Another school year begins with an enthusiastic group of students. We welcome Luke and Hamish Braithwaite to our school along with their parents Tammy and Anthony and sibling Aaron. We hope they thoroughly enjoy their time here at Apsley Primary School. This brings our 2015 enrolment number to 13, a nice class size.

Staffing at the school remains relatively the same. Olivia will continue to work with Alex and three afternoons a week she will focus on some one on one work with individual students. Julie, Robbie and James will continue with their various roles and Wendy will continue with some office work after hours. Mr Vaughan will also continue to visit with the MARC Van on a fortnightly basis and our Japanese lessons with Ken and Peta will continue via the video conferencing unit. As you are all aware Mrs P has had some health issues over the Christmas break and will return to work in due time. I will be fulfilling her role until then. Mr Bruce will also be helping me out a couple of days a week. We all wish Sam a speedy recovery and hope to see her back here soon.

Swimming will commence week three and will run for two weeks, ending with the school sports on Friday 20th February. Further details and permission forms will be sent home early next week.

Our traditional family get together BBQ has been scheduled for Wednesday 11th February at school, 6pm. Meat will be supplied and families have been asked to bring their own drinks and a salad to share. Come along and let’s celebrate the beginning of a new school year!

Unfortunately the Active After Schools Program ceased at the end of last year and will hopefully be up and running again in term three under a new banner. We are currently trying to work out something similar for the students in the near future.

There will be a parent club meeting on Thursday 12th February at 9.00. I would encourage all possible parents to attend. Also School Council has been changed to the third Tuesday of the month, instead of the second.

Finally I look forward to working in partnership with you all and please feel free to contact me at school or on my mobile 0429146406 if you have any concerns.

Tanya Turner
Take Home Books and Diaries

All the students have now been issued with a take home book to read nightly. I can not express enough how important this daily task is to enhance your child’s reading skills. Please initial reading log if they have read. This task is meant to be enjoyable for all those involved, so if you find the book is too challenging for your child please write a comment in the reading log. Diaries are also an important form of communication between school and home and it would be greatly appreciated if this could also be returned daily.

Eloise Turner
2nd February

Luke Walter Braithwaite
Full Name:
Age: 10
Grade: 5
Favourite Food:
Meat and Vegies
Favourite TV Show:
Sorry I’ve got no head!
What hobbies do you have?
Drawing, swimming and playing basketball
Favourite Colour:
Black
What do you want to be when you grow up: Pirate
Why do you like Apsley Primary School?
I like it because its good for me so I can get my work done. I like playing with my cousin and the other kids.

Hamish Anthony Braithwaite
Full Name:
Age: 9
Grade: 4
Favourite Food:
Pasta Bake
Favourite Movie:
The Smurfs
What hobbies do you have?
Playing video games, sport and helping mum.
Favourite Colour: Aqua
What do you want to be when you grow up: Scientist
Why do you like Apsley Primary School?
I like it because it has a small class and is has a quiet working environment. I also have a lot of friends here.

Issue one of Bookclub has been sent home with this newsletter. All orders and money needs to be back at school by Monday 16th February. Cheques can be made payable to Apsley Primary School. Olivia will be in charge of bookclub this year, so any concerns can be directed straight to her.
Leadership and Special Roles within the School.

Elections were held for 8 highly sort after roles within the school. With certain roles the students had to be in the senior class. The winning candidates were:

- **School Captain** - Darcy Ewer
- **Ballantyne Captain** - Rachael Maddern
- **Clarke Captain** - Brooke Ewer
- **SRC President** - Erin Ewer
- **SRC Secretary** - Eloise Turner
- **SRC Treasurer** - Hayden Trowbridge
- **Bringalbert Bus Monitor** - Trinity Moritz
- **Langkoop Bus Monitor** - Alex Hunn
Weird but True!

Did you know.........
Catfish use their entire body to taste things?
Many cave dwelling fish don’t have eyes?
Bubble wrap was originally invented as wallpaper.