From the Principal's Desk

I continue to be amazed at the wonderful opportunities offered to our students through the hard work and dedication of our staff. There are the ‘big events’ like our State Of Origin celebrations that involve the majority of students and there are those that are provided for smaller groups such as the secondary teams who travelled to Toowoomba to participate in the USQ STEM challenge.

As a result of the State of Origin festivities, Year Seven was awarded the ‘best dressed’ classroom with 6W and 1T receiving highly commended. The STEM participants received a certificate on assembly on Monday, acknowledging their efforts.

Another smaller group of students take the opportunity to participate in the busy bees club each morning in the library from 8.30 am to 8.50 am, supported by one of our teacher aides, Mary Tosswill. The opportunity is available to students who may not get a chance to get homework completed at home. Primary students take the time to read a book to an adult and complete some sight words and sentence writing. Some secondary students access the opportunity to finalise assignment work.

Last Friday, two parents volunteered their time to count the money received from the pie drive. Many thanks to Leah Collins and Karen Commens, who worked with our teacher aide Tiffany Gaal to collate the orders. Approximately $1700 was raised to support the Tallebudgera camp for students in Years 5 and 6. Thanks Mr Wilkes and Mrs Nolan for organising this fund raising.

At the P and C meeting on Tuesday night, there was support for using the $15 000 grant (written by Leah Collins) for soft fall and edging for areas of the Prep playground. The P and C also agreed to donate a further $4000 to enable a third area to be completed. Hopefully the new portable shade shelter funded by the P and C will be here in time for the athletics carnival on Friday 17 June. It is great to work with such a supportive group of parents.

Grandparents/ adopted grandparents enjoyed the opportunity to play with their grandchildren during the morning session on Wednesday this week, followed by morning tea. It was wonderful to see so many children with their families enjoying time together at school. Thanks to the teachers and teacher aides who organised the activity.

Over the weekend, the building contractors working on the renovations to the Home Economics room have advised that they will be removing a portion of the ceiling that contains asbestos. All staff, parents and students are advised not to enter the school premises over the weekend. Air monitoring equipment will be used and the material removed and disposed of using approved methods, prior to school recommencing on Monday morning.

The local excursion which had been planned for Tuesday next week has been cancelled. Next Thursday the immunisation program for Year 7 and 8 students will be continued. Also, the special Harmony Day assembly has been cancelled with one of the groups now performing on a Friday afternoon assembly instead.

During the last week of term, there will be many more activities. The Second State of Origin Day will be held on Wed 22 June. This is a free dress day, however, there is no gold coin donation. The day coincides with the Under Eights celebration to be held during the morning session, with groups from across Millmerran participating.

Thursday 23 June is Singfest with students from Years 3 to 7 participating throughout the day at the Cultural centre and again during the evening. Friday 24 is the last day of term. This will also be a free dress day. A separate letter will be sent home sharing the purpose for this day – showing support for one of our students, Mia Christensen, who has recently undergone major surgery.

In amongst all of these amazing additional opportunities, some wonderful learning and teaching goes on. Report cards will be posted home during the last week of term. I am interested in feedback about the willingness of parents to receive these by email in the future. A brief survey will be organised early next term to seek your responses to this suggestion.

Thanks for an amazing term two, so far.

Ms Jenny Kent
Principal
**1T News**

It was wonderful to see our students having so much fun with their Grandparents and adopted Grandparents at our recent Grandparent Days. We were so appreciative of the effort the Grandparents made for coming to this very special event. For our students it was great to gain information from the past & compare it to our present day activities. Both the past and present students now have a historical memory of this special visit.

I was extremely proud of the Year One class for their tremendous effort with the Waltzing Matilda performance on parade. They were all such confident little performers. Well done Year 1.

Congratulations to Mac Shultz, Harley Bui and the whole Year 1 class for there well deserved Ripper awards.

The Year 1 class were the runners up for best decorated classroom. Well done and thank you to the Student council for organising the competition.

School Athletics day is fast approaching, Friday 17th June. Prep– Year 3 start their races after morning tea, so it is a normal Friday morning. We have morning Tea & then go to the oval. There will be no tuckshop orders but you can purchase food from the tuckshop. It’s an enjoyable day, so come and help cheer these keen athletes. If your child is in Gore House they can wear red and if they are in Fletcher wear blue.

