From the Principal’s Desk

Thanks to everyone at the Millmerran State P-10 School. Your welcome has been warm and encouraging. It has been a busy few weeks for everyone since finding out in the last week of last term that I was appointed as the Principal here to commence less than three weeks later.

Special thanks to Mrs Anita Gibbs for her genuine commitment to this school, as she continues to give 110% and to Mrs Tanya Van Bruinessen and Mr Graham O’Sullivan for having acted so capably in their roles over the last three terms. As parents and students, no doubt you already have a great appreciation for the amazing group of staff.

Next Tuesday, 19 April, there are two opportunities for parents to be more involved and informed about the education of their children. Interviews for parents of secondary students are scheduled after school, to be followed by the offer for all parents, especially those with students in Year 3, to attend a meeting about NAPLAN – the national assessment program of literacy and numeracy. The meeting will provide some examples of items that might appear on test papers, given an explanation of the information provided on the individual student reports and try to answer any questions you may have about the testing program.

There are a number of upcoming events which will involve many students from the school. The school ANZAC ceremony will be held on Friday 22 April from 10 – 11 am, with students encouraged to participate in the town ceremony representing the school on Monday 25 April (public holiday) meeting in the main street at approximately 9.45 am. The march will progress to the cenotaph and then to the cultural centre.

On Thursday 28, there will be a school disco from 4 – 6 pm for students from Prep to Year 6 and from 6 – 8 pm for students from Years 7 to 10. Much later in the term, we will be hosting this year’s Under Eight’s celebration.

At the P&C meeting this week, there was discussion about some longer term plans including the school’s camping program in August (Secondary) and November (Years 5 and 6); and the Rock ‘n’ Rods event in 2017. It was great to meet the executive of the P&C and to see such forethought and dedication to our wonderful school.

In just a few days there has been much to discover. I am looking forward to working with everyone on staff, the P&C and other community members to continue to make Millmerran the already great school that it is.

Ms Jenny Kent
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL
Tuesday 19.............Secondary Parent/Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 19.......................NAPLAN Parent Session
Thursday 25..............Mayoral Morning Tea - Secondary
Friday 22.............................ANZAC Ceremony
Friday 22.............................ICAAS Registration Due
Friday 22.............................Gore Highway Cross Country
Monday 25.......................ANZAC Day Holiday
Thursday 28..........................School Disco

MAY
Monday 2..............................May Day Holiday
Tues 10, Wed 11, Thurs, 12..............................NAPLAN
Thursday 19..............................Millmerran Health Expo
Tuesday 24..............................Darling Downs Cross Country

Afternoon To Farewell

Mr Andrew Brandon

Community, Parents/Caregivers and Staff are invited to join us to farewell Mr Andrew Brandon at the Millmerran Bowls Club.

Enjoy an afternoon of barefoot bowls for $5.00

Friday 15th April – The afternoon will begin at 5 pm. Come for as long or as little as you like. Just drop in and say hello or bring a plate to share and enjoy a few drinks.

We welcome your attendance and look forward to an enjoyable afternoon.
**Prep News**

Hello Preppie parents,

This term in prep we have started our new oral language program which will run every Wednesday. Don’t forget about the important hand-outs and messages we learned from our speech pathologist last term and remember- engage your child in meaningful conversation and correct speech errors in a positive tone.

Prep students will be receiving homework for the first time this term. This will be sent home every Monday and is due back every Friday morning. Each week, homework will consist of 2 home readers and sight words. These are to be done at least once every day.

In English this term, the students are learning how to do a retell. A retell is where we talk about all of the events that happened in a story in the order that they happened. To do this, we use language such as first, next, after that and finally. It would be beneficial if families practise this important reading strategy at home with Library books, home readers and other stories you read.

In maths, we will be covering measurement, 2D shapes, numbers to twenty, counting strategies, as well as position and location.

In science, we are studying different materials and their features and qualities.

History will see a deeper study of families and the different ways we commemorate special events.

We are very excited about all the amazing things the preppies will learn this term, every bit of support from home is highly beneficial in consolidating and expanding on knowledge gained from school. We can’t wait to see how far the students will come this term as we all work together in supporting them on their learning journeys.

A couple of friendly reminders:

- Please ensure your child has a HAT every day, even throughout winter.
- Medical forms are now due back, please bring them to prep class ASAP as screening has now started.
- Label all personal items. As the winter months approach, it is important to ensure that all jumpers etc. are clearly labelled with your child’s name.

