From the Principal’s Desk

NAPLAN tests were undertaken throughout this week, for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Our students did their best and applied themselves to the task. Many thanks to the staff involved in providing breakfasts for these students this week. Approximately 70% of students involved in the testing program took up the option of eating a hearty breakfast here at school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. This was only possible because a team of dedicated staff members was here early to prepare the bacon and egg sandwiches under Mrs Tanya Van Bruinessen’s stewardship.

It was great to be a part of the secondary assembly this week, having had only one chance previously on my first day at the school. Students lead the assembly with strong positive messages and some individual students and classes were acknowledged for positive behaviour and regular attendance.

Mrs Anita Gibbs recently travelled to Toowoomba with our school leaders for the mayoral morning tea. The photos of the leaders with Mrs Gibbs and the Mayor, Mr Paul Antonio and other local councillors appear in this newsletter. The leaders look wonderful in their formal uniforms and by the smiles on their faces, enjoyed the opportunity and the morning tea.

The P and C Executive has decided not to hold a monthly meeting in May, with the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 7 June.

On Friday, Mrs Katrina Rugendyke and Mrs Nola Schaumberg will travel with me to visit Goondiwindi State School to see how they have incorporated multi-Lit into their whole school English program. Next week Mrs Schaumberg will be undertaking three days training on multi-Lit. This early year’s whole class or small group intervention program, focuses on supporting the learning of reading through phonics and literature. There will then be a process undertaken to determine how best to implement this program in our school. With reading one of the school’s explicit improvement agenda items, the investigation and implementation of strong researched based programs is part of how we will look to improve student learning outcomes.

The Annual Millmerran Health Expo will be held at the Millmerran Indoor Sports Centre, on Thursday 19th May 2016 between 9am and 3pm. Students from the school will be participating in various ways, through attending workshops including those provided by First5forever as advertised later in the newsletter and a talk by Sam Bailey especially for school students. Two of our students will also be assisting as ‘Billy the Kidney’ and helper. If you are attending during the day, please watch out for them.

A number of regional meetings are held each term, which require my attendance. Over the next two weeks, I will attend a Maximizing Achievement Program meeting with approximately 20 other principals from the region, focusing on some state-wide and regional priorities including STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), Digital pedagogies and the use of data. The other meeting will be with principals from similar types/sizes of school and will focus on strategic planning and school reviews. These meetings are particularly productive for me at the moment in that I am getting to know other principals and also how the regional processes work.

Great to be a part of this amazing school community.

Ms Jenny Kent
Principal
Congratulations to our wonderful class for receiving the attendance award two weeks in a row. Your attitude towards your learning and attendance is just amazing. Keep up the great work.

It was enjoyable listening to and reading about the special thoughts and treats our lovely Mums received on Mother’s day. Thank you to our P&C for organising the very exciting Mother’s day stall. It was so cute watching the students taking their Dads and siblings to the hall.

Congratulations to our recent Ripper students of the week, Bella received her award for using the High-5 to solve her problems. Kirra-Lee for always being respectful and Digby received his award for always being an enthusiastic learner.

Thank you to all parents/carers for returning the permission forms & money for our excursion to the museum on the 25th May. Our class is really looking forward to the visit.

The invitation to Grandparent’s day will be sent home this week. If some grandparents are unavailable to visit on the day, Don’t worry!!! We have some beautiful adopted, eager Grandparents to help us.

This semester, our class has been really busy using digital technology by programing and directing Bee-Bots to specific locations. Students have had to really think about giving directions with these lovely little robots. A big thank you to Mr Heenan for teaching students (including the teacher) how to use the little robots and for making our computer lab sessions so exciting.

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Thank you
Pam Thornton

The preppies are excited to have started up a vegetable patch! We have planted some lettuce, tomatoes, carrots, pumpkins, spring onions, onions and snow peas. Now we will wait with great anticipation to see how they grow.

We would like to thank all of our wonderful mothers for coming to support our prep pamper parlour last Thursday afternoon. We hope you enjoy these few sneak peaks of what went on.

