Welcome back
Welcome back to a new school year. It is always exciting to see students from 2012 returning happy, relaxed and beautifully dressed with a bag full of new supplies. It is a special day for our 123 Early Learning students experiencing their first day of formal schooling. I am sure they will settle in quickly to school life.

A warm welcome to the 3 new teachers who commence with us:
- Felicity Puckey – Sr-P
- Tamara Williams - EL-W
- Jacinta Mackenzie - Jr-Ma

It is a busy term ahead, though not a long one. We have our School Fair on Saturday March 23rd, just a week before the holidays.

Newsletter
The full newsletter will commence next week and will be distributed electronically, via our website, to all families. An email alert is sent out each week when the newsletter is online, but it can be accessed at any time through the website. Communication is important and we believe this will be the most convenient way for parents to know what is going on. This year the Calendar on the website will also be kept up to date with activities which involve parents and students. Event items in the calendar on the website will also in most cases have copies of any required forms.

If you have not already registered for the newsletter on the website please do so. There is a link on the front page of the school website which steps you through the process. In addition to linking to the current newsletter, the website also has some links from time to time to other resources within the school. If for some reason you cannot access the newsletter online at home or work, please contact the office.

School Calendar
Each family will receive a printed School Calendar early next week. The calendar contains important school dates throughout the year and is a great school community resource to keep handy.

Asbestos Update
Those who are moving around the Junior area in the school will notice the fenced-off area has been reduced considerably. As families from 2012 know, a small amount of asbestos building material (not from our buildings) was unexpectedly found in this area last year. The Department of Education appointed hygienists to monitor and manage the situation. We have been following their recommendations and originally fenced off a large area as a precaution. They visited twice over the summer break and they have asked for only the smaller area be fenced for now. We will continue to follow their advice and I will keep you updated when things change.

Graeme Caudry