Millmerran State School is hosting Under 8’s day on Wednesday 22nd June at 9:00am to 11:15am. Students can wear free dress and come with a great smile. Students need to be accompanied by an adult, however, if this is impossible please let me know.

A huge thank you to our Teacher Aides, Mr Wilkes & Mrs Nolan’s students for helping with ball games and Grandparents day. You are amazing.

Thank you
Pam Thornton

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**JUNE**
Friday 10………………………….ICAS Spelling and Writing
Friday 17……………………………..Athletics Day
Sunday 19…………………………..Concert Band Rehearsal
Tuesday 21………………………….NRL Literacy Blitz
Wednesday 22…………………….Under 8’s Day
Thursday 23………………………..Singfest Year 3 - 6
Friday 24…………………………..Last Day of Term 2

**JULY**
Monday 11…………………………..First Day of Term 3
Friday 15…………………………..Gore Highway Athletics - Primary
Tuesday 19…………………………..Parent Teacher Interviews

**AUGUST**
Tuesday 2……………………………...ICAS English
Tuesday 16…………………………...ICAS Maths

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**Early Years Network**

Recently, representatives from different local community organisations with connections to the Early Years of child development, have been meeting with a shared purpose to support young children in and around Millmerran.

Representatives from local child care providers, play groups, education providers, health services, and regional council services have been getting together and talking things “early years”.

Agreement has been reached to create a directory of services and a calendar of events, with the view to publishing them in the local Millmerran News.

**In the coming weeks:**

- Wednesday 22 June – 9 am – 10.45 am Millmerran State P – 10 School – Under Eights Celebration
- Fridays 9 – 10 am – Tin Lids Play Group at Millmerran Sports Centre – Costs $2 and bring a plate to share.
- Sunday 26 June – 3 – 4 pm USQ Arts Theatre
  - Toowoomba – Narelle Oliver brings her children’s book “Fox and Fine Feathers” to life, as the Toowoomba concert orchestra weaves music throughout the story.
  - This is a free event but bookings are essential – arts-worx.usq.edu.au/events
- Monday 18 and 19 July – C and K Open Day
1/2L News

Congratulations to our RIPPER award winners last week: Dallas Nielsen and Phynnix Burgess!

I wonder who it will be this week???

A BIG thank you goes out to all the wonderful families who supplied different materials for our Science investigations last week. We had many success stories and unfortunately a few boats that took on too much water. We were able to go back to the drawing board and make improvements where needed. The class did an amazing job of being inquisitive little scientists and I applaud everyone's efforts in the task. It was great fun! I would like to say thank you to Chloe Nielsen who was able to come in and lend a helping hand.

Wednesday we were involved in Grandparents Day and it was a huge success! It was wonderful to see the children interacting with their families and loved ones or sharing the time with children who did not have family there. Here are a few happy snaps from the day.

The countdown is on now for end of term. Please remember ‘Under 8’s Day’ on Wednesday the 22nd June. It is held here at the school from 9-11am. The children will be permitted to come in free dress but please remember a jumper, hat and closed in shoes. Also a parent/care giver will be permitted to come to supervise. If this is not possible please notify me so that I can make appropriate arrangements.

Thank you and have a good week!
Mrs Long

2/3L News

Hello wonderful parents,

Can you believe that there are only two more weeks to go until the holidays!!?? For a long term it has certainly gone quickly!

There is quite a lot of sickness going around at the moment. Please encourage your child to wear a jumper on really cold mornings. It is also important that they remain hydrated so please provide them with a water bottle that they can bring along to school and keep close by. Also, the importance of cleanliness can’t be underestimated at this time of year. Please remind students to wash their hands regularly and avoid sharing things that may spread germs such as lip balm. Finally, despite the fact that this is a critical time of the year for assessment, if your child is sick please don’t send them to school. If you are concerned about any work that they may be missing just let me know and I can send some things home. This is a much better option than spreading illness around and perpetuating it for individuals.

