From the Principal’s Desk

It is hard to imagine that just eleven weeks ago I was waiting for the furniture removalists to arrive for the start of my new venture to Millmerran. The term has gone so quickly and has been packed full of some amazing events as well as meeting a host of wonderful new people. My apologies if I still don’t put names to faces, it is something I am rehearsing daily as I walk the grounds of this great school.

The last two weeks have been no different in terms of a host of exciting events. The inter-house athletics carnival last week was a great success, especially if you are a GORE supporter, with the house winning for the first time in eight years. Thanks to Mrs Amy Dyson for her organisation of the day and to all the staff who contributed their time, energy and efforts. To those parent volunteers who assisted, either through time keeping or putting up and pulling down the marquees. Many thanks to our convenor and parent volunteers in the canteen, who did an amazing job catering for all of the hungry bodies. The steak burger was very tasty and food was sold out by mid-afternoon.

Emma, the student who had a fall on the running track and was taken by ambulance to the local hospital, has spent some time receiving further medical attention and is recovering at home with bed rest. She was in front at the time of her fall and is no doubt thinking of the win that could have been. The weather was kind to us and despite being slightly behind schedule the day finished on time.

Our Under Eights event was not so lucky with the weather and the activities were moved indoors. The hall hosted a range of wonderful activities from local schools and child care providers as well as from local interest groups and sporting clubs. Our two undercover areas were also filled with the more physical activities including dance, tennis and ball sports. First Five Forever representative and the local librarian participated in story time; the community health nurses simulated how to treat a suspected broken limb; the police, fire services and ambulance were in attendance for children to explore their vehicles and meet the people in the community who help them in times of need. I visited the Scouts’ stall and tried to identify all of the plants on display by their smell and noticed the enticing food at the swim club table.

This was the first time that local interest groups and sporting clubs were involved in the day and it was a great success. Thanks to some of our older students who were helping by being the responsible person taking two or three students each around to the different activities, when parents were not able to be here with their children. Also thanks to those older students who ran activities such as the face painting, which proved particularly popular. Our Early Years Network met yesterday afternoon to reflect on the success of the day and make suggestions for next year’s event. It was wonderful to see so many parents with their children enjoying the day.

Our Early Years Network members are working together to try to co-ordinate events and information for the under eights age group. Included in this newsletter is a flyer from the First Five Forever program which is supported by Toowoomba Regional Council. The program is bringing Baby Rhyme Time and Story to Wylahra Grove and the Millmerran Cultural Centre Foyer on a number of days throughout next term. It would be wonderful to see lots of families with pre-school age children take up these great opportunities.

Singfest is on today and I am looking forward to the evening performance at the cultural centre. Again, an amazing amount of hard work by our staff Ms Tracey Fox, Ms Miranda Licence and Mrs Ashley Macartney has enabled this event to occur this year.

I wish everyone a well earned holiday and look forward to working with you all again next term.

Ms Jenny Kent
Principal

Addresses and Phone Numbers

Please notify the office if you have changed your address, contact phone numbers or emergency contact details. Thank you.
**Prep News**

The preppies are now half way through the year! Who can believe it? Time has definitely flown by and I can’t wait to see how far they all come in Term 3. Mrs Jurd, Madame Ceccato and I are all very proud of what every prep student has achieved so far this year. They have all worked so hard.

It was great to see such a great turn out for Under 8’s day yesterday even though the weather didn’t hold out for us. Thank you to all of those families who came and supported the event.

If your child enjoyed playing on the giant connect four or chopping up the very hungry caterpillar food, make sure you remember to head down to the local Library and see Linda as there is a huge selection of toys available for hire FREE of cost to all families.

Don’t forget to continue practising sight words over the holidays.

I wish all of our prep families an enjoyable and warm Winter break.

See you next term!
Miss Elliott.

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**Early Years Network**

Recently, representatives from different local community organisations with connections to the Early Years of child development, met again, this time to reflect on the amazing Under Eights Day that was hosted by our school on Wednesday.

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”.

In the coming weeks:

- **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 – 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 – artsworx.usq.edu.au/events
- **Monday 18 and 19 July** – C and K Open Day
- **Thursday 28 July, 11 & 25 August, 8 Sept**—First Five Forever Baby Rhyme Time and Story Time, Wylahra Grove Community Hall and Millmerran Cultural Centre Foyer

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**JUNE**
- Thursday 23....................Singfest Year 3 - 7
- Thursday 23....................Singfest Evening Concert
- Friday 24.........................Horse Sports Day
- Friday 24.......................Free Dress Day – wear blue for Mia
- 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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Hello everyone,

Thank you to all the supporters who came to sports day on Friday. The kids did such a great job of participating on the day. Having fun is what it is all about!

Congratulations to Gore on their win!

On Tuesday we had two representatives from the NRL come and talk to the students about the importance of literacy. They also got a chance to have a run around and play a bit of footy.

On Wednesday we had Under 8’s Day. Thank you to all those parents who came along. There were lots of things for the students to make and do from dream catchers to pasta necklaces. It was a really fun morning.

Report cards will be sent home at the end of this week. I have indicated on reports whether I would like to have an interview with you about your child’s progress. However, if you would like to have an interview, you can also request one. Alternatively, if you have any questions about aspects of report cards please contact me via email or early next term.

It is getting to that time of the year where students are starting to run out of school supplies – especially pencils, sharpeners, rubbers and rulers. It would be most appreciated if they could top up their supplies over the holidays so that we are ready for next term!

On the last day of term – Friday the 24th of June – we will be having a class party to celebrate 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 holiday,

Miranda Licence

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Singfest

‘Singfest 2016’: is the third biennial non-competitive choral festival for state and catholic school students from year 3 to 8 in the geographical area from Pittsworth, Millmerran, Cecil Plains, Inglewood and Texas.

You are invited to the:

Singfest 2016 - Evening Concert
Thursday 23rd June at 6pm
Cultural Centre
$2 entry fee
See you there!

It’s unbelievable that we have completed one semester already. This term has had such a busy ending and we have so many people to thank for helping us out recently. Thank you to Mr Wilkes, his students and leaders who coached the year 1 and 2 students with ball games. Thank you to Mrs Nolan’s students for buddy reading and assisting with our computer sessions every week. Thank you to all upper primary and High school students who helped us out on Under 8’s day. The day was a great success despite the weather and all students had an enjoyable time.

I hope you all realise just how much our students appreciate & are inspired by your friendly helping hands. A huge thank you to our wonderful Teacher Aides, Parents and Carers for all of your contributions throughout this semester, your efforts are invaluable.

Now to this great class, congratulations and well done. All semester you have tried hard, you have practised & you have shown great improvement. I couldn't wish for more.

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Thank you
Pam Thornton
**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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**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](http://www.pantsdowncircus.com)

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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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**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.

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**Enquiries:**
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pomasplace4@bigpond.com or 46933202

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Fortnightly on Thursdays (28th July, 11th & 25th August, 8th Sept)

Baby Rhyme Time
Wyalahra Grove Community Hall
10:00am to 10:30 am

In these sessions you and your baby can learn rhymes, action songs and finger plays to share together. Your baby will develop a love of song, rhyme and rhythm which is important for their language and early literacy development.

Story Time
Wyalahra Grove Community Hall
10:45 am to 11:30 am

Millmerran Cultural Centre Foyer
2:00 pm to 2:45 pm

These sessions are a relaxed and fun way to develop your child’s early literacy skills through storytelling, rhymes and song. These sessions are aimed at 2-5 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