Welcome to Term 3! We are learning all about the weather this term, so if you have any interesting books or other resources that we could use, we would to borrow them for our classroom.

In week one, we had the Extreme Science Program in the hall. The QUT students were wonderful with the class—they showed them many interesting things to see using microscopes. Dance Fever also started and the children had great fun—we have a few funky dancers in the group that should provide plenty of entertainment at the Family Dance Night which is on Thursday, September 12.

Home Reading
A reading book will be coming home each Tuesday and Thursday. Please return the folders the following morning to practice the book again with your child when they come in to class. (On Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursday mornings we will be continuing to read our little books in our book boxes). In this early stage of reading, your child will be using their memory to ‘read’, but as the level of difficulty increases, they will need to do more reading work, looking carefully at the words and the pictures in the stories. Encourage them to read their books to their siblings and relatives or family friends at every opportunity - building up their confidence is essential. If you have any queries, please come and see us.

Beginning Reader Workshop for Parents and Carers
We will be conducting a workshop to give you some ideas and strategies to use when reading with your child on Thursday, August 1st at 3:05pm to 4:00pm. Due to safety reasons, the playground will be closed during the workshop to all students. There will be a DVD for the students to watch that will be supervised during the workshop.

Help!
Our cardboard box supplies are a little low. We are also on the lookout for some gardening tools. (Little gloves, trowels, diggers etc.) to use for our Spring Planting in September. We are building up our plants in the fernery, but are always on the lookout for more varieties, so if you have any that need a new home, please send them in.

Staff Changes
Chris Borck, our wonderful teacher aid is on long service leave this term. She is being replace by Ky Mather. Ann will continue to work with the children from Wednesday—Friday.

30 Days of Drawing
This term, we are going to do the 30 Days of Drawing program. Each day, we will be exploring a different medium (charcoal, colouring pencils, lead pencil, felts, chalk, pen, crayons and pastels) and using our memory, imagination and observations to draw various things from a toy car to a dragon. This program is excellent for developing your child’s fine motor skills and becomes a lovely memento from their Prep year.

Thank you for your continued help in and out of the classroom - it has been wonderful! This term, it would be great to have a parent or two come in to read through the home readers with the children.
We would also appreciate help for the morning groups, from Tuesdays to Fridays, as we are starting to do more ‘formal’ activities. They go from 10—11 am. Of course, you are welcome to stay from 9 if you wish.
Suzanne, Leann, Ann and Ky