W.R.E.N LAUNCH

9:00 am on Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} of February 2013

At school on Friday, every student and teacher participated in the WREN launch at school. Mrs Wakefield opened the ceremony by introducing what was going to happen. Next we had an Aboriginal Elder speak on behalf of all the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. She also spoke about her love of reading. She also gave us a book about Flora and Fauna. Next Mrs Wakefield told us how she loved reading with her sisters as she grew up. She still loves reading as she now has all her books on her phone instead of carry big books in her bag and has more time for shopping. Pam Parker got up next to speak but only very briefly as she had another appointment to go to. Mr Geeves took the stage next by introducing us to Chi – Chi, his little bookmark that sits on his shoulder as he reads. He said his mother used to read to him every night and he would read to her. Miss Perry got up and introduced us Brutus, her little bookmark. She said that she always loves reading when she can. I also noticed through every speech, they each mentioned the significance of reading. Mandy Swanson got up and read a letter on behalf of Campbell Newman and then did her own
speech. She said she used to read to her boys and her 14 year old still loves to read to her and her read to him. Then the “Wizard” appeared and read the Magic Hat. At the end he made Mr C. appear!! By that time it was time to sing the **Yugumbir State School song** and after that we sang the W.R.E.N song and all joined in with the lyrics and actions!! We completed the morning by going off into our separate classes and reading for 45 minutes! I think we can all say we had an excellent time on Friday!!!  

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