Belinda Elliot

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**IT News**

Welcome back for another great term of learning. This term is two weeks longer which is great as it gives us more time to complete our work & attend other events. It was great to see all the smiley faces on Monday.

Already this week students have identified, described and created patterns and learnt to count in 10’s, investigated materials & their properties and thought about how families & their roles have changed over time.

Next Friday our school Anzac Ceremony will be held in the school hall at 10:00am. All parents and carers are most welcome to attend. On Monday 25th students have the opportunity to march with the school. If you wish for your child to attend this procession students gather in front of the pharmacy at 9:45 in school uniform.

Reminders & Events:

- Borrowing Library books are now to be returned on TUESDAYS.
- Friday 22nd April School Anzac Ceremony - School hall 10.00am
- Monday 25th Anzac Day March - meet at 9:45am in front of the Pharmacy (School uniform).
- Thursday 28th School disco - P-3 School hall 4pm-6pm
- Monday May 2nd - May Day Holiday
- Tuesday June 14th - Church service
- Friday June 17th - Sports day
- Tuesday June 21st - Harmony week
- Wednesday June 22nd - Under 8’s day (more information will be forwarded closer to the time)

Thank you
Pam Thornton
Welcome Back to Term 2!

As we progress on through the year I am noticing a change in the way the class is managing their behaviour and taking responsibility for their work. It is great to see that the Year 1 students are no longer progressing from Prep into Year 1, but truly working as confident and capable Year 1 students. The Year 2’s are taking on the expectations set for them as they work towards becoming the leaders of the lower P-3 wing. It is great to see huge improvements in their attitude for learning and behaviour in and out of the class. Well done to all of you!

This term we will be covering many different topics and concepts in our classroom and I am so excited to get these underway. Classroom helpers are always encouraged, so if you have some time to spare, please let me know and we will make good use of your time!

Homework was sent home this week and it includes; spelling words, sight words or sentences, home reading and maths facts. A class timetable was also included, outlining when homework is due back, when we have sport and library etc.

I look forward to catching up with you all throughout the term!

Thanks,
Kate Long 😊

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**Tuckshop Tuesday**

**26th April**

There will be tuckshop on Tuesday the 26th April due to the ANZAC Day Holiday.

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**2/3L News**

Welcome back!! I hope that you had a lovely Easter break.

We are already well into our Term 2 learning! In English this term we are focusing on narratives and then procedures later in the term. Our book focus for the second part of the term will be ‘Fantastic Mr Fox’ by Roald Dahl. It would be excellent for your child to look at this book or even the movie if you have a copy at home or could borrow one. In History we are looking at heritage and significant sites around the Millmerran area. If you have anything historical about Millmerran at home I would really appreciate it if you wouldn’t mind bringing it in. We will also be on the lookout for some guest speakers who wouldn’t mind coming in and chatting to us about how Millmerran has changed over time. If you have any older relatives or friends who you think might be interested please let me know. In Science we are focusing on heat and how it can be transferred. Finally, in Maths we will be focusing on expanding our knowledge of number, measurement, geometry and data concepts.

The following days and times will be our specialist lessons this term:
- **Tuesday** – Library, P.E, and Religion
- **Wednesday** – Music

We would welcome parent helpers for the following days and times:
- **Thursday** – 10.15 – 10.45 (reading groups)
- **Friday** – 10.15 – 10.45 (reading groups)
- **Friday** – 11.20 – 12.35 (maths groups)

Homework days will stay the same – Wednesday (to change home readers) and Friday (all due back).

There will be a session about NAPLAN for parents of Grade 3 students held on Tuesday the 19th of April at 5.45pm in the school library. NAPLAN dates will be in week 5 of this term – Tuesday 10th of May, Wednesday 11th of May, and Thursday 12th of May.

Enjoy the rest of your week,
Miranda Licence
Welcome back to Term 2 – the busiest term of them all!! Here are some dates for your calendar:

- Tuesday 19th April – Naplan Parent Afternoon
- Friday 22nd April – Anzac Day Ceremony at 10 am/ Cecil Plains Cross Country
- Monday 25th April – Anzac Day (public holiday)
- Thursday 28th April – School Disco
- Monday 2nd May – Public Holiday
- Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th May – Naplan
- Tuesday 14th June – Church Service
- Friday 17th June – Sports Day
- Tuesday 21st June – Harmony Week Parade at 2 pm
- Wednesday 22nd June – Under 8’s Day and
- Thursday 23rd June – Singfest

** ICAS tests money is due to the office by Friday 22nd April and please return Singfest notes ASAP!!

The school disco will be held at the school hall for P-6 on Thursday 28th May from 4pm until 6pm. The cost is a gold coin donation and the theme is come as your favourite book or movie character. You will have to sign your child in at drop off time and out at pick up time. Don’t forget drinks, chips and chocolates will be sold on the night.

