From the Principal’s Desk

School Improvement Priorities – “Every Student Succeeding”

After consultation with the P&C Association and examining our results from 2015, the school priority areas have been identified as Reading and Numeracy. Every child in the school now has a learning goal set for 2016, in either reading or numeracy. Some students may have learning goals in both areas.

Each year level has a set benchmark attached to reading and numeracy and we test our students through a variety of measures. For example, PM Benchmarking, PAT Reading Comprehension, PAT Mathematics, NAPLAN, Number Facts and of course, A to E achievement data. While not all children will achieve the benchmark for their year level, it is hoped that 100% of students will achieve their learning goal this year.

Interviews and Reporting

As Term 1 draws to a close, teachers are finalising assessment and learning data of their students. Our Primary classes will have Parent Teacher Interviews on Tuesday 22nd March from 3.15pm. Letters and interview request times have been sent home. Please return yours as soon as possible. These conversations are an important opportunity for parents to discuss their child’s progress and learning goals for the year. Secondary students will receive their Report Card after the holidays and Interviews will occur on Tuesday 19th April.

School Watch

Over the holidays it is always appreciated if our community can be aware of our school and any unusual activity. This can be reported directly to School Watch on 131 788.

Thank you for a wonderful start to 2016, have a safe and happy holiday.

Until next time,

Mrs Anita Gibbs
Principal
**TUCKSHOP ROSTER TERM 1**

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**IT News**

Congratulations to the recent recipients of our Ripper awards. In week 7 - Glory Joe & Logan Jurd for always modelling sensible behaviour. In week 8 - Kaidence McKay, Harley Bui, Ryker Filewood & Dinura Gallage for continually displaying active listening.

We cannot believe the end of term is so near. Our class is off to a great start with students showing great progress and such enjoyment for learning. This of course wouldn’t have been possible without parents and friends assistance with organising items for history, reading, swimming, sight words and spelling etc. We are very appreciative of your huge efforts throughout the term.

Reminders:

- Friday 18th - Anti-Bullying day, students are encouraged to wear something orange.
- Tuesday 22nd - Cross country, parents please come and cheer them on – 1.30 pm (little oval).
- Tuesday 22nd - Parent teacher interviews, if you cannot make it on Tuesday we can find another time.

Wishing all our families a very happy & safe holiday. Hope Easter Bunny finds his way through the dust!

Thank you
Pam Thornton

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**School Performance**
**Great Galaxies - CANCELLED**

The Great Galaxies School Performance has been cancelled. If you have already paid for this show the money will be credited for a show in Term 3 called A Swag of Tales.

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**Deputy News**

How quickly we have come to the end of Term 1.

I have been very proud of the general attitude and application of our students to their work throughout the term and look forward to seeing parents and caregivers take the opportunity to discuss progress with teachers on the Parent teacher Afternoons.

I am also very impressed with students who are confidently using the High 5 strategy. It’s important for High schoolers to remember that this strategy is effective throughout life, although the wording is slightly different. We will all be in situations where we need to state our point of view and it’s important to respond respectfully. Students practice this in its High 5 form in Prep and continue to develop their confidence and skills in a variety of circumstances as they grow into their teens. Students also determine as they get older what is really worth worrying about and what is not, what they can deal with and what they need help with!

Please read the invitation for Harmony Week. I have already had some interest from families and I know of one young man and his dad who have been Practising for the big day. To coordinate our school cultures for a shared afternoon would be a wonderful experience. Don’t be shy! Students are encouraged to participate but it would also be great for other parents to be involved too. If you would like to discuss this further please give me a call.

If you haven’t entered the ICAS competitions time is running out. Please get this organised before the holidays.

And speaking of holidays, they are not far away. I hope you find them relaxing and safe.

Have a wonderful week.

Tanya Van Bruinessen
Deputy Principal
1/2L News!

This term has just flown by and we have just one week left until the Easter break. Here’s a quick recap on what we have been learning about this term:

**English** – We have been looking at the alphabet and the single sounds that these letters make, along with our vowels and their multiple sounds. We have also been exploring narratives and characters in stories. The class did some short presentations in week 5 and this week we have created a retell of a story.

**Maths** – We have been looking at addition and subtraction this term and different strategies that we can use to help count faster. We have learnt about rainbow facts, doubles and counting on. We did a maths test on adding and subtracting (Year 2) and showing different ways to represent a number (Year 1).

**Science** – We explored living things and their habitats. We were able to watch a seed grow into a small plant and we learnt about different animals, how they grow and where they live.

