From the Principal’s Desk

Millmerran Show
What a fantastic show! I was delighted to see the school display and all of the student work. Well done to all of the parents and caregivers who support their children in completing the entries in all other areas, I know our community value your efforts. Thank you also to our P&C and our many volunteers for their efforts in fundraising at the chip van.

Teaching and Learning
School life is very busy. Students are actively engaged in learning and it is important to remember that every day counts. While having a day off when sick is inevitable for all of us, taking days off to go to the movies, shopping, or just because…makes it difficult for your child to keep up with the learning program and complete all required assessment items. With the end of Term 1 fast approaching it is imperative that students are in attendance or catch up on missed work.

Parent-Teacher Interviews
Interviews for Primary students will be held in last week of Term 1, Tuesday 22 March. Secondary Parent Interview are scheduled for Week 2 of next term. Tuesday 19th April. Please lock these dates into your calendar, as they are an important opportunity for parents/caregivers and teachers to discuss the progress of your child/ren and their learning goals for 2016.

Q Schools for your Phone
I believe one of the best ways to stay in touch with the school is via the Q Schools app that can be downloaded for Free from any smart phone. After downloading, do a search for Millmerran State School and make it your favourite. By doing this you have direct access to the school newsletter, calendar and notifications. Spread the word about this important link to our school!

Until next time,

Mrs Anita Gibbs
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH
Tuesday 8.................................P&C Meeting
Wednesday 9............................Shooting for Stars
Monday 14.................................School Photos
Tuesday 15......................Soul Connection Band
Tues 15 - Thurs 17.........Sec Schools Music Camp
Thursday 17........USQ Indigenous Connections
Friday 18......National Day of Action Against Bullying
Tuesday 22................Cross Country
Tuesday 22......Primary Parent/Teacher Interviews
Thursday 24................Last Day of Term 1

APRIL
Monday 11......................First Day of Term 2
Tuesday 19.....Secondary Parent/Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 19...............NAPLAN Parent Session
Wednesday 20........Arts Council - Great Galaxies
Friday 22.....................ANZAC Ceremony

TUCKSHOP ROSTER TERM 1

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|            |            | Kate Kingston |

Millmerran School Chaplaincy
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 15th March, 5:45pm
To be held in room A11 (Chaplaincy room)
Everyone welcome
**Deputy News**

As we head into Week 7 it is encouraging to see most of our students applying themselves to completing units of work and assessment tasks. Learning is ongoing and we certainly don’t wind down for the holidays.

Well done to all those students who are involved in activities before school and during breaks. This is a great way to develop team skills and cooperation with others.

School photos are being taken on Monday 14th March. Please ensure your child is in full school uniform. If you do not have the summer uniform the uniform shop will be open Thursday 10th March to purchase items. School Captains are to wear their Formal uniform for a group photo before changing into their everyday uniform for class photos. Thankyou for ensuring your child is dressed appropriately on this day.

If your child is absent for any reason please remember to contact the office to explain the absence as we are required to record this. If you do not make the office aware of the absence and reason it will be recorded as an unexplained absence.

On the 18th March we will be participating in the National Day of Action against Bullying. Students will be engaging in lessons and activities in their classes. They will be consolidating knowledge and action strategies they have previously experienced to reinforce our stand against Bullying. Students are encouraged to wear orange as this is the National Colour for this day. Please ensure their dress is sun safe and school appropriate.

Congratulations to all students who entered items in the show. This is a wonderful way to display a range of skills in writing, mapping, creativity and practical handiwork. A big thankyou also to those parents who devoted many hours to ensuring the show was a success.

Have a great week.
Tanya Van Bruinessen
Deputy Principal

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**Prep News**

Prep swimming is every Wednesday. Please remember to send your child’s swimmers on that day and remember to include a swim shirt or spare shirt that can be worn in the water to protect from sun burn.

The preps are so excited to be learning about living things. We know that the best way to learn is to experience things first hand and we have been so lucky with the special guests we have had so far. We would like to thank Mrs Kimberley Hobbs and Rachel for showing us their pet piglets, Mr Alec Howieson for bringing us his pet joey, and Mrs Gibbs for showing us her clever little dog Roxy. The prep students have a very thorough understanding of the different needs of living things because of your help.

The cheeky piglets owned by Mrs Hobbs were posing perfectly while we drew diagrams of them.

Mr Howieson showing us how he feeds his joey a bottle of milk.

Mrs Gibbs showing us that her dog Roxy LOVES a scratch on the belly.

Have a great week,
Miss Elliott
Hello everyone!! I hope that you are having a fantastic Week 6!! Can you believe there are only three more weeks to go until we are on holidays again?

Congratulations to all of the students in our class who entered items into the handwriting and art sections for the Millmerran show. We put in lots of hard work and effort and it paid off – our pieces look fantastic!! They will be on display in our classroom over the next couple of weeks for anyone that didn’t get to view them at the show.

