From the Principal’s Desk

Attending the P-10/12 conference on Wednesday last week, I gathered plenty of great ideas from other P-10/12 schools and shared messages from some central office personnel. An amazing Queensland Association of State Schools’ Principals Association 50th anniversary conference followed on Thursday and Friday. Four sensational key note speakers and opportunities to take two master classes of my choice. A huge investment in my time over the last two weeks, spending five of the ten days attending regional and state meetings. A commitment to ongoing professional learning for myself and all staff ensures currency of practice based on research and evidence.

David Ballin, our previous Assistant Regional Director has taken long service leave before retiring after 41 years with the Department. Mr Ross Higgins is acting Assistant Regional Director for the remainder of the year. Ross has most recently been Principal at Aldridge SHS in Maryborough. Our previous regional director Greg Dickman retired at the end of last term. Our new regional director, Ms Leanne Wright, commences work next term. Leanne brings with her over 20 years of service to public education — as a teacher, school leader and more recently a Director in the Learning and Teaching, Education Strategy Division, ACT Government Education Directorate.

Our advertisement for permanent cleaning positions attracted a good pool of applicants, with two people recently appointed – please welcome Desley and Susan to our cleaning team. Mr Isaac Heuschele joins our teaching team until the end of the year, with Mrs Nolan taking leave for health reasons. Welcome Isaac and all the best Pearta, looking forward to your return in the new year.

Our P and C meeting on Tuesday night was productive, with another grant application well under way to support our 2017 Rock ’n’ Rods event. Scheduled for Saturday 26 August, this event will again highlight our talented students and their dance skills as well entertainment for young and old.

Our P and C are still looking for volunteers to work at the chip van during the Camp Oven festival. Volunteers are provided with arm bands for free entry to the event throughout the weekend. Please call the office and let Sue know if you can help for a couple of hours on Friday evening, Saturday or Sunday.

This week was officially School Support Staff Week and tomorrow is Teacher Aide Day. Please take the opportunity to thank our wonderful support staff and teacher aides for the amazing contribution that they make to our learning community.

The next two weeks are extremely busy. We have representatives at the 13 – 19 Years Darling Downs Track and Field meet this week and then at the 10-12 years meet next week. The Healthy Mouth Healthy Me event is on at the Sports Centre on Monday, with students from our primary classes attending. On Friday 9 September our year 4 to 6 students will travel to Pittsworth to see a musical production with Miss Tracey Fox and two of our secondary students, Alyanna and Henry attending as part of the Pittsworth band. The following week our Year 10 cohort will be on work experience, our Arts Council performance is on, as well as some of our music students attending the TYME festival at USQ and the jump off for our Jump Rope for Heart Event.

Starting next term, we will be offering a chance for primary students to enjoy some additional tuition after school each Tuesday afternoon between 3 and 4 pm, with one of our teacher aides. We will still be offering our busy bees before school opportunity from 8.30 am to 8.50 am for students who would like to read their sight words or daily reader or perhaps get some help with homework. If you are interested in the after school opportunity for your child, please let Sue know as soon as possible before the end of term.

Every student succeeding is our Department of Education mantra. There are so many opportunities for success offered for our students. Make the most of them.

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.
**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**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

**OCTOBER**
- Monday 3……………………..Public Holiday
- Tuesday 4…………………..School Resumes - Term 4

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**2/3L News**

Can you believe that we are nearly at the end of Term 3? This year has gone by so quickly. It only seems like yesterday that all of our little cherubs were coming in for their first day of Year 2 and Year 3. Look at them now!!

We had a fantastic time on Friday dressing up in our Australian themed costumes for Book Week. It was pretty clear that we were the best dressed class (not that we are biased or anything!). Congratulations to Ethan Burgess who won the colouring in competition for our class and to Scarlett Antonio for winning best dressed.

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**IT News**

Congratulations to Brenden Schmidt (best dressed) and all of our class members for their enthusiasm in dressing up for Bookweek. Thank you to Mrs Brandon and Mrs Casey for organising such a special day and to our creative parents for encouraging all the imaginative costumes.

Last week Prep - 3 classes enjoyed the Beach to Bush presentation. Students refreshed their knowledge of recognising the Beach safety flags and how to minimise the risks when at the beach and around local water.

This week students have been very busy with assessment and creating a gift for Dad. Great to see that everyone is back on deck and well again!!

Reminders:
- 1 Shoe box required for Science / Technology
- Next Monday Healthy Mouth expo at the Cultural Centre
- Book Club due back
- Arts Council money is due back

Wishing all our Fathers a very happy Father’s Day!
Cheers Pam Thornton

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- DECKS / PATIOS

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Wishing all our Fathers a very happy Father’s Day!

Cheers Pam Thornton
3/4D News

Well term 3 is rapidly coming to an end and September is here. To some people this means holidays and finals footy but to 3/4D this means excursions, finishing units of work and completing assessment pieces.

3/4D have been invited to attend a musical called Once Upon in Pittsworth on Friday 9th September. Permission notes for this excursion have already been returned but payment of $5.50 for the bus is needed by 6th September. Also a gold coin donation is required on the actual excursion day to pay for the performance entry. Students will need to come to school in full uniform including a hat and joggers. They will also need a water bottle and a packed morning tea and big lunch on this day – NO TUCKSHOP ORDERS!! 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.

