New generation of local kids start school

While the rest of Bourke's school age children went back to school last week, on Monday it was time for Kindergarten to begin for another year.

But along with local five-year-olds, preschool age children are also getting a taste of school life at the new Early Years Transition Centre.

The Transition Centre has been created as part of the Connected Communities strategy to lift the academic results of local children, by making them better prepared to start their schooling careers.

Working in conjunction with the Bourke Preschool, local children will now have access to four days a week at an education facility.

The Transition Centre will teach kids about school - everything from where the toilets are to how to line up for class, so they will know what is expected of them when they begin kindergarten.

It will also enable the Public School to identify what support measures may be needed for each individual student.

Bourke Public School Principal Kylie Pennell said she believes Bourke will see a significant improvement in academic achievement as a result of the new Centre.

It is the first week of school for a new generation of local kids.
Above: the Kindergarten class of Bourke Public School 2014

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