Special mention goes to our prize winners:

♦ Wyatt Stewart (Year 3) – 1st for his machinery painting
♦ Cianna Watson (Year 2) – 2nd for her Australian animal drawing
♦ Angus Howieson (Year 3) – 3rd for his machinery painting
♦ Jack Wilson (Year 2) – 3rd for his Australian animal drawing
♦ Candice Blinco (Year 2) – Highly Commended for her Australian animal drawing
♦ Gwen Fernando (Year 2) – Arts and craft encouragement award for her Australian animal drawing

We have school photos coming up on Monday the 14th of March. An order form was sent home in your child’s homework folder. Please ensure that this is returned as soon as possible. It is important that all students present neatly on the day and wear their best school uniform.

We have a science assessment on combining materials coming up and we need your help!! If you have any materials at home that you could donate from the following list it would be most appreciated:

- Cardboard – boxes or sheets
- Plastic – bags, glad wrap, bubble wrap etc.
- Alfoil
- Fabric or cloth
- Paper – scrap, paper towel etc.
- Milk bottle tops
- Netting

All materials need to be at school by Friday the 11th of March. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Finally, some of the groups that we currently do in class are changing due to the different needs and learning goals of students. We will no longer do maths groups on a Monday to try to make more time for targeted learning experiences in maths. We will do reading groups in first lesson (9.15 – 9.45am) on a Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday morning. If any parents are available to help during these sessions it would be most appreciated. Thank you to those that have already come in to help.

Have a great week,
Miranda Licence
**3/4D News**

Here are some dates for your calendar:

- **Wednesday 9th March** – Shooting for the Stars
- **Monday 14th March** – School Photos
- **Tuesday 22nd March** – School Cross Country/Junior Cross Country
- **Tuesday 22nd March** – Parent Interviews
- **Thursday 24th March** – Last Day of Term 1
- **Tuesday 19th April** – Naplan Parent Afternoon
- **Wednesday 20th April** – Arts Council
- **Friday 22nd April** – Anzac Day Ceremony
- **Monday 25th April** – Anzac Day (public holiday)
- **Monday 2nd May** – Public Holiday
- **Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th May** – Naplan Testing for Year 3 only!!

The Millmerran Show was on last weekend and the students worked extremely hard on their show work. Congratulations to all the students who received prizes for their work. If you didn’t get to see our work at the show, it is now on display above our bags outside our classroom.

Congratulations to Fergus Elborne who won the School Positive Postcard Competition for Years 1-3!

3/4D’s library day is Friday so please remind your child to return their library book each Friday!

Swimming lessons for 3/4D is held on Fridays from 9.35 am – 10.10 am, but unfortunately this week it has been cancelled. Parent helpers are always needed, so if you are available, please come along next Friday to help us out. Please ensure your child has their swim bag on Fridays containing their togs, sun shirt, towel, goggles and sunscreen. Reading Groups are held on Thursdays and Fridays from 11.30am until 12.30pm. Parent helpers are always needed on both days, so if you are available, your support would be greatly appreciated.

3/4D will begin their Easter Art Activities from Monday 21st March until Wednesday 23rd March from 1.30 pm until 3 pm. Parent helpers are most welcome to attend!!

The School Cross Country will be held at the Golf Club on Tuesday 22nd March for students in our class born in 2006 and 2007! Parents are most welcome to come along with the races starting at 9.30 am. The Junior Cross Country will be held on the small School Oval for students in our class born in 2008! Parents are most welcome to attend, with the races beginning at 1.30 pm on the same day!

School Photos will be taken on Monday 14th March! Students need to be dressed in full school uniform! The school photo notes have already been sent home and need to be filled in and returned with money by Friday 11th March! Please contact the office if you have not received a school photo order form.

Book Club orders with money need to be returned by Friday 11th March!

Naplan Testing will be held on Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th May! A Parent Afternoon will be held on Tuesday 19th April to discuss the upcoming tests and some appropriate strategies for preparing your child for Naplan. Please note - Naplan preparation has already begun and will intensify after the Easter holidays!!

Finally, don’t forget Parade is held on Friday afternoons from 2.25 pm onwards at the hall with all parents being most welcome to attend. A big congratulations to our first group of Ripper students for 2016 who received Ripper awards on parade – Nesfe Fernando, Qwyntan Pearson, Tia Judge, Liam White, Abby Culleton and Lilly Gesler!!

Thanks for reading!!

Jo Dines
5N News

Congratulations to all students on their fantastic displays at the Millmerran Show. Special mention must go to our winners


Art Work - Champion – Year 5 & 6 (classes 5, 6, 12, 13) – Sophia Antonio, First – Sophia Antonio, Third - Troy Apelt, HC – Emma Christensen, HC – Tia Betts and the Encouragement Award – Taitum McConville.

Congratulations to Sophia Antonio who won the design for the positive postcard for 2016. Please remember that school photo money is due back to the office ASAP.

