From the Principal’s Desk

It is with sadness that I acknowledge the passing of Judy Antonio, wife of our Mayor Paul, mother and mother-in-law of our P and C president Craig and his wife Lexi, and grandmother of two of our students, Sophia and Scarlett. The family has a long association with the school and the community and our thoughts are with them at this time.

Congratulations to every student who received awards on Monday at our Recognition Assembly. It was a wonderful way to start the week, celebrating the successes of so many students. This was closely followed by the band performing at the Dalby Eisteddfod and coming home with the blue ribbon. This recognition of the band’s efforts and those of their supporter, Mrs Ashley McCartney and Miss Tracey Fox. Well done to all involved.

Two teams travelled to Warwick on Tuesday evening to compete in the Year 7/8 Maths Teams Challenge. They did well placing third - Alissa, Henry, Jackson - and fourth - Riley, Brock, Therese - respectively in their groups. Their practice paid off. Well done! Thanks to Miss Tracey Fox for organising, coaching and transporting. Thank you also, to Miss Parker and the parents who were our support team for the event!

Later in the newsletter we celebrate the efforts of some of our students from just before the holidays and during the holidays. Congratulations to Emily, Carla, Casey and Olivia for representing our school in the local pony club event at the end of last term and to Tysne and Fergus for representing MacIntyre in the junior league carnival held during the holidays.

In the last newsletter, I mentioned the next fundraising effort of the P and C. Please find a return slip in this week’s newsletter, requesting that you identify a couple of hours when you might be able to help at the stall at the camp oven festival. Your support will be greatly appreciated. The next P and C meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 30 August.

Next week is Canteen Week and there will be a meal deal on Wednesday. The order forms will come home with the newsletter this week and must be returned with money by Monday. Pizza, Juice and a Freddo Frog for just $5. Definitely a RED food day. Thanks to our amazing convenor Maree and to all of the volunteers for their contribution of time and energy to ensure the P and C continues to be able to offer this service to our school community.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the school opinion survey. 33% of parents responded; 96% of eligible students and 95% of staff. This opportunity to provide your opinion on a range of questions is useful feedback to inform future school planning.

Individual NAPLAN student reports were posted to parents this week. If your student is in Years 3, 5, 7 or 9, you should receive a report on their performance on this year’s NAPLAN test. I look forward to being able to share our whole school data with staff and the community.

At the staff meeting this week, we considered School Wide Positive Behaviour Support or Positive Behaviour for Learning, which forms the basis for our Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students. Over the coming weeks the staff will continue to review this policy document and incorporate any changes identified as necessary.

I continue to be heartened by the commitment of staff to providing amazing opportunities for our students and I have to acknowledge the amazing team of people who support me every day in my role as Principal of this great P - 10 school.

Ms Jenny Kent
Principal
1/2L News

Congratulations to our Student of the Week Award winners on Friday – Chad Swinton and Ellie Gilchrist! Happy Birthday to Chris Baillie and Robert Blinkhorn who celebrated their birthdays in July.

This term has proven to be very busy with a lot going on! We commenced the Mini-Lit Program and are already noticing improvements. Well done to those students who have been trying their best to make every session count.

This week we combined Maths, Geography and Technology to try out the amazing Bee-Bot’s. We owe a massive thankyou to Mr Heenan for taking the time to teach us the program and how to operate them. We were able to test out the robots on the maps, use the iPad application and the computer program. It proved to be quite challenging remembering which way to make the Bee-Bot turn to get to its destination. We will be working on these over the next few weeks to master our skills.

Next week we will be starting many of our assessment items, so we encourage everyone to come to school so they don’t miss out on anything important.

It has been fantastic to see so many students completing their homework each week. When we do our reading, spelling activities or maths facts it becomes very clear who has been working on it at home! Keep it up!!

Have a great week,
Kate Long

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Dental van

The Dental Van will not be here in September due to issues with the dental van. They will now be here in late October and November.

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2/3L News

Week 4 already!! I can’t believe how quickly this year is going!

Congratulations to Dean Baillie who was awarded for having 100% attendance in Semester One. Well done!

Reading groups are on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 9.00am. Any parent helpers who are available are always appreciated.

We will be making puppets for our Design Technology assessment in a couple of weeks. It would be most appreciated if students could bring in materials that they would like to use to make their puppets from home.

Some suggestions include: socks, cardboard, pipe cleaners, string, pom poms, paper bags, feathers, googly eyes, toilet rolls, glitter, fabric, and wooden spoons. Students will design their puppets at school and bring their design home so that they can gather materials. All materials need to be at school by the end of Week 6.

We have a new home reading reward system where students get a sticker for every book/night (for longer books) that they read. When they have read 20 books they will get a prize. It is, therefore, important that students get their home reading logs signed by an adult every night so we can confirm whether they are reading at home.

Thanks and I hope you have a great week,
Miranda Licence

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Addresses and Phone Numbers

Please notify the office if you have changed your address, contact phone numbers or emergency contact details. Thank you.
Well done to the wonderful Year 4 students who were given Blue Awards this week. Congratulations to Mia Christensen, Abby Culleton, Jessie Diete, Jack Dixon, Nesfe Fernando, Tasmen Goodey, Lane Howe and Qwyntan Pearson. Another well done to the students who had 100% attendance for Semester 1 – Horashio Stewart, Nesfe Fernando and Qwyntan Pearson.