**History** – The class have been learning about significant events that happen and why they are important to us personally and to the community. We have also looked at changes that happen over time.

Our focus in **Health** has been on the 4B’s this term and in **Art** we completed work for the Millmerran show and attempted some origami.

Wow, what a busy term!! Well done to the class, they have done an outstanding job!

A few reminders:
- Parent-Teacher interviews – Tuesday 22nd March – book a time!!
- Cross Country – Tuesday 22nd March
- Last Day of Term 1 – Thursday 24th March
- First Day of Term 2 – Monday 11th April

Finally, I would like to say a very big thank you to Michelle Spooner and Chloe Nielsen for your assistance this term at the pool and helping before school. It is greatly appreciated!

Have a great last week of term and fantastic holiday!
Kate Long 😊

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2/3L News

Hello families,

As usual, times are busy in 2/3L!! Below are some important things to remember as the term comes to an end.

Wednesday this week marked the last day of swimming for Semester One. Thank you to all of the lovely parents that came in to help out with this throughout the term. We could not have done it without you!!

This Friday the 18th of March we have anti-bullying day. Students are welcome to wear orange in support of this day.

For the final weeks of term we will be assessing students in all subject areas. It is, therefore, paramount that all children attend school unless unwell. If you know that your child is going to be away, please let me know in advance so that I can plan accordingly.

This week (Week 8) will be the final week of homework for the term.

Next Tuesday the 22nd of March we have Cross Country in the afternoon. You are more than welcome to come along to watch your child run. Please ensure that they have a water bottle and hat for this day.

Also on Tuesday the 22nd of March will be parent-teacher interviews in the afternoon and evening. A note has been sent home for you to indicate a preferred time for the interview. Please send the form back to school and I will try to do my best to give you the closest time to your preferred slot. You will be notified of your allocated interview time by a note in your child’s bag so please ensure that you check this regularly. Feel free to come in and chat to me if you have any concerns regarding interview times. I know that it can be a bit tricky to organise – especially if you have multiple children!!

Finally, thank you to those who were able to donate materials for our Science experiment last Friday. The kids had a fantastic time designing and creating waterproof and durable outfits for Barbie and Ken. We had some very interesting-looking end results. Some highlights included: the confusion around ‘making something 3D’, finding out that Barbie wasn’t very durable as evidenced by her lost arm, and having the WHOLE year 6 class come up to help us finish our experiment. It was certainly a memorable experience!!

I hope that you all have an excellent Easter break and look forward to seeing everyone again next term.

Miranda Licence
Here are some dates for your calendar:

- Friday 18th March - No Bullying Day (Free Dress)
- 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 last swimming lesson for 3/4D will be held this Friday from 9.35 am – 10.10 am. Parent helpers are always needed, so if you are available on Friday to help us out. Please ensure your child has their swim bag on Friday 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. Please note this is the last week of reading groups until after Naplan!!

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!

No Bullying Day is on this Friday which means students can come to school in Free Dress!! The students are asked to wear orange on this day and remember there is no gold coin donation!!

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 with all the Year 3s working in our classroom on Naplan activities over the last two weeks! Remember this will intensify after the Easter holidays!!

Congratulations to 3/4D for winning the Best Attendance award on parade last week! Remember every day counts @ Millmerran State P-10 School - it is cool to come to school!!

Don’t forget Parent Interviews are on this Tuesday!! If you haven’t booked a time yet, please let me know ASAP!!

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 – Dain McKay, Jack Dixon, Felicity McConville and Phoebe Blackett!!

Enjoy your Easter holidays!!
Jo Dines

Hello to all Parents. So far this year we have been extremely busy across the board in all subjects. The students have been working tirelessly on writing and illustrating their next chapter of James and the Giant Peach. I have read some very creative chapters and look forward to reading through the rest when they are completed.

What’s On in Term 2?
Reading Groups will continue in Term 2 on Wednesdays from 11.25am-12.00pm. If you would like to assist in the class, please let me know at the start of the term.

Homework
Spelling: will continue to be given out every Monday and will be tested the following Monday. Please encourage your child to practise their spelling words every night.

Maths Mentals: is to be completed on Monday – Thursday. We will mark these together in class every morning and do the test together on Fridays.

Library borrowing is on a Wednesday.

For those parents that I am yet to meet, I look forward to meeting you on Tuesday 22nd of March at the Parent Teacher evening.

I would like to take this chance to wish you and your family a Safe and Happy Easter.

Kind regards,
Miss Fuery

Chappy
Mandee Anderson
Millmerran State School

‘Chappies' provide spiritual and emotional support to school communities. They provide a listening ear and a caring presence for kids. They also provide support for parents in school communities.