Thank you to our parents who regularly come in for reading. Reading groups are held every Thursday and Friday from 10.15 – 10.45am. Any extra help is always appreciated.

Recently, we have been studying ‘Fantastic Mr. Fox’ in class. The students have created dialogues based on characters from the novel. They will be presenting the dialogue in pairs this week. I just wanted to say how proud I am of everyone for the excellent effort that they have been putting into this task. We have a lot of young actors and actresses in our midst!

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.

On the last day of term – Friday the 24th of June – we will be having a class celebration to highlight all of our achievements this semester. It would be most appreciated if your child could bring along a plate to share on the day. Please let me know if you have any questions about this.

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 needed and greatly appreciated. Please note that Thursday 16th June will be our last day of reading groups for term 2!!

The School Sports Day will be held next Friday!! 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 the tuckshop will be operating on the day but no tuckshop orders will be taken. Students will need to bring a purse or wallet with their own money to buy food. It is always a good idea to pack a piece of fruit or a muesli bar, just in case your child is hungry between events with no time to wait in the tuckshop line for food!

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. Please note the tuckshop will be operating throughout the morning if you wish to purchase hot drinks or food!!

We are planning a free dress day for Mia Christensen on the last day of term! There will be more info in a letter sent home soon!!

Finally, congratulations to our recent Ripper student – Hannah Lawlor, Mathew Martin-Green and Jye Betts. 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 for reading!
Jo Dines

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**Eileen’s Retirement Cuppa’**

After many years of dedicated service to Millmerran State P-10 School, Eileen Sondergeld is retiring.

She has requested a shared cup of tea and a friendly chat to finish her time with us.

We would like to invite you to join us on Friday July 22nd at 3:15pm in the Doug Hall Education Centre to farewell Eileen.

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**TUCKSHOP ROSTER TERM 2**

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**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

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Our **Annual School Athletics Carnival** is quickly approaching with the big day to take place on **Friday the 17th of June**! Gore and Fletcher will compete throughout the day to see who is going to be the CHAMPION HOUSE. This is a normal school day, where students will arrive as per normal, head to class, and then walk down to the oval together. So come dressed in your house colours, and sun safe attire. Please make sure you are wearing appropriate closed in shoes as well. Points will be allocated to the house who is sun safe, displays great team spirit, great sportsmanship and is the tidiest house. Athletics day is usually a cold day, please make sure you have a jumper/jacket, your broad brimmed hats, sunscreen and plenty of water to drink throughout the day.

Parents and Guardians are encouraged to come and support their child/ren and house as they compete in a variety of events during the course of the day. Please see the Athletics Program for a guide when events are scheduled. Take note that this is only a guide. We often run behind or in front of time. We have been very busy completing some events prior to the day, with points given to all students who participate. Remember this is a participation carnival, the more people in your house who are competing, the more points your team will accrue.

There will be no **ORDERS for the tuckshop on the day**, however you can purchase over the counter. The menu for the day is different to our regular menu. There will be:

- Pies $4.00
- Sausage Rolls $3.00
- Mixed Sandwiches $3.00
- Chips and Drinks
- Steak Burger $5.00
- Steakette Burger $3.00
- Sausages $2.00
- Apple Slice $3.00
- Cream Donuts $3.00
- Patty Cakes/cookies $2.00

Good Luck to all, and most of all, **HAVE A FUN DAY!!!**

Mrs Dyson

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**Pants Down Circus Rock:**

**A Circus Rock Show**

The Millmerran Arts Council proudly presents Pants Down Circus Rock. A circus rock show extravaganza, PDCR is a creative, vibrant, fun filled performance for the whole family. Supported by the Toowoomba Regional Council and funded by the Qld Government, this performance is fully funded and FREE. So come along to the Millmerran Cultural Centre, Monday July 4th at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. A youtube clip and more information is available at www.pantsdowncircus.com

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Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Free Dress ‘Footy Colours Day.’ We raised $283.50 which will go towards the ‘Fight Cancer Foundation.’ It was terrific to see classes getting into the spirit of the day by decorating their rooms. Yr 7 were awarded first place with a highly commended going to Year 1T and 6W. The Tug-o-war was a success – class verse class (primary) and Gore verse Fletcher (secondary) - where teams battled it out to see who would be named champions for 2016. Class 1/2L selected the ‘Man of the Match’ and the Year 10 girls selected the closest ‘Game score.’ The State of Origin fever is definitely alive in Millmerran.