Remember everyday counts at Millmerran SS – so please ensure your child attends school each day! We will be doing a number of assessment pieces leading up to the September holidays on almost a daily basis.

Reading Groups are held on Thursdays from 11.30 am - 12 noon and Fridays from 11.30am until 12.30pm. Don’t forget Reading Groups will finish up next Thursday 8th September due to the Pittsworth Musical Excursion!

3/4D’s library day is Thursday so please ensure your child brings their library book back by the end of this term.

3/4D will be doing an experiment next week where they are designing a package to protect a fragile object. The students will need plastic containers, yoghurt containers, pieces of fabric, newspaper, bubble wrap and cotton balls. Please send in any of these materials next week for Tuesday’s science lesson. Students will need to bring in a boiled egg on Wednesday, to complete the experiment. Also after the holidays we will be doing an English Unit on Product Packaging and we will need a collection of empty cereal boxes. So please start saving them for us and send them in after we get back from holidays.

Finally don’t forget parade is held in the hall on Friday afternoons from 2.25 pm onwards. Congratulations to our current Ripper students – Logan Dent and Tasmen Goodey! Also well done to Logan Dent and Jack Kirby for receiving Number Facts Marvels Awards at our last parade!!

Go the Raiders!!
Jo Dines

Catholic Church Sacramental Program

Any child aged 9yrs or above who has been Baptised and wish to continue their faith journey through the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion. A new program is commencing on the 4th September at 9:30am Family Mass with the children being presented to the community during Mass. Further information contact the Parish on 4695 1462 or Nicole Farrington 0458 083 783.

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:……………………
If something is telling you there’s something not quite right with someone, chances are that they might need a bit of extra support from the people around them. They might be acting a bit differently, seem to have a lot on their plate, or simply aren’t themselves. Don’t ignore those signs but instead take some to start a conversation.

Asking this question doesn’t mean you have to have all the answers if the person you’re worried about says “no”. It’s not about being an expert. It’s about following simple, caring steps.

**Find Help**
The truth is, some conversations just become too big for friends. If you’re worried about someone and feel urgent professional support is needed, contact your local doctor or the agencies below. And if your need is life threatening, call 000 without delay.

Help in crisis:
- Lifeline – ph 131114
- Kids Helpline – ph 1800 55 1800 or www.kidshelp.com.au
- Beyond Blue – ph 1300 22 4636 www.beyondblue.org.au
- Headspace – www.headspace.org.au

Start a conversation TODAY!!

*Fiona Flegler*
*Youth Health Nurse*

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**CAMP OVEN CHIP VAN ROSTER 2016**

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CRICKET IS A SPORT FOR ALL AND THERE ARE MORE WAYS THAN EVER FOR KIDS TO EXPERIENCE THE FUN OF CRICKET!

MILO In2CRICKET

MILO In2CRICKET introduces girls and boys to Australia’s favourite sport. It’s great fun, safe, kids learn the basic cricket skills and is available for kids of all abilities.

- For kids aged 5-12
- Fun and safe environment to learn cricket
- Learn basic cricket skills
- Develops fundamental movement skills
- Develops team skills
- 9-12 week program
- All equipment supplied, including soft ball
- Sessions last up to 30 minutes
- Inclusive of all abilities, still foods and children with a disability
- Kids receive a BAGSC player pack upon registration

MILO T20 BLAST

MILO T20 Blast is fun, active and best of all, it’s cricket and it’s a blast! It gives girls and boys the opportunity to play fun games of cricket and continue learning cricket skills in a fun and social setting.

- For kids aged 7-12
- Fun and safe environment
- No kid will want to improve their cricket skills
- All games last up to 30 minutes
- Everyone gets a chance to bat, bowl and field
- Inclusive of all abilities, still foods and children with a disability
- Kids receive a BAGSC player pack upon registration

JUNIOR INDOOR CRICKET

In-door cricket is a fun and social way for kids to keep active with their friends and family. And with shorter games, it’s now easier to play than ever.

- For kids of all ages
- Active-paced games, where everyone gets a chance to bat, bowl and field
- Can be played all year round
- All equipment is supplied, including a soft ball
- Girls only teams, as well as mixed teams are available
- Teams of 3 to 6 players
- All games last just over an hour
- Kids receive a BAGSC player pack upon registration

JUNIOR CLUB CRICKET

Junior Club Cricket is perfect for girls and boys who want to socialize, have some fun and keep active in a competitive environment.

- For kids of all ages
- Continue to improve their cricket skills
- Develop friendships and connections with your local community
- Traditional formats of cricket, played on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday
- Girls only teams, as well as mixed teams are available
- Teams of 3 to 6 players
- All games last just over an hour
- Kids receive a BAGSC player pack upon registration

ACTIVITY: Sign on for Junior Club Cricket
AGE: 7 - 16 year olds
CLUB/CENTRE: Pittsworth Millmeran Junior Cricket Club
ADDRESS: Club Pittsworth
DATE: Friday 2nd September
TIME: 5:30pm
CONTACT: Michael Derrick 0466 080535
Julie Rice 0417 985539