Welcome Back
A Big Welcome Back to all families and a special welcome to the many new families joining our school this year.
We are delighted to tell you that our school is continuing to grow and we are saying hello to 30 new Preps this year.
Thank you to all parents for organising your children so well. They are enthusiastic, smiling, in full school uniform and very keen to start their new school year. They are working with their teachers beautifully.

Essential Education Items for 2017 and CSEF Applications
Thank you to all the families that have already returned these forms. If you are a Centrelink card holder, the cost of education supplies is covered. Otherwise you will be charged $120 per child. If you haven’t already done so can you please return the forms as soon as possible and bring in your current Centrelink/Healthcare card for the office to photocopy.

NEW School Building Update
The sketch below is the Architect’s sketch plan for our new school.

We are expecting action in June. For all students it will be business as usual at Whittington, but we will be moving into portable classrooms for approximately one year while the new school is being built. Very Exciting!

Sunsmart
Please remind your children that Term 1 is a SunSmart Term and all children must wear broad-brimmed or bucket hats when outside. Hats are available from the Front Office for $7.00.
Happy Birthday
Friday, February 3
to
Thursday, February 9
Cooper Evans
Leah Davis

2016 Term Achievement Awards
The 2016 Term 4 Achievement awards were given to:
Grade HD Maddison Barry
Grade KC Emily Holmes
Grade JM Riley Spencer
Grade DN Kayden Bradley
Grade KL Cooper Rowbottom
Grade JH Levi Price-Veitch
Congratulations to these students for a terrific Term 4.

2017 Classes and Teachers:

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Veggie Garden Thanks
Thanks to Mr Patten and his family we have re-established our school veggie garden over the holidays. It looks an absolute treat and we have already begun harvesting beetroot.
The plan is to start a weekly Gardening Club for all interested students and harvest and cook the vegetables at school for everyone to enjoy. Great Stuff!!