From the Principal’s Desk

Almost at the end of my third week as Principal at Millmerran and it feels like home. It is wonderful to be surrounded by such dedicated staff and such a positive community spirit, demonstrated through both our school ANZAC Day Service and our participation in the town march and service.

Special thanks to Mrs Tanya Van Bruinessen for her attention to detail in managing everything associated with our school ANZAC service. Our students did themselves, our school and their parents proud, through their participation as speakers, members of the band, singers and class representatives laying wreaths. I would like to acknowledge Lincoln, Alyanna, Nathan and Tricia, Zane our trumpeter, Courtney one of our talented singers and Bethany the second half of the duo and our expressive and talented presenter of a poignant poem. It was also great to see some residents from Yallambee able to be a part of our commemoration. Special thanks to our guests Mr Paul Farrington, Mr Don Gentle and Councillor Chris Tait.

This was followed by a large number of our families and staff participating in the town service on Monday. The band performed solidly whilst marching and again at the cultural centre during the service. Mrs Ashley McCartney and Miss Tracy Fox are to be congratulated for ensuring the quality of our instrumental performances. I was honoured to be a guest at the luncheon after the service. To be welcomed so warmly and accepted into honoured traditions has made my move to Millmerran so much easier.

Last Thursday our four secondary student leaders travelled to the Mayoral morning tea with Mrs Anita Gibbs and this Thursday our four primary student leaders will enjoy the same experience. Also on Friday last week a small team of runners travelled to Cecil Plains with Mr Graham O’Sullivan and participated in the cluster cross-country event. Everyone involved gave it their all and came home happy with their personal achievements.

The school disco this evening promises to be an enjoyable opportunity to socialise and ‘dress-up’. I am looking forward to seeing everyone in costume. Just when I thought I had learned a few names, everyone will be out of uniform and I probably won’t recognise them. The dedication of Miss Tracy Fox and the school council is obvious in the preparation that has gone into tonight’s event.

Many schools have the capacity to send text messages to parents when students are absent. As a state schooling system there is a desire to be able to have ‘same-day’ notification of absences. Next semester, we will move to using SMS messages to notify parents of absences on the day of absence. The system also allows for parents to respond by SMS providing a reason for absence. For this to be successful it is important that all families keep the school informed of any changes to mobile telephone numbers. Please update your information with the school office regularly, if you have to change your mobile phone details.

Next week is again a four day week, with a public holiday on Monday. A number of meetings have been organised for next week which will mean that I will be out of the school on Wednesday and Thursday. The meetings are with other local principals and admin team members and will give consideration to matters that are relevant across schools. I am looking forward to the opportunity to become involved in district and regional educational forums as well as a chance to be a part of a number of community events.

The following week, on Monday 9 May, the front gate near the admin building will be fenced and inaccessible as some concreting work is due to be completed. The double gate further along the fence on the Gore Highway boundary will be open and available for student access. That week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday is NAPLAN for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Breakfast – a ham and egg roll – will be provided from 8.30 am on those days for those students undertaking the testing program. It is important to have eaten breakfast every day, particularly on days when students are engaging their brain in focused thinking.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our great school.
Ms Jenny Kent
Principal
**PREP NEWS**

The prep's homework has now been issued. We hope that families are finding some time in their busy days to dedicate to this important learning opportunity. Sight words and home reading folders will be sent home every Monday and are due back to school every Friday.

Because Tuesday is our Library day, Library books will not be sent home until Tuesday afternoon and are due to be returned to school every Friday along with sight words and home readers.

Don’t forget our school Disco on Thursday afternoon at 4pm-6pm. Come dressed as your favourite book or movie character.

Invites to our Mother’s Day Prep Pamper Parlour have now been sent out. Please cut off the RSVP slip and return to prep ASAP so that we can start making arrangements.

With the colder months now upon us, we have been having a large number of unnamed jumpers come to school. Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled with your child’s name so that we can return them to you if they get lost.

