From the Principal’s Desk

Time for me to celebrate two wonderful terms at Millmerran. Our school is such a vibrant hub of activity with so many events that allow for student participation. The last two weeks have been no different in terms of a host of exciting events – The Pittsworth SS Musical, Jump Rope for Heart, Arts Council, Secondary Hydraulics Projects display and Friday a free dress day – no gold coin donation required.

Our Year Ten students spent the last week of term at work experience. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to get involved in a brief sojourn into the world of work, before they start Years 11 and 12 and make subject choices that may inform future career decisions.

Congratulations to 8A for their win in the footy tipping competition. I have enjoyed watching the engagement of some of the students and staff in the weekly progress of this activity. The friendly rivalry between supporters of different teams and in particular the investment when state of origin is in full swing, brings out interesting facets of personalities.

Professional learning for our staff is ongoing and next term our teachers will commence some observation and feedback opportunities where they will reflect on their own teaching and ask another staff member to share in that reflection. Teachers will be offered the opportunity to record themselves using an IPad and Swivl (a device that enables 360 degree tracking) and then share that for the purposes of joint reflection.

Our facilities continue to be improved with contractors working over the first weekend of the holidays to remove the ceilings in D3 and D4 and a wall in the secondary boys toilet block. As the products being removed contain asbestos, no one should enter the school grounds on Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 September. Replacement of the sheeting will occur over the remainder of the holidays.

On behalf of the P and C Executive, thanks to everyone who has volunteered to work on the Chip Van at the Camp Oven Festival over the last weekend of the school holidays. I am looking forward to this community event, as two firsts for me – a first cooking chips and a first enjoying the camp oven festival.

Next term is busy with an open day for our new prep students and some transition days for them as well. Presentation Night is a little later this year and then there is dinner for our Year ten students, who leave at the end of week 8. Term 4 is always a reflection of the cycle of life – new beginnings and endings both being celebrated.

Our local Early Years Network has been meeting regularly with great connections being developed between early childhood providers, schools, local council facilitators and our local health care workers. Look out for the school holiday sessions at the local library and Wylahra Grove and the combined early years health info and First Five Forever options every second week of next term.

We have two weeks to unwind, enjoy time with family and friends and undertake some leisure activities that we don’t otherwise find the time to enjoy. I wish everyone a well-earned holiday and look forward to working with you all again next term.

Ms Jenny Kent
Principal

School Watch 13 17 88
During the holidays, please help us keep our school crime free. If you do see something suspicious, call the School Watch number 13 17 88 and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.
DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER
Thursday 15..................................TYME Festival at USQ
Friday 16..................................Free Dress - No Gold Coin
Friday 16..................................Last Day of Term 3

OCTOBER
Monday 3..................................Public Holiday
Tuesday 4..................................School Resumes - Term 4
Tues 18 - Thurs 20..................Intermediate Music Camp

Prep News

The prep students are to be congratulated on their fantastic efforts and achievements this term. With only one term to go in prep we look forward to nurturing each student as they progress to writing short stories, reading longer texts independently and increasing their awareness of numbers and performing operations with these numbers.

Thank you to all of those parents who made payments on time for our latest Arts council performance. The students thoroughly enjoyed the hilarious show that taught them all about the history of Australian colonisation in such an engaging and memorable way.

On Friday, we will say goodbye to one of our much loved class mates, Re-Arn. We wish Re-Arn and her family all the best with their move.

Don’t forget to keep practising sight words and reading with your child over the short break.

Have a safe and happy holiday, I look forward to seeing you all back at prep on Tuesday the 4th of October.

Miss Elliott.

IT News

Year One’s are still basking in the glory of winning 22 gold medals at the 2016 Olympic games. It was very nerve racking but a lot of fun. We wish to thank the Student Council and MS Fox for the gold medals.

Jump rope for Heart was also very exciting and we thank Mrs Brandon for coordinating this event and making it so much fun.

As Term Three is coming to an end, I wish to thank these fantastic Year 1 students for your incredible effort this term. Great listening skills and coming to school every day (except when sick) really pays off. To our lovely parents, thank you also for a great term and for assisting your child with reading, number facts, spelling, and for some students, sight words and sentence work. Finally thank you to our invaluable volunteers- Ainsley, Charmey, Jacinta, Gail and Mrs Twidale who regularly help us with our guided reading sessions and spelling. Your encouragement and dedication is very much appreciated.

