From the Principal’s Desk

Welcome back to term three. Already the students who were successful at our carnival last term, have been engaged in both primary and secondary athletics carnivals at Pittsworth. At the primary carnival, all students tried their best and returned tired and a little chilled. Congratulations to Jack Smith, who broke the shot put record for 9 year old boys. Our secondary students have travelled to Pittsworth today and no doubt will enjoy their participation at the next level.

During last week, our primary students enjoyed a taste of Jump Rope for Heart and got involved in some skipping with both the long rope and the individual ropes. When Tracey Fox put the music on before school this week and the skipping ropes came out, there were lots of interested children, giving a few extra ‘tricks’ a go.

Our Mini-Lit program commenced this week for some students in Years One, Two and Three, supporting them with learning to read strategies. This research based program is widely used throughout Australia as a second tier intervention for students who need some extra assistance with the learning to read process.

Parent/Teacher interviews were successful on Tuesday evening, with numerous parents taking the time to visit and meet with teachers to discuss student progress. After the parent/teacher interviews on Tuesday, a group of secondary parents and students got together to discuss the upcoming Snowies excursion. There was plenty of excitement amongst the group about this amazing adventure. On the previous Tuesday, the P and C met and agreed to develop an expression of interest for an RADF grant to support hosting the Rock ‘n’ Rods in 2017. This is planned for August next year.

During the holidays, a group of P and C volunteers worked tirelessly at the local junior league carnival making coffee and selling cakes. The efforts of these volunteers raised approximately $2000 for the P and C, who continue to contribute financially to the school. If you haven’t had the chance, please take an opportunity to check out the new soft fall and edging in the Prep playgrounds. Thanks to the efforts of Leah Collins, who was successful in a grant application, to Leona Stubbin for sourcing quotes and to the P and C who topped up the grant with approximately $4000 to make sure three of the areas could be completed at the same time.

Their next fund raising venture will be associated with the Camp Oven Festival and I know they will be looking for volunteers to work for a couple of hours during the weekend, making chips and selling drinks. If you can spare a few hours during the first weekend in October, please let either Helen Sizer or Paula McKinlay know. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

You will have received an invitation to participate in the School Opinion Survey. You will also have received one or two texts reminding you of this opportunity to respond to a series of questions about how you think our wonderful school is performing. So far 14% of parents have responded, 50% of students and 80% of staff. The online survey closes on 29 July.

Today, four of our staff travelled to Inglewood for a networking day with other early childhood educators. They had the chance to share great practice and develop relationships with other local professionals. It is hoped that these networking opportunities will continue as part of the ongoing professional learning of our staff. Next week Tara Churchill will travel to Brisbane to undertake training as a facilitator for Seven Steps to Writing Success. This program is used widely throughout Australia, in the teaching of writing in the narrative and persuasive genres. Throughout the coming weeks, teachers will be given further learning opportunities in how to implement this program in our school.

Last night, the band rehearsed with members of the Pittsworth band and enjoyed the opportunity to play with a group of more experienced musicians. Our band travels to Dalby on 2 August for the Eisteddfod. We wish them all the best. Tracey Fox is especially busy on that day, returning from Dalby to take six students to a QAMT maths competition for junior secondary students in Warwick. One of the features of this amazing school, that continues to be demonstrated time and time again, is the commitment of staff to putting in the extra time and effort for our students to participate in a wide range of extra-curricular activities.

Tomorrow afternoon we farewell Eileen Sondergeld after 37 years of dedicated service to our school community as a cleaner. If you would like to say farewell to Eileen, please come along for a cuppa in the hall at 3.15 pm on Friday 22 July. Please bring a plate of food to share.

Ms Jenny Kent
Principal
DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY
Friday 22………………..Whole School Parade - 9:00am
Friday 22………………..Year 10 Careers Day - Pittsworth
Friday 22………………..Eileen's Afternoon Tea - 3:15pm
Monday 25…………..Year 10 Information Evening - Pittsworth

AUGUST
Monday 1…..Reward & Recognition Assembly - 10:15am
Tuesday 2…………..Years 7 & 8 Maths Teams Warwick
Tuesday 2………………Dalby Eisteddfod
Wednesday 3………………ICAS English
Tuesday 16………………..ICAS Maths
Friday 19………………..AWD Track and Field
Saturday 27 - Sept 3………………High School - Camp

Addresses and Phone Numbers
Please notify the office if you have changed your address, contact phone numbers or emergency contact details. Thank you.

Welcome back to Term 3. It was lovely to see our students so excited to be back with their peers and to hear them sharing their holiday experiences. Hopefully this term will not be as busy.

Thank you to parents for attending Parent/Teacher interviews. If you were unable to attend & would like to catch up please don't hesitate to make a interview time.

This Friday we celebrate a special day with Mrs Sondergeld, who is retiring after 37 years of caring and cleaning for us. When exploring history Mrs Sondergeld has often been called upon to explain the past history of our school & community. Students just enjoyed these time so much. We will miss you Mrs Sondergeld.