Please Note: We will be holding free dress days again for the next two State of Origin Games however, there will be no gold coin donation required.
Brainy Breakfasts!

It’s the most important meal of the day – but 1 in 4 children in Australia skip breakfast.

- At school, a hungry child can lose concentration in class and have no energy for playtime
- Skipping breakfast has been shown to have a negative effect on learning ability
- Skipping breakfast has been shown to lead to excess weight gain
- If you skip breakfast you are more likely to be very hungry by mid-morning, which can lead to snacking on unhealthy foods.

Breakfast can include all sorts of options: cereals, bread, fruit, dairy products (such as eggs, milk, yoghurt and cheese) and meats.

Some simple ideas

- Wholegrain toast with a thin spread of jam, honey or vegemite
- Toasted Raisin bread or fruit loaf
- Wholegrain cereal with milk and chopped fruit such as banana or berries, or canned fruit
- Hot porridge with milk & some fruit
- Yoghurt topped with a muesli style cereal and chopped fruit
- Baked beans with wholegrain toast
- Scrambled or poached eggs with toast
- Toasted ham, cheese and tomato sandwich
- Sliced banana and a small tub of yoghurt
- Fresh fruit and yoghurt
- Fruit smoothies made on fresh or canned fruit

Many studies have shown that having breakfast before school improves the ability of concentration, reaction time, learning ability, test grades, school attendance, mood and memory. The brain’s only source of energy is glucose, so if you don’t eat anything for breakfast, your brain is less likely to function efficiently.

Fiona Flegler
Millmerran Youth Health Nurse

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2017 Year 10 Jerseys

Final payment of $27.85 is now due for Year 10 Jerseys for 2017. The total cost per jersey is $77.85. Everyone ordering has already made part payment of $50.00. Please make final payment to the School Office by Friday 12th August. Money received after this date cannot be accepted. Deposit money already paid is not refundable. If possible, please use correct change when paying.

Ros Gleeson

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PIE DRIVE FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all of the parents and students who sold pies during our recent Pie Drive Fundraiser. Thank you to the community who donated money. Your kindness and help is valued and appreciated.

We raised approximately $1,700 which will go towards reducing the cost of the Year 5/6 Tallebudgera Camp.

Pies and bakery goods will be delivered around 9am next Tuesday 14th June. We need an hour or two to sort the pies into their orders.

Orders can be collected from 11am onwards. Homestyle Bake advice, pies are delivered chilled.

If not consumed or distributed on the day of delivery, please freeze immediately!!!

Goods are to be stored below 5 degrees as stated on the customer order form.

Thanks to the volunteer parents who have offered their assistance with the counting of money, ordering, sorting and distribution of pies. We will look forward to seeing you in the school hall next Tuesday morning at approximately 9am. Please let Mrs Nolan or Mr Wilkes know if you will help with the distribution of goods.

Thank you for your support from all the organisers.
INLAND RAIL PROGRAMME

Community Information Drop-in Session

Inland Rail is a new 1700km freight rail connection between Melbourne and Brisbane via regional Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland. This priority rail project will see freight delivered on this route in less than 24 hours, with pricing, reliability and availability that is competitive with road transport.

ARTC would like to invite you to join us at a community information drop-in session about your local Inland Rail project - Yelarbon to Gnowrie.

For more information about the Inland Rail Programme please visit our website: www.inlandrail.com.au

FOUR SESSIONS AVAILABLE:

Date: 2-7pm, Monday 13 June 2016
Venue: Millmerran Community and Cultural Centre
Walpole St, Millmerran

Date: 2-7pm, Tuesday 14 June 2016
Venue: Yelarbon & District Soldiers Memorial Hall
Cunningham Highway, Yelarbon

Date: 2-6pm, Wednesday 15 June 2016
Venue: Inglewood Civic Centre
18 Elizabeth Street, Inglewood

Date: 3-7pm, Thursday 16 June 2016
Venue: Oakey Community Centre
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