Right now there are chappies in 67% of Qld schools, making a positive difference in the lives of over 400,000 students.

Chaplaincy Chat
5N News

As this will be the last newsletter for the term, I would like to thank all students for their willingness to learn. I hope that everyone has a wonderful, relaxed and safe holiday. See you all in Term 2!!

Swimming and Reading Helpers – Thanks to all parents that have helped out with swimming and reading this term. It is greatly appreciated!!

Cross Country – Next Tuesday the 22nd March is the cross country which is held at the Golf Club. Parents are invited to come and support their children.

No Bullying Day – Is on this Friday, students are encouraged to wear orange in support of this day. Remember there is NO gold coin donation required.

NAPLAN – We are preparing for NAPLAN in Year 5, due to this there will be NO reading groups until after the NAPLAN testing.

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

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Week 6 Reminders

– Tuckshop is available to order on Monday, Wednesday or Friday

Important Upcoming Dates:
– Friday 18th March - No Bullying Day
– Tuesday 22nd March - School Cross Country
– Tuesday 22nd March - Parent/Teacher interviews
– Thursday 24th March - Last day of Term 1
– Tuesday 19th April - NAPLAN Information Afternoon
– Wednesday 20th April - Art Council
– Friday 22nd April – Anzac Day Ceremony
– Year 5 Naplan testing – Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th May

Thank you
Pearta Nolan ☺

2016 Expanding Horizons Maths/Science/Technology Enrichment Camp at Columboola EEC

Target Group: Students in Year 4-6

Venue: Columboola EEC, Boort Koi Road, Columboola. (15km east of Miles just off the Warrego Hwy)

Date: Tuesday 30th August till Friday 2nd September 2016.

Cost: $175 approximately for accommodation, food and activities.

Transport: Transport will be the responsibility of the parent or schools.

Information Sheet and Application process with selection criteria available through your school.

Apply before Thursday 24th March. Parent helpers - are welcomed please email for details.

Successful applicants will be notified and will receive other information prior to camp.

2016 Expanding Horizons History/Geography Enrichment Camp at Barambah EEC

Target Group: Students in Year 4-6

Venue: Barambah EEC, 301 A Flat Road, Goomeri 4601 (about 1 hour outside Nanango, a map will be provided)

Date: Tuesday 30th August till Friday 2nd September 2016.

Cost: $135 approximately for accommodation, food and activities.

Transport: Transport to and from camp will be the responsibility of the parent.

Apply before Thursday 24th March. Parent helpers- are welcomed please email for details.

Successful applicants will be notified and will receive other information prior to camp.

Camp leader: Mrs Karen Long - Ph: 07 4628 0327 Mob: 0408 874 323 email: klong20@eq.edu.au Please email your queries.

Students will visit a variety of locations to take pictures and gather information to produce an iBook about gold mining and logging history in the South east Queensland region.

Students will visit – Prophet Gold mine at Kilkivan, Gympie Woodworks Museum and Elginvale Sawmill. Students will also undertake some plant propagation activities at the centre.
YEAR 7 NEWS

Congratulations to Henry Borres (from Year 7) who designed the winning entry for the high school positive postcard competition for 2016! Well done!

It's hard to believe that we are almost at the end of Term 1. The year 7 students have settled into high school and are now fully aware of the expectations that comes with being a secondary student. They currently have an English Persuasive Speech and Math Assignment (based on Perimeter, Area, Volume and Scale) that they are working on during class time, with both being due on the last day of the school term. Assessment is also due in other subject areas. 100% attendance is required for tasks to be completed by the due date. Remember, every day counts at Millmerran State School.

Students will continue to have homework leading up to the last day of term as well. Reading (minimum of 10 minutes each night) is a very important part of the homework expectation. Reading with fluency and comprehension is a vital skill for students to have. It is also one item on our school’s improvement agenda for 2016. Please encourage your child to read each night.

On Friday we are celebrating the ‘National Day of Action against Bullying’ Day. Students are encouraged to wear orange on this day. Students will also be walking through the cross country course in preparation for the event next Tuesday. Please encourage your child to bring a water bottle to school for both the walk through and actual event.

Next term the year 7’s will be completing the Naplan tests. We will be spending the first four weeks of the term preparing for Naplan. Again, 100% attendance during this time is vital.

All the best for the remainder of the term and enjoy the Easter break!

Thanks for reading.
Tracey Fox

P&C News

We would like to extend a BIG THANKYOU to ALL those people who gave up a couple of hours of their time to work in the Chip Van at this years Millmerran Show. It was very pleasing to see some new faces as well as the regular volunteers. This was a very successful fundraising event for our association this year!