3/4D are currently doing a number of assessment items, so please ensure your child comes to school each day! Remember – every day counts @ Millmerran State P-10 School - it is cool to come to school!!

Homework is now a homework sheet of tasks that will need to be completed each week. Your child is expected to write out 5 sentences using 5 spelling words, put spelling words in alphabetical order, write out 4 number stories using current number facts and do one story summary using one of the books read for home reading that week. All students are 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 books daily, as well as return their spelling folders on Thursdays, learn their number facts and return their homework books on Fridays. Some students also have sight word flash cards to learn. These are checked on Mondays!!

Reading Groups are starting back and are held on Thursdays from 11.30 am - 12 noon and Fridays from 11.30am until 12.30pm. Parent helpers are needed on both days, so if you are available we would love to see you!!

3/4D’s library day and time is Thursdays from 12 noon – 12. 35 pm! Please ensure your child brings his/her library books back on this day. Also a special dress up day will be held for Book Week on Friday 26th August. The theme this year is to dress as a character from an Australian book! The costumes will be judged and prizes awarded at parade that afternoon.

Another round of Positive Postcards have been sent out to students who have achieved their Term 1 learning goals, so check your mail boxes!!!

Congratulations to Logan Dent, Fergus Elborne and Jessie Diete who have been invited to the next round of Sports Day in Toowoomba on Tuesday 9th August!

Finally don’t forget parade is held in the hall on Friday afternoons from 2.25 pm onwards. Congratulations to Lilly Gesler and James Watson who both received Ripper students last Friday for improvement with their reading!! I wonder who the next 2 Rippers will be??

Thanks!
Jo Dines

Mr Peter Heenan, teacher and technician extraordinaire, has achieved his orange card V4. It was an arduous online course and assessment, which Peter undertook in his own time. The card arrived in the mail today so we visited Prep just before they went home to make use of their current props – a castle, knight, crowns and swords to officially present “Sir Peter” with his orange card.

Millmerran Commerce and Progress Incorporated are compiling a fantastic 20 page tourism booklet for the Millmerran District.

They would love to have a story from one of our children that tells visitors how wonderful it is to live here and grow up here.

As well as choosing the winning story and Highly Commended all stories will be showcased at the Camp Oven Festival.

You may write neatly or type your story.

Put your name neatly on the back and hand in to the school office by Friday 26th August.
Dalby Eisteddfod

On Tuesday our senior concert band competed in the Dalby Eisteddfod gaining first place! Congratulations to: Hayley Antonio, Crystelle Apelt, Logan Apelt, Troy Apelt, Henry Borres, Maria Borres, Alissa Cann, Imogen Commens, Bethany Farrington, Emma Fletcher, Nathan Fraser, Travis Gibbs, Therese Guillermo, Charlie Jurd, Beyana Kingston, Eliza Kingston, Josiah Kingston, Sarah Lindenmayer, Thomas Lindenmayer, Zane Linwood, Emma Mackenzie, Sophie McKinlay, Dwyatt Morris, Jackson Shaw, Riley Smith and Kelsie Wilkes.

Comments from the Adjudicator:
1. Programming and overall Presentation – “Stage presentation very good from this group – good eye contact with the conductor. Choice of repertoire, particularly Sweeny very good for this group. Contrast in styles between pieces well chosen.”
2. Sound Quality – “Nice depth of sound with solid middle and bass. Good work from percussion.”
3. Technical Elements – “Well done trumpets and percussion section. Rhythmic challenges well met by all band members.”
4. Musical Interpretation – “Dynamics added lots of interest and intensity. This was a very enjoyable performance today. Thank you for all the evident hard work in preparation.”

Score 88/100.

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

PITTSWORTH HIGH SCHOOL
YE=$11 ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS

Thursday 11th August

Please remember to return your booking request by Monday 8th.
**Permanent Cleaning Positions**

Two permanent cleaning positions are available at Millmerran State P-10 School. Position One is for 35hrs/week and Position Two is for 15hrs/week.

Application packages are available from the school office. The successful applicants must be able to make application for or obtain a suitability card (Blue Card). The successful applicants may be subject to a probationary period.

For further enquiries contact Karol Wilkes Ph - 4695 3333.

Applications should be addressed to:
Karol Wilkes
Business Services Manager
Millmerran State P-10 School
19 Simmons Street
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Applications close at 3.00pm on Thursday 11 August 2016

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**CAMP OVEN CHIP VAN ROSTER 2016**

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**BOOKWEEK 2016**

Bookweek will be celebrated during Week 7 of the term this year and the theme is **Australia, Story Country**. We will be celebrating books and Bookweek during this week with a number of competitions and activities being held in the library. Students have been looking at all the Shortlisted Books during Library Lessons and completing activities based on the books shortlisted for the category of Early Childhood. Years P-6 will be voting on which book they think deserves to be awarded the title Childrens’ Book of the Year – Early Childhood and those who select the correct book will receive a tuckshop voucher. The library is slowly becoming the epitome of everything Australian.

