From the Principal's Desk

Billy the Kid(ney) Bean was a great success at the Millmerran Health Expo on Thursday last week. All students from the school visited the expo for various activities throughout the course of the day, with Billy and his helper, being a part of the day throughout. There was plenty to see, hear and do, with our younger students listening to rhymes and stories and our older students listening to Sam Bailey and his inspiring story.

On Friday, Walk Safely to School Day, numerous students met Miss Jo Dines, Mrs Claire Turner and myself at a number of locations and walked to school. It was great to see the students knowing and following road safety rules.

A small group of secondary students travelled to Toowoomba on Wednesday for the Darling Downs cross country event. Thanks Mrs Judy Brandon for accompanying them at the venue. They all gave of their best and did themselves proud with the energy and effort they displayed. Yesterday the Year 1 and Year 1/2 classes visited the local museum and discovered many amazing facts and saw just as many amazing artefacts. What a great opportunity for all of our young students to engage in our local history.

From Monday 30 May, parents will be notified by text message when students are absent and the absence has not been explained. Parents are asked to respond with a reason for absence by reply text.

There will be another group of secondary students travelling into Toowoomba next Thursday to participate in the Science and Engineering Challenge. This is an annual event and some of the students will have had the opportunity to participate in previous years, which makes for a strong team.

Some exciting news on the facilities front – our home economics rooms will be refurbished over the next two months. After a meeting with the project manager and the contractor on Tuesday, the start date will be Friday 3 June and hopefully, the rooms will be available for use again in term three.

Also, congratulations to the P and C and Leah Collins in particular for successfully submitting a grant application. The $15,000 of funding will go towards some renewal of edging and softball for two of our playground areas.

After this week there will be four weeks left of term two. The student council has a number of activities planned to try to ensure students remain engaged in continue to attend and participate every day. I know that free dress days associated with State of Origin will feature in their plans. Look out for more information in this newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing the amazing efforts of students to support their favoured team.

Ms Jenny Kent
Principal
1T News

Congratulations to our recent Ripper students of the week, Kaidence McKay & Dinura Gal-lage. These students received their awards for always being polite, thoughtful and well-mannered class members. Year 1 students enjoyed the Health Expo and Sam Bailey’s inspirational talk. A huge thank to Katrina Grundon for organising our visit to the museum. The students were in awe of all the “old things” and were intrigued with how they all worked. Thank you also to our dedicated parent helpers for assisting us on our excursion. Your support is truly valued and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. Next Wednesday is the 1st state of origin game and students can dress up in their favourite team colours (naturally BLUE). Our student council will be collecting gold coin donations in order to support “Fight Cancer Foundation”. Thank you to the Grandparents & adopted Grandparents for already answering students questions. Students are really looking forward to our Grandparents visit on the 8th of June 9.00am-10.30am. Under 8’s day will be held at the Millmerran State School on June 22nd from 9.00am-11.30 am. There will be posters around town with all of the details very soon.

Reminders & Events:
• Borrowed Library books are now to be returned on TUESDAYS

Thank you for reading and GO THE BLUES!!!

Thank you
Pam Thornton

Prep News

The preppies are getting very excited for Grandparents day which will be next Wednesday. We will have a range of games for visitors and children rotate around as well as a cake to share for morning tea. Parents are welcome to attend on behalf of grandparents who are not able to.

Sight words, home readers and Library books are due back every Friday. Please remember to practise reading sight words in a random order rather than in the order they are printed. For extra support, encourage your child to spot sight words in their home readers and other texts.

As we currently have head lice in our class, we will no longer be lending hats to students who have forgotten to bring theirs, so please ensure children have a wide brimmed hat each day.

Have a great week,
Miss Elliott.
### DATES TO REMEMBER

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### 1/2L News

I would like to start by saying at big thank you to the wonderful parents who were able to take time out of their day to come and help supervise the Millmerran Museum walk on Wednesday. It was a huge success and we were able to come back to school more knowledgeable about the past. The classes will now use this information to assist them with their assessment for the term.

I would also like to say thank you to everyone who has donated different materials that we will be using in science investigations this term. We will be using these materials to build an object to suit a purpose and it would not be possible without it! *Once again we are looking for plastic bags, bubble wrap, baking paper, string, bottle tops, alfoil, old fabric or towels.* We will be building out objects next week (week 8), so after this week we will not require any more donations.

There are many things coming up that we need to be looking out for. Here is an updated rundown for you:

- Thanks and have a wonderful week!

Kate Long

### 2/3L News

Hello parents and caregivers,

We are at the end of week 7 already! For an 11-week term it is certainly flying by!!

