weeds and planting a range of native trees as well as mulching. This is a play time group and the gardening club volunteers are enthusiastic and committed to making our school beautiful. Donations of boxes (cardboard) and newspaper would be appreciated.

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FUSION Western Sydney Youth & Community Centre
12 Carsons Lane, St Marys
Term 1, 2016: Feb 16, Feb 23, Mar 1, Mar 8. (9:15am-12.30pm)
Childcare available upon request
Course Fees: $70 pp / $40 pp Conc OR $90 Couple / $60 Couple Conc.

Presented by FUSION Western Sydney
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Healthy Harold's
First Family Fun Day

Sunday
21st February
10am-3pm
10 Hewitt St, Colyton
[Life Education NSW]
Special guests!!!
Interactive sessions in our Vans and classrooms
Prizes
Face Painting
Activities
Food stalls
Entertainment
Come and say "Hi" to Healthy Harold

Stepping Stones Triple P Parenting Seminars Series
Helping Your Children Reach Their Potential

Is this you?
Most of the time, you know you are doing a good job with parenting. But there are times when things get a little tricky. Like when your toddler won't eat her dinner. Or your six year old won't share his toys. If only someone could give you some ideas to make those times easier! If this sounds like you, then a Stepping Stones Triple P seminar may be right for you.

What is a Stepping Stones Seminar?
Stepping Stones Triple P seminars tackle the most common issues for parents of children with a disability. Seminars are for large groups of parents – possibly 20 or more. It's an informal presentation, a little like a public forum. There are three seminars that each last 2 hours and cover a different topic. We encourage parents to try to attend all three.

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Where: South Penrith Neighbourhood Centre, 3 Trent St, South Penrith
Cost: FREE – As this is part of a research project
Who: Any parent/caregiver of a child (2 to 12 years) with a disability
How: To register contact
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Email: Parenting@nepeancommunity.org.au

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