It is hard to believe that our 96 Kindergarten students are already halfway through their first year at school. Term 2 has certainly been a very enjoyable, busy, and productive term. The children have been immersed in many learning experiences and grown and developed in so many wonderful ways.

The term began with the children taking home readers to share with family members each night. This entry into the world of homework was very exciting for the students and parents alike. In classrooms, Literacy Groups were introduced for the first time too. These groups are a wonderful opportunity for parents to come to school to work with their own child and others in small groups. It is a constant source of joy for the Kindergarten staff as we watch the children delight in their newly acquired reading skills.

In Mathematics, new learning is taking place every day. Numeracy groups provide an opportunity for the children to participate in many activities designed to teach and reinforce new skills.

A highlight of the term was the Calmsley City Farm excursion. This was a very exciting day as it was Kindergarten’s first excursion. The children clamoured enthusiastically onto the buses, waved goodbye to mums and set off. At the farm they patted sheep, milked a cow, and had a tractor ride, saw a sheepdog in action and participated in many other wonderful farm experiences. Needless to say the trip back was a lot quieter with many worn out junior farmers taking a little nap.

Early next term Kindergarten will celebrate their first 100 days at school with a party. More details about this exciting day will be forthcoming next term.

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