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!!

The School Sports Day will be held on Friday 17th June. Students in our class born in 2006 and 2007 will participate in all sports day events and will be competing on the school oval from 9 am on the day. Students in our class born in 2008 will participate in running races, relays and ball games only! These students will be in class until morning tea and then will be competing on the school oval for the rest of the day!

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. It is important that your child attends school on the test days, as well as the preparation days leading up to the tests. Remember every day counts @ Millmerran State P-10 School - it is cool to come to school!!

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. Please note parade times on Friday 6th May and Friday 20th May will be from 1.15 pm due to Singfest practise.

Thanks for reading!!
Jo Dines

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Hello to all Parents.
4/5F is off to a flying start this term with everyone looking refreshed and ready to learn after a well-deserved break! We have started examining humorous poems in Literacy and are continuing on with our fractions and decimals in maths.

What’s On in Term 2?

Reading Groups have started this week. If you would like to assist Wednesdays from 11.25am-12.00pm, please send a note in with your child.

Homework is to be returned on the following days:
- Tuesday  Maths mentals
- Tuesday  Spelling words
- Tuesday  Library books

Wednesday  Reading logs
- Wednesday  Maths mentals

Thursday  Maths Mentals

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 Tuesday.

PE is now on Wednesday mornings.

I’m looking forward to another great term!

Kind regards,
Miss Fuery
Welcome back to Term 2!
Remember every day counts @ Millmerran State P-10 School
Parents, please remember that I am always available to talk
to you. I am available before and after school if you require to
speak to me, if you have any queries or questions please do
not hesitate to contact me.

Hope that you all enjoyed your Easter break!!

The school disco will be held at the school hall for P-6 on
Thursday 28th May from 4pm until 6pm.
  - Cost - gold coin donation
  - Theme - favourite book or movie character

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commencing at 9am.

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

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Reminders
- Tuckshop is available to order on Monday, Wednesday or Friday

Important Upcoming Dates:
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Thank you
Pearta Nolan ☺

CASUAL POSITION VACANT

A casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at this school.

The School Crossing Supervisor may be required to work five days per week in all weather conditions. The hours of work for this position are 1 hour in the morning (8.00am to 9.00am) and thirty minutes in the afternoon (2.55pm to 3.25pm) as per the current roster.

The successful applicant is dependent on:

- The favourable outcome of a health assessment carried out by a Government Medical Officer or a duly qualified Medical Practitioner according to the guidelines in the “Notes for Medical Practitioner” on the School Crossing Supervisor Scheme – Health Assessment Form; and
- The applicant holding/or applying for a Blue Card issued by the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian

Applications addressing the selection criteria as listed in the position description (available from the school office) must be submitted in writing to the school.

Address application to:
Private and Confidential
The Principal
Millmerran State P-10 School
19 Simmons Street
MILLMERRAN Qld 4357

Or Email to Principal@millmerrss.eq.edu.au

Applications close at 3.00pm on Wednesday 27 April, 2016

For further information please phone Lois Thompson (Administration Officer) on 07 4695 3333.

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
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 Annual Health Expo

THURSDAY 19 MAY 2016
Millmerran Indoor Sports Centre
9AM TO 3PM

Featuring more than 50 stalls from local and visiting health professionals
Information session about the extreme sugar content in drinks. (Provided by Toowoomba Regional Council Change Project)

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For more information contact Helen Blanch at the Millmerran MPHS on 4695 3123 (Monday to Thursday)

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Fax: (07) 46951178

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Loo La Belles

23 Campbell St, Millmerran 4357

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Diana, Natasha
Giftware, Jewellery, Headbands, Shoes, Children’s Wear, Baby Gifts, Ladies Clothing, Candles

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BOOK AND MOVIE CHARACTERS PRIMARY DISCO NIGHT

When: 28 April, Thursday, Week 3 of Term 2
Time: 4 – 6 pm
Entry: Gold coin
Theme: Book and Movie Characters

NOTE: Remember to be signed in and out of the disco by your parent or a guardian!
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 3 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!