Last week we went to the Millmerran Health Expo. The students really enjoyed listening to guest speaker, Sam Bailey, and going around to all of the different display stalls. We all had a go at performing CPR and found out that it requires quite a lot of stamina!! Majority of students outperformed Miss Licence in this area. We also got to meet the tooth fairy and found out how to brush our teeth properly.

Some students are not returning their library books every week and are unable to borrow as a result. I would like to encourage all children to bring back their books so that they can borrow and read for enjoyment at home. The library also relies on their resources to support the smooth running of the school environment.

On Wednesday this week we were lucky to have two special visitors. Harry and Daphne Curtis, life-long Millmerran residents, came in to speak with us about the history of Millmerran and how it has changed over time. Students posed questions for Harry and Daphne and discovered some very interesting facts about the town. We would like to thank Harry and Daphne for coming in and sharing your knowledge and experiences with us!

Under 8’s Day will be held at our school on Wednesday the 22nd of June from 9.00 – 11.30am. Parents are encouraged to accompany their child/children on the day as teacher supervision will be limited.

Over the next two weeks we will be conducting various assessment tasks for reports to be sent out at the end of term. Please encourage your child to attend school every day. If they are going to be absent I would really appreciate it if you could let me know so that I can plan accordingly.

Thanks and I hope that you have a fantastic week.

Miranda Licence
3/4D News

Homework is back with a new homework sheet of tasks that need to be completed each week. Please ensure your child is completing ALL of 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 his/her 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 back and are held on Thursdays and Fridays from 11.30am until 12.30pm. Thank you to the parent helpers who helped out with reading groups last week, your support is always appreciated.

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!!

Under 8’s Day will be held at our school on Wednesday 22nd June on the small oval from 9am – 11.15am. Students are to bring their hat, water bottle and a packed morning tea. All students are to wear free dress and must be accompanied by an adult! We will be celebrating 60 years of Under 8’s Day!! Only the Year 3 students will be participating from 3/4D while the Year 4s will be in class doing normal maths lessons. If you wish to take your child home with you at the end of our Under 8’s celebrations, they would need to be signed out at the office. Otherwise all students will come back to class and continue normal lessons with the Year 4s.

Finally, congratulations to our recent Ripper students – Fergus Elborne, Carol Sherwood, Jack Kirby and Nesfe Fernando. I wonder who the new Rippers will be this week? 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.

Thanks!

Home Ec Happenings

Year 7 and 8 Home Ec classes both have their practical cookery exams next week. Year 7’s have been supplied with a list of required ingredients for the exam.

All practical cookery will cease at the end of week 8 due to renovations in the Home Ec room after this time. There will be NO Year 7 practical cookery as stated on the recipe sheet on Wednesday 8/6/16 (Porcupines) due to these renovations.

We look forward to our newly renovated room to begin term 3!

Ros Gleeson

Cost Corrected 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 $1006.35 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 $706.35 still to be paid. This must be paid by 12th Aug. I have sent 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
I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that was involved in helping me through my recent illness. As I have explained to students I am still experiencing some difficulties with my ear – I am however on the road to recovery as I am seeing a specialist. I would like to thank all staff and parents for their kind words and well wishes. It was greatly appreciated!

Remember every day counts @ Millmerran State P-10 School.

Congratulations to all students on completing the NAPLAN testing you all made Mrs Nolan very proud!!

**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

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STUDENT COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:
STATE OF ORIGIN – GAME 1: 1ST JUNE 2016

- Free Dress ‘Footy Colours Day’ – in return for a gold coin donation; all proceeds will go to the
  *Fight Cancer Foundation.*
  - This foundation helps children fighting cancer get back on track after treatment or surgery by providing
    educational, physical and emotional rehabilitation and support programs. It also provides accommodation
    for patients and their families from rural, interstate and overseas, during their long-term treatment.
  - Fight Cancer Foundation’s Patrons, Deborra-lee Furness and Hugh Jackman say, ‘Together we can make
    a difference!’
  - Student Council Reps will collect during form class.
  - Thank you for your support.

- ‘Decorate your Classroom’ Competition – Show support for your team by working together as a class to deco-
  rate either your whole room OR a section of your room. Be creative! Prizes up for grabs! Rooms will be
  judged Wednesday afternoon.

- Lunch Time: ‘Tug-o-war’ competition; How strong are you? Come battle it out during your break time.

- Each class to nominate:
  - ‘Man of the Match’ – Game 1;
  - Score for Game 1
  - First ‘Try Scorer’ of the match – Game 1
  - Please Note: A draw will be conducted – if more than one class chooses the same name or result!

GOOD LUCK! - GO QLD!
From the Student Council State of Origin Committee!