Our ‘No hat, No play’ policy still applies even through winter so please ensure all students have a hat every day.

Have a great long weekend and we will see you all on Tuesday May 3rd.

Miss Elliott.

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**IT NEWS**

Thank you to both Parents and Carers for supporting our Anzac Day school service and march. We are very proud of all students and the school band for the respect and enthusiasm they displayed in remembering the past history of our community and country.

Congratulations to our recent Ripper students of the week, Brenden Schmidt and Cain Swinton. Brenden received his award for his consistent effort and lovely manners and Cain for always being the best participant he can be and asking for help when required.

It is so exciting to see all homework being returned on time.

As there will not be a newsletter next week, we would like to wish all our mothers a very Happy Mother’s day on the 8th of May.

Reminders & Events:
- Borrowing Library books are now to be returned on **TUESDAYS**.
- Thursday 28th School Disco: School hall, 4pm - 6pm for Primary Students (Parents must sign students in & out)
- Monday May 2nd - Labor Day Holiday
- Sunday May 8th - Mother’s day
- Friday May 6th & 20th – Parade will start at 1.15pm due to Singfest practise
- Wednesday May 25th - Walk to museum - Year 1T and 1/2L
- Wednesday 8th June- Grandparents session - information letter will be sent home closer to the time
- Friday June 17th- Sports day
- Tuesday June 21st - Harmony week.
- Wednesday June 22nd - Under 8’s day (more information will be sent home closer to the time)

Thank you
Pam Thornton
Hello Parents,

I can’t believe that we are already in week 3!! This term is going to fly by in no time!

It has been great to see the number of students in our class who are completing their homework every week. We are achieving great improvements in areas of spelling, number facts, and sight words as a result. Keep up the great work!

Since changing our reading group times we have lost our regular parent helpers. It is totally fine if this is due to life circumstances and changes, (as I know there have been a few of these in families of late) but please let me know if the times are preventing you from coming in. I am more than happy to change times back to straight up in the morning if this will mean that we have more parent support. The help really makes a difference to the reading success of students.

As the winter months get closer (finally, after this never-ending summer!), please ensure that students have appropriate clothing to wear. Jumpers, jackets and track pants can all be purchased from the uniform shop. Please ask the office if you have any questions about clothing options for cooler weather.

This week we have our school disco on Thursday afternoon at 4pm. It would be fantastic to see everyone there for an afternoon of fun.

If you didn’t get a chance to have a parent teacher interview with me at the end of last term (or you are keen for another one) please let me know and we can organise a time that suits. I would really appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss your child’s successes so far this year and areas that we can work towards.

There will no longer be maths groups on a Friday. These will hopefully resume later in the year when we have improved our cooperative learning skills.

There will be no homework in NAPLAN week (9th – 13th of May) to give students a chance to rest in the evenings.

Thanks and have a fantastic week,
Miranda Licence
Here are some dates for your calendar:

- Thursday 28th April – School Disco
- Monday 2nd May – Public Holiday
- Sunday 8th May – Mother’s Day
- Tues 10th, Wed 11th and Thurs 12th May – Naplan
- Tuesday 31st May - ICAS Science
- Friday 10th June – ICAS Writing and Spelling
- 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
- Thursday 23rd June – Singfest
- Tuesday 2nd August – ICAS English
- Tuesday 16th August – ICAS Mathematics

The school disco will be held this afternoon at the school hall for P-6 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.

Please ensure your child is completing their homework each week. Each student is expected to read a home reader each night and return it to be changed daily, learn 10 spelling words and write them in their homework book daily, as well as return their spelling folders on Thursdays, learn their number facts and return their homework books on Fridays. Some students also have sight word flash cards to learn that are checked on Mondays!!

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!!

Well done to the all the students who marched down town on Anzac Day! Also congratulations to the winners of our 3/4D Anzac Day colouring in Competition – 1st - Divine Ta’aru, 2nd - Tia Judge and 3rd - Jack Dixon!