Additionally a **Colouring In competition** is being held for these students and the winners will be announced on **Primary Parade on Friday 26th August at 2:15pm**. Finally Friday 26th August will be a **Free Dress Day** where students are encouraged to come dressed as their **favourite Australian book character or in an Australiana costume**. Prizes will be awarded for Best Dressed and there is **no gold coin needed**. Winners and a parade of all costumes will be presented at the Primary Parade. Please pop along to celebrate Book Week with us at parade.

Regards
Judy Brandon
Teacher - Library
**QAMT Math Competition**

On Tuesday 2nd August, 6 students from year 7 & 8 travelled to Warwick State High School to participate in the first round of the annual QAMT Math competition. In teams of 3, they battled against 10 teams from the Warwick district, completing a range of questions in both team and individual formats. They were tested on their estimation, speed, problem solving, individual short answer and general knowledge skills. They achieved an excellent result of 3rd place (Alissa Cann, Jackson Shaw, Henry Borres) and a tie for 4th place (Riley Smith, Brock Sauverain, Therese Guillermo). Special thanks must go to the parents and to Miss Parker for offering transport and being support crew members on the day.

**What is bullying?**

Bullying is when a person, or a group of people, deliberately and repeatedly upset or hurt another person. The person/people doing the bullying will have some form of power over the target. Bullying can occur with children and with adults!

Bullying is NOT one-off incidents or name calling or physical abuse, it is only bullying when it is repeated, deliberate and there is an imbalance of power involved. This repeated, deliberate imbalance of power can be via physical threats, verbal threats and intimidation either in person, or through cyber means such as through email, instant messaging, facebook and other social media.

**How can I tell if my child is being bullied?**

Sometimes children who are bullied do not talk about it with parents/carers or teachers. They are concerned that “telling” will make matters worse. Some signs that a child may be experiencing bullying may include:

- loss of confidence, fearfulness or anxiety
- changes in eating or sleeping habits, bedwetting
- health problems, vague headaches or stomach aches
- unhappiness, fearfulness or mood swings, sudden temper tantrums
- reluctance to go to school, changes in academic performance
- lack of friends
- missing belongings or torn clothing.

**What should I do if my child tells me they are being bullied?**

- Help your child to identify the bullying behaviour and ask them:
  - What has been happening?
  - Who has been involved?
  - Where have the incidents occurred?
  - Has anyone else seen the bullying behaviour?
- Discuss with your child some immediate strategies. Make a plan to deal with the bullying. Encourage them to:
  1. walk away
  2. use other strategies to diffuse the situation such as take control of the situation and let the bully see that you are not feeling intimidated, maintain eye contact with the bully, speak clearly and firmly, stand upright and try not to fidget, act or pretend to be confident.
  3. firmly say “No!”
  4. Talk with a school staff member, School Nurse, Guidance Officer or Chaplain.

**What will the school do?**

In situations where bullying occurs, staff at the school MAY:

- apply disciplinary consequences
- assist students to develop more appropriate social skills
- implement a behaviour management plan or playground plan for individual students
- explicitly teach about conflict and bullying and/or
- conduct mediation sessions

The school will not give you any of the personal details of other students involved. They will not give you any details of consequences given to other students involved because of privacy requirements.

**Millmerran State School does not tolerate bullying.**

Fiona Flegler
Youth Health Nurse
This year we will once again be supporting the Heart Foundation and organising a Jump Rope for Heart program. All funds raised will be donated to the Heart Foundation to support their amazing work – funding lifesaving research and education programs.

Commencing next week students will have the opportunity to participate in skipping sessions provided before school and during lunches. A timetable has been provided to students to inform them of when and where these sessions will be run.

During this time new skipping tricks will be taught, students will be provided with the opportunity to improve their overall fitness and skipping skills as well as learning to work in a team with other students to complete tricks. Small competitions or challenges will be held during this time and announced or presented on parade.

Students are encouraged to complete the sponsorship form or to fundraise online. Receipts for donors are provided automatically as part of the online payment process. There is an online prize bonus for those students using this method. Students will receive prizes in accordance with how much money they raise. Prizes are presented after all the fundraising has been recorded online or received by the Heart Foundation.

Finally, our Jump Off Day will be held in the last week of Term 3, on Thursday, 15th September in the Doug Hall Education Centre. Classes will be given a program for the day at a later date. Parent helpers are most welcome. Accordingly, all money and sponsorship forms must be into the office by Thursday 15th September so that monies can be sent to the Heart Foundation before the school holidays. Online fundraising needs to be finalised by this date too.

Regards
Judy Brandon
Jump Rope Co-ordinator

Over the holiday break, our P and C supported the local Junior League carnival by running a coffee and cake stall and the patrons supported our P and C by helping to raise approximately $2000. While this was happening on the side lines, two of our students were out on the field participating in the carnival as representatives in the MacIntyre team. Their team came second. Well done Tysne and Fergus.
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