Greetings for Term 3 and welcome to all our new parents. This term we welcome a new teacher and a few changes to our teaching team. Lauren Ripper has started a New Entrant class in Room 31. Katherine Groom is in Room 8 and Aradhana Sharma is back and working in Room 32.

**Topics for Term Three**
Our theme for the year is making connections. We are starting the term looking at the Commonwealth Games and making connections with other countries. We will have a games rotation to celebrate the event in week 3.

Later this term, August 17 & 18, we are going to Butterfly Creek to look at the dinosaur display for making connections with the past.

**Poetry Recitals**
As part of the oral language programme children are asked to recite a poem to their class. The finalists from each class will present their recital on **Wednesday September 3**. Information about how you can help your child with their presentation will be on a separate notice.

**Uniform**
In the winter terms the lost property box fills very quickly so please ensure clothing is named. It is much more likely that named items will be returned to the owner. While a name on the label is very helpful, it is advisable to name items, especially jackets and jumpers, in more than one place as labels may come off.

**Assemblies**
The Junior Syndicate will have assembly this term on **Friday 29 August**. Full school assemblies are on odd weeks of the term. You are welcome to join us for these in the hall at 9:00am.
**E-Learning**

Our Junior Classrooms continue to have a strong ICT focus appropriate to their level. E-Learning is integrated into all class programmes wherever possible to enhance teaching and learning. We are continuously adding to our e-learning resources and have recently purchased another pod of i-pads.

Check out these apps:

- Puppet Pals
- Pearl Diver

Puppet Pals is a great story telling app. Get the whole family involved. Pearl Diver helps children identify numbers on a number line in a fun and simple way.

**Waiting with their child before school**

Please remember if you are waiting with your child for the 8.20am bell would you please do so outside the Hall with all the other children. Teachers are not available to supervise children before 8.20am, as they will still be preparing for the days teaching. We would appreciate your support with this.

Kind regards

From Junior Team

Kay Morris, Marie Cutler, Serue Lee, Judi Williams, Karen Brunning, Lisa Gordon, Kate Norton, Gemma Kirk, Gillian Peterson, Ksenia Tauroa, Jodi Oldham, Diane Jackson, Aradhana Sharma, Lauren Ripper, Katherine Groom and Lyn Thorpe.