The School Sports Day will be held on Friday 17th June. Students in our class born in 2006 and 2007 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! 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, congratulations to our current Ripper students – Mia Christensen and Horashio Stewart! Mia has been doing good work and displaying good behaviour while Horashio has been working hard and achieving great results in our Naplan preparation activities!! 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!
Jo Dines

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**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  
Camp Coordinator

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**High School Camp**

Our total cost for this camp has been finalised now that we know how many students are going. It has been calculated at $1007 which is a little less than what we first thought. I know some families have been making regular part payments which is a great idea to ease the financial burden of paying it all at once. The $300 deposit is included in this total so if you haven’t made any more payments there is $707 still to be paid. This must be paid by 12th of August. I will send home a list of clothing needed for the week but apart from Ski goggles, Gloves and beanie all the rest are regular winter clothing. I will endeavour to do this next week. We will also have a parent information evening late this term to outline the camp activities and answer any questions. But I am happy to answer any questions you feel you need to know at any time.

Graham O’Sullivan  
Camp Coordinator

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**Permanent Cleaning Position**

A permanent cleaning position consisting of 9hrs per week is available at Millmerran State P-10 School. Application packages are available from the school office. The successful applicant must be able to make an application for or obtain a suitability card (Blue Card). The successful applicant may be subject to a probationary period.

For further enquiries contact Karol Wilkes  
Ph 4695 3333

Applications should be addressed to:  
Karol Wilkes  
Business Services Manager  
Millmerran State P-10 School  
19 Simmons Street, Millmerran QLD 4357
Harmony Week
Term 2 – Week 11
Cultural Assembly- Tuesday 21st 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:
_________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________
Slip, Slop, Slap!

Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world with 1 in 2 Australians developing some form of skin cancer during their lifetime! Much of the sun exposure that causes skin damage occurs during childhood and adolescence. By the age of 15 many children have developed irreversible skin damage from exposure to the sun!

As Parents we encourage you to promote the following messages to our students to protect their skin by:

- reducing their exposure to the sun, wherever possible
- wearing broad-brimmed hats outside to protect the face, neck and ears, & play in shaded areas where available.
- wearing clothing with collars and sleeves to provide maximum sun protection
- using 30+ broad-spectrum, water resistant sunscreen daily!

Whether at school, in the backyard or on the beach, EVERYONE should wear a hat and sunscreen. By practising sun safety at home, this can assist us to enforce sun safety aspects here at school!!

Fiona Flegler – youth health nurse

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**ASHER GORDON**

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0407 660 442

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- DECKS / PATIOS

**R.C PLUMBING & GAS**

0400 348 045

- MAINTENANCE / BLOCKED DRAINS
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- NEW INSTALLATIONS
- GAS FITTING

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**Kids Games Queensland**

1st week June Holidays

Call Chappy Mandee for more info 0407 645 153

kidsgamesqld.com.au
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!
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 extent sugar content in drinks.
(Provided by Toowoomba Regional Council Change Project)

TAI CHI DEMONSTRATIONS

Appearance by Sam Bailey: farmer, pilot, husband, quadriplegic and best-selling author.
WWW.SAMBAILEY.COM.AU

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Supported by the Millmerran Multipurpose Health Service and the Millmerran Community Support Centre (TRC), Belgrevia Lakeside (Millmerran Aquatic Centre and Indoor Sports Centre) and the Toowoomba Hospital Foundation

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

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SAM BAILEY
“You Don’t Need Wings To Fly”

COMMUNITY EVENT

Sam is a quadriplegic who has conquered his disability to become a successful farmer, ultra-light pilot, inspirational speaker, best-selling author and role model for children. His story has touched thousands of Australians of all ages and walks of life.

When: Thursday 19 May 2016, 6:30pm
Where: Millmerran Cultural Centre
Cost: $5 includes a light supper

RSVP Helen Blanch, Millmerran Multipurpose Health Service | Phone 4695 3173
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