From the Principal’s Desk

Again, members of our wonderful staff have co-ordinated a range of activities associated with the current newsworthy Olympic competition. I checked in towards the end of last week, to see which group was in the lead. When we celebrate success it is most often about winning. Having reflected on this, I spoke to our secondary students about the thought provoking and gracious words of Cate Campbell after not achieving a medal in her individual swim events. I asked our secondary students to give some consideration to what is necessary for them to feel self-worth? Is it being part of the competition? Is it achieving a personal best?

Our rounds of participation in the ICAS series come to an end this week with the final competition, Mathematics. Students who achieve Credit or better in this program receive their awards on Presentation Night in term four, as part of our recognition of the year’s Academic Achievements.

Again we celebrate the efforts of some of our students involved in activities off site. Piper (Yr 9) was successful at the Dalby Eisteddfod receiving a first place result in four areas – Duologue, Monologue, Australian Poem and Light Verse. Natasha (Yr 10) recently competed in the cattle leading division for her age group at last week’s exhibition and received a highly commended. Aiden (Yr 6) celebrated a third place for his monologue at the Toowoomba Eisteddfod.

Over the weekend, several students participated in the Scout’s “Night Hawk” activity at Goombungee, working in groups of 5 to 7 people completing tasks including first aid, mapping, anchoring and trivia questions. The competition ran from 5.30 pm Saturday to 8.00 am Sunday. Congratulations to Alissa, Courtney, Sarah, Travis, Harry and Scott who came third.

This Friday a group of our students will travel to Toowoomba with teaching staff, parents and volunteers to participate in the AWD carnival. This annual event is held at Glennie and showcases participation, personal bests and winning. All the best to everyone involved.

Next week is book week, with a range of activities organised across the school to celebrate. On Thursday 25 from 1 – 1.45pm our prep students and their families are invited to a special rhyme and story time provided by First Five Forever project officer Fiona.

Friday 26th is our dress up in Australiana theme day, with students from Prep to Year 10 encouraged to be involved. Plenty of staff will also take up the challenge, not missing out on an opportunity to dress-up.

During this week and next week, there are a number of regional and state-wide meetings which I will be attending. The ongoing learning for principals as provided by our employer, is a substantial investment in ensuring the expectations of our Department are understood and implemented. Whilst taking time out to attend meetings sometimes seems a chore and there is always unfinished work to manage upon return, there are numerous benefits in receiving shared messages and networking with principals from other schools.

Just a reminder to 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 P and C stall at the camp oven festival. Your support will be greatly appreciated. The next P and C meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 30 August.

Before the end of term we will say ‘au revoir’ to Katrina Rugendyke (our Master Teacher), for at least three terms, as she takes leave for the birth of her third child. We wish Katrina all the best and thank her for her dedication and commitment to her role, through some trying circumstances.

Ms Jenny Kent
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST

Friday 19.................................AWD Track and Field
Thursday 25.................................Uniform Shop
Friday 26................................Book Week Dress Up and Parade
Saturday 27 - Sept 3.....................High School - Camp
Tuesday 30................................P&C Meeting

SEPTEMBER

Thurs 1 & Friday 2........Sec: Darling Downs Track and field
Monday 5.................................Healthy Mouth Healthy Me Expo
Tuesday 6.................................Primary: Darling Downs Track and field
Friday 9.................................Pittsworth Musical - Once Upon
Wednesday 14............................Arts Council - A Swag of Tales
Thursday 15...............................TYME Festival at USQ
Thursday 15...............................JUMP Rope for Heart
Friday 16.................................Last Day of Term 3
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- Reading groups:
  - Monday, Tuesday & Thursday - 10:30 -10:45
  - Wednesday & Friday - 9:00 - 9:15
- Bookweek Celebrations- Friday 26th Aug – Free dress day. Students may come to school dressed as their favourite Australian book character or in an Australiana costume. There is no gold coin required.
- Arts Council 14th September
- Jump Rope for Heart 15th September

Thank you for reading.

Pam Thornton

**Prep News**

Hello prep families! I hope you are enjoying term three so far. The time is really flying by.

I am very excited to be back at work after time off and would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Kris Dent very much for all of the hard work she has put into making the prep classroom an exciting and enriching learning environment for the students, while I was away. It is evident that she has gone above and beyond to ensure that every child progressed with their learning while I was absent. Don’t forget to thank her if you see her down the street! We couldn’t have asked for a better person to be taking care of the prep class. I would also like to thank our amazing teacher aides- Manon Ceccato and Tammy Jurd for all of their efforts over the past couple of months. We wouldn’t survive without you.

It’s back to business as usual now, and the preppies are doing extremely well with their knowledge of rhyming word. We will continue to develop this knowledge for the rest of the term. We have a special guest coming in on Thursday August 25 at 1pm to do a free rhyme time with our students and we welcome parents to attend with younger siblings. Please let me know if you are able to attend.