Prep News

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Thank you
Pam Thornton

Have a great week,
Miss Elliott
DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY
Tuesday 17 ............................................ ICAS Digital Technologies
Thursday 19 ......................................... Millmerran Health Expo
Friday 20 ............................................. Walk Safely to School Day
Friday 20 ............................................. Parade - 1:15pm
Tuesday 24 .................................... Darling Downs Cross Country
Wednesday 25 ................................. Museum Walk - 1T & 1/2L
Tuesday 31 ........................................ ICAS Science

JUNE
Thursday 2 ............................... Science and Engineering Challenge
Wednesday 8 .............................. Grandparents’ Morning - 1T, 1/2L, Prep
Friday 10 ........................................ ICAS Spelling and Writing
Tuesday 14 ................................ Religious Instruction
Tuesday 21 ................................ Harmony Week Cultural Assembly
Wednesday 22 ............................ Under 8’s Day
Thursday 23 ................................. Singfest Year 3 - 6
AUGUST
Tuesday 2 ........................................ ICAS English
Tuesday 16 ........................................ ICAS Maths

1/2L News

Happy Mother’s Day to all the wonderful Mums, I hope that you were looked after on your day off!

In the next few weeks the class will be moving onto their assessment for many of their subjects. In Science this term we will be combining different materials for a purpose. This means that we will be on the hunt for any good materials we can find. If you happen to have various materials lying around the house or about to be thrown out, send them to school first! We are looking for items such as: cardboard boxes, plastic bottles, aluminium foil, baking paper, glad wrap, egg cartons, milk bottle lids, bubble wrap, twine, rope, string, fabric (old tea towels / table cloths) or sponges. Please be aware that if you send them to school, they will be cut and used, so don’t expect them to come home in one piece! If you are sending in boxes (e.g. cereal boxes), can you please break them down so that they are flat pieces of card when they come to school. This will help the class use their own creativity and design with their project. Thank you for your help with this! Without your support, we would not be able to have such a fun, hands on project to complete!

In History this term we will be conducting a trip to the Millmerran Museum. Thank you to all those families who have promptly returned their notes and money. It makes planning the day a lot easier. This excursion will be held on Wednesday 25th May. Also this term we will be holding Grandparent’s Day. It will be on Wednesday 8th June. More information will be sent out next week. We look forward to seeing you there.

Over the next week, the class will be coming up with some questions that they would like to ask their grandparents (or a close family friend) about the past and their childhood. The children will be required to ask the questions and record the answers in their books for further work at school. As this is assessment, the work needs to be conducted by the student for it to be fair for all children (If your child has difficulty writing words, you may write what they say for them). I appreciate your support with this and getting these questions answered.

The Millmerran Health Expo will occur on Thursday 19th May and we will be heading to the Sports Centre during school for our session.

On Friday 20th May, it will be ‘Walk Safely to School Day’, we encourage you to walk your children to school in support of a healthy lifestyle and safe community. Due to Singfest practice we will also be having an early parade, commencing at 1:15pm.

Finally, just a reminder about home readers that go home each week. The aim for these readers is to consolidate reading and build confidence. Children are also to brush up on any areas that may need work. In order for your child to move onto higher level books he/she needs to be proficient in not only reading words on the page, but demonstrating understanding by answering comprehension questions and independently providing a detailed retell of the story (what is happening on each page of the text) without referring back to the book. If you have any concerns, please come to speak to me about it. Thanks for your support.

Thank you and have a great week!
Kate Long 😊

2/3L News

Firstly, to all our mums out there, Happy Mother’s Day for last Sunday!! I hope that you were spoilt!!

We have had a busy couple of weeks in 2/3L. The Grade Three students have been busily preparing for NAPLAN while our Grade Two students have been working hard in preparation for upcoming assessment. There is never a dull moment! I encourage students to come to school every day as we approach assessment time. If you know that your child is going to be away please let me know in advance and we will try to sort something out to catch them up with their learning.

I am still in search of an older person who has lived in the Millmerran community for a while and might be interested in coming in to chat to the students. We are looking for a personal account of how the area has changed over time. Please ask around if you think you might know of someone. Even if the individual would feel better accompanied by someone else, the more the merrier really!!

Our reading group times will be staying the same this term – Thursdays and Fridays at 10.15am. Please let me know if you are able to come in and help out. Parent helpers are most appreciated.

For weekly number facts that are sent home for homework, students are required to write them out every night and do the associated activities. However, when students are tested on a Monday in class, this is verbally. If you would like to test your child on their number facts verbally in addition to written practise for homework this will likely support them in fact retention.

Just a reminder that there is no homework this week (NAPLAN week) in case you were wondering why your child is not bringing any home with them.

I hope that you have a fantastic week,
Miranda Licence
3/4D News

Here are some dates for your calendar:
- Thursday 19th May - Health Expo
- Friday 20th May - Walk to School Day
- Tuesday 31st May - ICAS Science
- Friday 10th June – ICAS Writing and Spelling
- Tuesday 14th June – Religious Instruction
- 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

Congratulations and well done to the Year 3 students who completed the NAPLAN testing this week! We are so glad it is over and we have now stopped using the word NAPLAN in our classroom!!