Wishing everyone a safe & enjoyable holiday.

Thank you
Pam Thornton

2/3L News

Hi Families,

It has been a very busy last week, with so much assessment to complete before the end of term but the students have handled it like champions!! Well done to all our super stars in 2/3L for powering through another busy term full of learning.

This week we had the Jump Rope for Heart jump off. Well done to the students who were able to complete the gruelling 50 jumps forwards, 30 jumps backwards, 10 criss-cross jumps forwards and 10 criss-cross jumps backwards. These students will receive an award on assembly next term.

I hope students and parents have enjoyed no homework this week. Students who have had their homework completed each week all term will be receiving a reward, well done! Those of you who miss out on a reward this term keep the prize in mind for next term.

Miss Licence and I hope you all have a safe and restful break and can’t wait to see you all back here on Tuesday 4th October, remembering that Monday is a Public holiday.

Thanks
Kris Dent
1/2L News

What a wonderfully busy term it has been! Here’s a recap of all the learning we have been doing in class over the past 10 weeks…

English – We have been persuasively persuading pigeons to eat ice-cream and encouraging people to read our preferred books.

Maths – Sharing is caring: we have been looking at fractions and sharing equally. We became Measurement Masters when we explored capacity, area, length and width. Fast Fact Recall was our number focus this term as we challenged ourselves to become more confident at addition and subtraction facts.

Science – We explored the Earth and its landscapes and the most important resources that we have and need to care for – water and soil!

Geography- This was a new subject for the year and we investigated maps, direction, location and navigation. We also explored landscapes and how to identify different features of those landscapes!

While we were so busy doing all that learning we made time to boogie on down in our dance classes and get stuck into some emotive art!

We look forward to showing you some of our special work next term on assembly.

Finally, congratulations and well done to those students who powered on and consistently completed their homework each week! It really pays off and is so wonderful to see!

Have a great break and we will see you next term!!

Mrs Long 😊

High School Snowy Camp

What a great week! Yes we had a stomach bug and yes it rained all the way home on Friday but these were really only minor disruptions to a fabulous week. Our students participated well in all aspects of the camp, following our instructions, looking out for each other as well as having heaps of fun. Karaoke night was a blast! Maybe we should put out a CD. I still have a couple of items left behind so if your son or daughter is missing anything, encourage them to come and see me.

Thursday’s program was in our national Capital visiting the War Museum, Parliament House and Old Parliament House Museum of Australian Democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national Capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of these excursions the Australian Government contributes $60 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program. The money is paid directly to the school on completion of the excursion and was taken into account when the calculating the original cost of the camp.

I would like to thank our other staff who participated, Mrs Van Bruinessen and Mrs Casey. Your efforts and cheerful natures were greatly appreciated by our students as well as myself. Finally but equally as important I would like to thank our students for the way in which they conducted themselves over the week. I hope you enjoyed the week and learnt heaps, as much as I enjoyed your company and efforts. Thank You.

Graham O’Sullivan
Camp Coordinator.

Winner of Golden Gloves Tournament

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AFTER SCHOOL SPORT & FITNESS

Commencing Term 4, 2016 SHAW2BFIT will be running sport and fitness sessions on Friday afternoons from 3:30pm-4:30pm to be held at the Millmerran State School Sporting Field. Open to all ages from Prep to High School.

A different sport will be introduced each term along with skills and drills designed to increase fitness, encourage social interaction and of course to have some fun!

Soccer will be the sport on offer in Term 4.
$5 per child/week

For further information or to register phone:
Jamie Shaw 0412 111 567 or Tanya Shaw 0412 111 533
Qualified, Fully Insured, Current Blue Cards

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CAMP OVEN CHIP VAN ROSTER 2016

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

Jump Rope for Heart
On Tuesday we enjoyed lots of challenging jump rope activities. There were plenty of opportunities to show off our recently learned skills and some people were able to meet all of the tasks required of them. Thanks Mrs Brandon for organising this great activity for us and to everyone who helped us by giving lots of opportunities ‘to - have - a - go’.

Triple P Positive Parenting Program
Wednesday 12th October 2016
Starts at 6:30pm
At the Millmerran Cultural Centre
For any further enquires please contact Mary Grebenshikoff on 46 953 124

Secondary Hydraulics Projects
On Thursday we enjoyed sharing our finished hydraulics projects with some of the younger students. These projects were great fun and some of the finished products were fantastic.