We have a very large number of winter clothing items that are either not labelled at all or have an older student’s name on them. We cannot return items to you if they are not clearly labelled with your child’s name. So please ensure ALL items you send to school with your child are clearly labelled with HIS/HER name.

Have a great week, Miss Elliott.

**1T News**

Congratulations to Thrishia, Aira and Ryder for receiving their recent 100% Attendance awards. Our class are very proud of your great efforts.

Congratulations also to our recent Ripper students of the Week, Ella, Aira, Digby and Dinura. These students have received their awards for demonstrating such enthusiasm for learning and showing pride in their written presentations.

It’s wonderful to see so many students participating in the Jump Rope sessions in the hall.

**2/3L News**

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Reading groups are on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 9am. Parents are more than welcome to come in and join the fun!

Have a great week,
Miranda Licence
Reminders - Dental notes are due back tomorrow and 3/4D have been invited to a Healthy Mouth/Healthy Me chat at the Sports Centre on Monday 5th September at 2 pm. All Expression of Interest forms for the Pittsworth Musical Excursion will also need to be returned tomorrow. The actual Musical will be held on Friday 9th September and a follow up note with cost will be sent home in the next fortnight. Payment for an upcoming Arts Council needs to be returned in money envelopes to the office ASAP – the performance will be held on Wednesday 14th September.

Reading Groups 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 it would be great 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. A special dress up day will be held for Book Week next 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 assembly that afternoon.

Finally don’t forget assembly is held in the hall on Friday afternoons from 2.25 pm onwards. Congratulations to our current Ripper students – Dain McKay and Nesfe Fernando! Also well done to Fergus Elborne, Horashio Stewart and Dain McKay for receiving Number Facts Marvels Awards on assembly last week!!

Go the Raiders!!

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**A Swag of Tales**

**When?** Wednesday 14th September  
**What Time?** 1.30 pm  
**How much?** $ 4.00 each  
A Swag of Tales about Transportation, Gold Rush, Bushrangers and Swaggies. Great costumes, props and audience participation.

Please pay by Direct Debit (phone office for details) or return correct money in an envelope to the office by Friday September 9th.

Name:…………………………  
Class:…………………………  

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**JUMP ROPE FOR HEART**

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.

Students have been participating in lunchtime sessions and are thoroughly enjoying themselves. 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 commencing next week and winners will be 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 Friday 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
Writing Competition

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**.

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**BOOKWEEK 2016**

Bookweek will be celebrated during Week 7 of the term this year and the theme is *Australian 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 Assembly 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 Assembly. Please pop along to celebrate Bookweek with us at parade.

Regards
Judy Brandon
Teacher - Library

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**CAMP OVEN CHIP VAN ROSTER 2016**

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High School Camp

With just over a week before we depart, we need all participants to have returned their medical forms by Monday 22nd Aug. Also final payments need to be paid immediately. Please ensure that this has been done. We depart from school, Simmons St entrance Saturday evening at 6pm. Students are required to be here to assist with loading at 5.30pm. 27th Aug. It is good to see the snow is still falling regularly at Perisher which is great for skiing but also means cold mornings. Parents please supervise your son’s and daughter’s packing to ensure they have sufficient clothing for the week of activity and learning. Our day in Canberra visiting the National War Museum and Parliament House can be cold but students need to be dressed respectfully. If you have any last minute questions please don’t hesitate to call me.

Graham O’Sullivan
Camp Coordinator

Community Support

Recently our Year 9 students have been studying Digestion as part of their Science study and had the opportunity to dissect the digestive organs of sheep which were supplied by the helpful staff of Millmerran Meats. Our Year 10 students are preparing for their week of work experience at the end of this term. Many of our students are going to local businesses for this week and we are so grateful for this support of our students from our local business. We hope this is a valuable learning experience for our students as they plan their next phase in their education or career paths. Many thanks to all our local businesses who have supported our students past and present.

Graham O’Sullivan
Year 10 Coordinator

Addresses and Phone Numbers

Please notify the office if you have changed your address, contact phone numbers or emergency contact details. Thank you.
Millwood Junior Rugby League
Design Our Logo Comp

All children are invited to design a new logo for our football club, Millwood, which consists of players from Millmerran, Inglewood and Texas.

Get your creative hats on to win yourself and your school a great prize!!

Winning school—$1000 sports equipment

Winning student—$100 cash and football pack

Designs are to be submitted to your school office by Wednesday 14th September.

Example logos

[Logos of Broncos, Cowboys, Titans, Storm]
Parents and younger brothers and sisters of Prep students

Book Week Special Event

Our very own

Rhyme Time & Story Time

Thursday
25th August
1 - 1.45 pm

Millmerran State P-10 School Prep Room

Please RSVP to Belinda by Tuesday 23 August if attending

first5forever.org.au