Reading Groups are held on a Tuesday from 11.20am until 12.00noon. If any parents could spare this time it would be greatly appreciated. Parade every Friday at 2.25pm.

Homework
Parents if you have any concerns regarding homework please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Week 5 Reminders
- Tuckshop is available to order on Monday, Wednesday or Friday
- 5N’s swimming day is on a Wednesday, we require parent helpers from 1.50 – 2.25. Students must remember to bring their swimming togs/shorts/t-shirts, goggles and towel in a separate bag

Important Upcoming Dates:
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- Tuesday 22nd March - School Cross Country
- Tuesday 22nd March - Parent/Teacher interviews
- Thursday 24th March - Last day of Term 1
- Wednesday 20th April - Arts Council
- Friday 22nd April – Anzac Day Ceremony
- Year 5 Naplan testing – Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th May

Thank you
Pearta Nolan 😊

6W News

Hello to all parents. So far this year we have been very busy with student elections, swimming carnival and show maps of Australia as well as normal school work. All the children produced great charcoal drawings for the show.

For homework, New Maths Mentals are due for correction on Wednesday and Friday. I would like all parents to encourage your child to read a book of their choice for at least fifteen minutes each night.

In the classroom we have been busy learning about various types of graphs and graph interpretation, adding fractions with common and unrelated denominators, operations on whole numbers and decimals. In English we been studying the structure of narratives and comparing various types of narrative texts. We are now focussing on writing narrative texts. In History, we have looked at the various early politicians who were responsible for the early colonies federating. We have been looking at the changing rights of women since settlement. This week we will have a History and Maths test.

Children who were involved in the cattle leading day at Millmerran Show had an enjoyable time.

I will be taking long service leave nine days before Easter. Mrs Dent will be the teacher in my absence. If you have any concerns regards your child, please contact me.

Regards
J. Wilkes.
Our primary swimming lessons are in full swing. However some students still have not paid for this. This must be done prior to go swimming. Students will be required to bring a swimming bag with their togs, sun-shirt (or an old t-shirt), and towel (googles and swimming caps are optional). Swimming is a lifelong skill, and also a skill which helps promote safety whilst around water. Our school lessons partnered with lessons elsewhere will help your child to achieve these life changing skills.

As a part of swimming it is required that we have enough adult supervision to maintain a safe working environment. If any parents or guardians can volunteer that would be great. Please look at the times below and notify either Miss Jackman or class teachers if you can assist with any of these lessons.

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Unfortunately Swimming lessons will not take place THIS Friday (4th of March), they will continue as per normal next week.

Well Done to Matthew Spooner and Scott Grundon who competed at the Darling Downs 13-19 years Swimming Trials at Gatton Aquatic Center last week! Both boys swam brilliantly and managed to get some very fast personal bests. Well done to you both!

Congratulations to the 12 years and under students (Jackson Shaw, Alecsis Howieson and Paul Valdez) who competed at the Inner Downs Swimming Trials on Friday 19th of February at Pittsworth Aquatic Center. Despite the storm, all students swam great. An extra congratulations to Jackson Shaw who has now qualified for the Darling Downs Swimming Trials on Wednesday 2nd February.

Primary Boys aged 11 or 12 who are interested in trialling for the ARL Development Cup team (Rugby League) need to see Miss Jackman by the end of the week please. We must start training!!

**Millmerran Grandstand Joke:**

Q. Two waves had a race. Who won?
A. They tide!

Amy Jackman
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Please write your child's/children's name in the column next to the Learning Area you would like them to participate in. Please send total payment by Friday 22nd April, to the school office with completed form in an envelope marked with students names.

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2016 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS

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Our schools say 'Bullying. No Way!' on the National Day of Action. On Friday 18 March, our school will be taking a stand together on the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. The National Day is an annual event for Australian schools where school communities across the nation stand as one against bullying and violence.

Millmerran State P-10 School is dedicated to creating safe and supportive school environments, free from bullying, harassment and violence.

Together, we can send clear messages to young people that bullying and violence, in or outside the classroom, are not okay at any time. Students are encouraged to wear casual clothes-something orange, on this day to unite in this important message.

At our school we encourage students to use the Hi 5 strategy to solve problems! Teachers will be consolidating these strategies along with other activities sending a clear message - 'Bullying. No Way!'

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**School Performance**

Our students have the opportunity to attend the educational and entertaining performance

**Great Galaxies**

**What is it about?**

This part comedy routine, part science lecture, fast paced commentary with plenty of laughs and audience involvement is full of fascinating facts about our earth and the solar system in which it orbits.

**Date:** Wednesday 20th April  
**Time:** 1.30 pm  
**Where:** Doug Hall Centre- Millmerran State School  
**Cost:** $4.00 each for first 3 children  
$1.00 for each child after that.  
**Final Payment Day:** FRIDAY 15th April

Please return your money in an envelope to the school office with your child/children’s names on the front by FRIDAY 15th April  
Thankyou.