Another sad story is that Ryker & Jasper are moving. We will miss these lovely students very much. We wish you all the very best for the future.

From next Thursday, I will be on long service leave for one week and Mrs Fiona Andrews will be taking the class.

Reminders:
- Thursday – Spelling, reading folders, sight words, sentence work & number facts need to be returned.

Thank you
Pam Thornton
Hello wonderful parents,

I hope that you had a nice break from the school routine over the holidays. It’s hard to believe that we are already in Term 3!

This term in English we are focusing on telling and retelling stories from different perspectives. We are learning that stories can be told from a first-person perspective (the character’s own tale of events), or a third-person perspective (the author’s tale of events). In Maths we are investigating multiplication, fractions, time, months and dates, money, additive concepts, and different forms of measurement. We have started our Geography unit, focusing on places at personal, local, national, and international scales. In Science this term we are learning about the Earth and its resources like water and soil. Our Arts unit has a focus on dance and media arts. Finally, in Design Technology we are designing puppets with the objective of putting on a show at the end of term.

Reading groups are now on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning at 9.00am. These will run for approximately 15 minutes each day and will only focus on reading (no additional comprehension activities). We will do comprehension as a whole class after we have all read the books. We always really appreciate helpers for reading.

Our library borrowing day has changed to a Thursday. Please remind your child to return their old library book and borrow a new one every week as they do tend to forget!

Homework has also changed this term. Please ensure that any loose materials are glued in your child’s homework book before being returned on Friday so that they do not get lost. We are now using number fact flash cards for the students to practise and test their number facts. Please ensure that these cards get sent back to school every week as we may have to change them to a new set.

We still have some students who are without critical stationary items. I would really appreciate it if you could make the time to come in one morning or afternoon and assess your child’s stock to see whether they need more items. This will really make the running of class much smoother on a daily basis.

Finally, as we are making puppets this term, we are in need of lots of materials – especially old socks (preferably not smelly ones!). If you have any spare materials at home that could be used to create puppets or puppet theatres, we would really appreciate any donations!

Thanks and I hope you have a great week,

Miranda Licence
Welcome back to Term 3!

I hope that all parents and students enjoyed a much deserved break, I know that I certainly did. Firstly, I would like to thank parents and students for their support and thoughts whilst I was unwell last term.

I have temporarily reduced my teaching load to 4 days per week. I thank all parents and students for being considerate and understanding of this. It was great to see and talk to parents about your child’s learning this week at parent – teacher interviews. Don’t despair if you missed out. I am happy to meet with you and discuss your child’s learning. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office and make a time. Term 3 will see the implementation of ‘Speaking Roster’. An explanation will be sent home with your child. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me. Students will have an allocated job for the week and will be required to present a report on Friday (in class). I will send home the marking guide and job descriptions sheet. Please remember each presentation does not need to be lengthy, a minute or so is fine, but please remember to be prepared!

Remember every day counts @ Millmerran State P–10 School. Parents, please remember that I am always available to talk to you. I am available before and after school if you require to speak to me. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or questions.

**Homework**
Parents if you have any concerns regarding homework, please do not hesitate to contact me.

| Math Mentals | Monday’s column will be completed in class to make sure that all students are confident with the concepts being explored that week. Please complete the other night’s at home and return to school as we mark these every day |
| Spelling | Spelling words will be tested on Tuesdays |
| Home reading | Completed nightly (minimum of 10mins own choice) |

**Weekly Items to Remember**

| Monday | Sport |
| Tuesday | Spelling words due<br>Spelling test<br>Religion<br>Indonesian<br>Library |
| Wednesday | Music |
| Friday | Homework Due<br>Parade |

**National Collection of Data on School Students with Disability**

Dear parents/carers,

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability. This year data will be collected by 12 August.

Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you are aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please let me know.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:


Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.

Jenny Kent
Principal
**4/5F News**

Welcome to term 3! I would like to extend a warm welcome to our three new students, Conner, Hamish and Luke. I’s great to have you as part of our class.

Thank you to all the parents who have been flexible with their time for parent teacher meetings to ensure we are able to discuss your child’s progress for semester 2. I have met with nearly all my students parents. If you have missed out on a time, please contact me to arrange an afternoon.

Term 3 will see the implementation of the Speaking roster and a greater expectation of maths homework, spelling and reading logs. It is important for your child to read for 15 minutes every night, practise their spelling words and times tables.

**Speaking Roster:** Students will have an allocated job for the week and will be required to present a report on Friday (in class starting week 3). I will send home the marking guide and job descriptions sheet. Please remember each presentation does not need to be lengthy, a minute or so is fine, but please remember to be prepared!

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**Homework:** Students are expected to take their homework & spelling books home every night and bring them back every day, no excuses!

**Tuesday** – Weekend maths homework due. Library borrowing.

**Wednesday** – Reading logs checked

**Friday** – Spelling & Maths timetables homework due

**Weekly Maths Focus:** Please ensure your child is writing out the times tables every night in their homework book. Multiplication facts will be tested on every Friday.

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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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**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.