Our Uniform shop continues to be an excellent venture for both families and the P & C - for this we must acknowledge the time given by both Paula McKinlay and Leah Collins - these ladies control the stock and are there every second Thursday to open the shop - if it weren't for these volunteers our uniforms would not be as affordable.

We were very fortunate to be chosen as a recipient in this years grants extended by Millmerran Community Branch Heritage Bank. Thankyou to Leah Collins who spent a lot of time preparing the Grant Application on behalf of the P & C Association. We received $1,500.00 which we will use to purchase shade shelters for sports days and fundraising events. We would like to acknowledge the wonderful contribution the Heritage Community Branch has put back into the Community of Millmerran.

Our next meeting will be held on TUESDAY 12TH APRIL, 2016 at the Library commencing 5.30pm.

STUDENT COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FOR TERM 1 2016!

- Primary: Handball Competition
- Primary: Collie Rounders Competition
- Secondary: ‘Capture the Flag’ competition
- School Wide Footy Tipping Competition begins
- Before School Activities:
  - Wednesday skipping;
  - Friday relays;
- ‘Guess the number of Eggs in the Bottle’ competition
- Student's Show Work – displayed on the 'Show 'n' Share Wall'
- Secondary committee – organising the school Disco for Term 2;
- Students organising and conducting weekly parades.

It’s been a busy and rewarding Term. We look forward to Term 2 events.
Our schools says '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!'
Introducing the Letter M

Come along to the High School Disco Night and dress up as something or someone starting with the letter M!

When: April 28, Thursday, Week 8 of Term 2
Time: 6 - 8 pm
Entry: Gold coin
Theme: M

Note: Remember to be signed in and out of the disco by your parent or a guardian!
**Harmony Week**

**Term 2 – Week 11**

**Cultural Assembly- Tuesday 21\(^{st}\) June: 2.00 pm**

In celebration of our many cultures at Millmerran State P-10 School we would like to offer parents/caregivers and students of our school the opportunity to share a part of your culture with the wider school community.

You may have a song, dance, poem, musical instrument that is unique to your culture, you are happy to share with us.

Please discuss this opportunity at home. It would be wonderful to see generations of your family share something special.

Please fill out the form below and return to school.

I look forward to a positive response and the chance to see some spectacular displays.

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**Names of person/people performing:**

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**Culture Being represented:** ___________________________________________

**Explanation of the performance:** _______________________________________

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**Singfest 2016**

Singfest 2016 is the third biennial non-competitive choral festival for state and catholic school students from Pittsworth, Millmerran, Cecil Plains and Inglewood districts.

Students from Years 3 – 8 are invited to attend;

Thursday 23\(^{rd}\) June 2016 (full day rehearsal consisting of choral workshops & massed choir items)

Students will learn 8 songs during music lessons; (high school students will need to obtain a copy of songs to learn)

An evening concert (6pm) will be held for parents, friends and community members. Entry by gold coin donation.

Students will need to bring lunch, drinks and snacks for the entire day.

Students will need to be dressed in full school uniform for both the day rehearsal and the evening concert.

Each participating student will be required to pay $2 on the day which will assist in covering costs associated with staging the event.

A note with further details will be issued next week.
2016 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS

Once again this year we offer students the opportunity to participate in these International Competitions. Students may choose to do all or any number of assessments offered, or to simply choose the subject they enjoy the most. Participating gives students another experience in testing conditions and helps to build up confidence in these situations. Every student entering ICAS receives a certificate acknowledging their participation.

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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Millmerran Tennis Club News

Junior Coaching to start up again with new coach. We are looking for numbers interested in resuming Juniors Tennis Coaching on a Saturday morning with a coach from Toowoomba prepared to come to Millmerran. We would expect lesson costs to be approximately $15 per session but if there are sufficient participants this may be reduced. For further information or to express interest in booking your son or daughter in, call Tim Antonio 46951436.

Graham O’Sullivan
Millmerran Tennis Club

Year 10 Jerseys

We are now in the process of organising Year 10 jerseys for 2017. The cost per jersey will be approximately $80.00. Part payment of $50.00 will be due by Friday 20th May 2016. After this date the exact cost per jersey will be calculated as it depends on the total number of jerseys we order. LATE PAYMENTS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED. All family school fees must be paid before jerseys can be ordered.

Please make cheques payable to Millmerran State P-10 School. Payments to the School Office need to be placed in the envelopes provided.

Ros Gleeson