Thank you to all parents who supported the working bee. Grounds looked great.
Many thanks also to Graeme and Mr Anstice for the fantastic new vegetable garden ... it is looking amazing!

NAPLAN 2013

Highlights 
Year 5 (Boys-20 students) have improved by 57 scale scores from the 2012 data in the test aspect of Grammar & Punctuation.
Year 3 (Girls-33 students) are 40 scale scores above the state average in the test aspect of Numeracy.
Year 5 (Boys-19 students) are 7 scale scores above the state average growth in the test aspect of Numeracy.

Areas for investigation
Year 5 (Girls-25 students) have shown a decrease of 33 scale scores from the 2012 data in the test aspect of Writing.
Year 3 (Boys-28 students) are 8 scale scores below the state average in the test aspect of Spelling.
In comparison with the Hornsby Network of Schools we have made significant improvements this year:-
  - Year 3 above local network of schools in Writing and Number, Patterns and Algebra.
  - Year 5 improving the gap, especially in Number, Patterns and Algebra.

Spelling is also an area of concern. A new Spelling program has been trialling this year in the primary and will be included into the years 1 and 2 in 2014.

Cleaning Issues
Our cleaner, Tony, has been cleared of all allegations made by parents. The Employee Performance and Conduct unit investigated all allegations and found Tony innocent.
Our cleaning time has been cut by the state government by 3.75 hours per week.

Upcoming Events:
  - Flashmob Dance: Our senior dancers are involved in a ‘Flashmob’ at the Water Fountain in the mall on Thursday, 24th October at 6pm.
  - MaDD Night: Monday, 28th October, and we ask that all children and parents remain for the entire performance.
  - League Tag: Yrs 3-6 students at Foxglove Oval on Thursday
  - Normanhurst Boys Circus Skills: Monday, 4th November, from 11:30 to 1pm for Years 1 and 2 students.
  - Kindergarten Orientation: Wednesday, 13th November from 10am.

2014
At this stage our numbers look very healthy with the possibility of an extra class, taking us to 17 classes in 2014.
The new demountable will be located adjacent to the other two demountables.