Homework has been cancelled this week, due to NAPLAN testing! However, it will return next week with a new homework sheet of tasks that need to be completed each week. Please ensure your child is completing ALL his/her 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 spelling folders on Thursdays, learn number facts and return 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.

Friday 20th May is Walk Safely to School Day! I will be walking to school from the Thomsons at 8 Clare St and we will be leaving at 8.20 am, if you would like to join us!!

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! Please note that students born in 2006 and 2007 are invited to participate in Sports Day activities on the oval on Wednesday afternoons from 3.15 pm – 4.30 pm. See Mrs Dyson for a note if you would like your child to be involved!!

Finally, congratulations to our current Ripper student – Divine Ta’aru, who has been doing wonderful work and displaying good behaviour!! 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 time on Friday 20th May will be from 1.15 pm due to Singfest Rehearsal.

Thanks for reading!
Jo Dines

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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

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. 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

Good Luck
Matthew Spooner!

Matthew Spooner will be competing in a Pro Boxing tournament in Toowoomba. He will be competing in the Junior Feather Weight Queensland Title. Good luck Matthew!
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.

Names of person/people performing:
_______________________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________
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Culture being represented: _________________________________________________________

Explanation of the performance: ____________________________________________________
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Up to 90% of a child’s brain development happens in the first five years!
First 5 Forever is about spending time with our babies and children in the first years, talking, playing and reading so that growing brains get what they need at the right time. For more ideas and resources, visit first5forever.org.au

We’ll be at the Millmerran Health Expo
Thursday 19 May
We’ll be there all day so please come and visit us. If you have little ones think about joining us for one of our sessions.

Baby Rhyme Time 9.30 am to 10 am
In a friendly and relaxed environment you and your baby can learn rhymes, action songs and finger plays to share together. It’s noisy, fun and a wonderful chance to learn some new songs for bedtime, bath time or when you’re stuck in the car. Best suited for 0-2 year olds but all ages welcome.

Story Time 11.30 am to 12 noon
Story Time sessions are a relaxed and fun way to develop your child’s early literacy skills through storytelling and song. Best suited for 3-5 year olds but all ages welcome.

Want to find out more?
For more information about First 5 Forever contact your local library on 131 872 or visit www.tr.qld.gov.au
Is your teen sleep deprived?

It is well documented that computer use, television viewing, gaming and the presence of technology in a teen’s bedroom – all contribute to the amount of time they are sleeping, they are as sleep and delay bedtime!

Many teens today are sleep deprived – they need between 9 – 10 hours sleep each night, yet most get only about 7 hours sleep.. some get less! So...why is sleep so important? Sleep can help your teen do better in school, stress less, and generally be more pleasant to have around. Sounds good …

Sleep tips to give your teens

- Negotiate with your teen a suitable bed time!
- Discuss ways to limit stimulating activities such as television, phone use, computer use and/or gaming around bedtime. Encourage restful activities such as reading/ listening to quiet music. Ideally all electronic devices should be TURNED OFF 1 hour before bed!
- Afternoon naps are good ways to recharge their batteries.
- Help your young person schedule their after school activities to free up some time for relaxation.…..
- Getting some exercise - 20 minutes three times a week will help with sleeping
- Limit the use of caffeine, nicotine, and alcohol in the hour before bedtime
- Try to help make your teen’s bedroom a relaxing environment

Sleep is vital to your teen’s wellbeing, it’s as important as the air they breathe, the water they drink and the food they eat!

Fiona Flegler
Millmerran State School Youth Health Nurse

SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR

It is time for Scholastic Bookfair – Monster Book Fair. Our school is hosting Book Fair for 2016. We invite you to examine the latest range of books on sale – suitable for young children to teenagers. There will also be a number of novelty items on sale – pencils, rubbers, bookmarks etc.

Students will view the books in the week preceding the Book Fair and for those who cannot make it to the sale you may use the order forms and send into school.

OUR MONSTER BOOK FAIR WILL BE HELD AT THE MILLMERRAN STATE P-10 SCHOOL LIBRARY:

Monday 23rd May - 3.00pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 26th May - 3.00pm – 4.00pm

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO BOOKCLUB THIS TERM AS THE BOOKFAIR WILL COVER MOST BOOKS AVAILABLE IN BOOKCLUB

WIN $ 60 WORTH OF BOOKS!!

Every time you purchase a book you will receive a ticket to go into a draw to win $ 60 worth of books from the Book Fair. So the more you purchase the more entries you have in the draw.

Looking forward to seeing you!

Judy Brandon
Teacher – Library
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 extremes 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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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 3123
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