From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back to term four. During last week of term, our primary students enjoyed a Jump Rope for Heart finale, with plenty of students achieving personal best efforts on some of the skipping challenges. Thanks to Mrs Brandon for her organisation of this event and to everyone who supported the program by getting involved. We also enjoyed the Arts Council performance of “A Swag of Tales” sharing the history of European settlement of Australia through a memorable cultural tale. Primary students involved in the Religious Instruction program participated in some shared celebrations. Unfortunately, due to bad weather, the visit to USQ for the band students was cancelled.

Year Ten students enjoyed the last week of term in work experience placements. Many thanks to Mrs Casey for her tireless efforts to ensure all students were successfully placed. This program relies on the good will of local employers, built up over numerous years of placing students from our school. It is critical to the program that employers are willing to be involved. Thanks to all those who were willing to support our work experience students and I hope that each and every student proved worthy of the trust offered to them.

Our P and C association organised another really successful fundraising activity at the Camp Oven festival during the last week of the holidays. So many chips and dagwood dogs were ordered, cooked and sold, it is hard to imagine. I enjoyed my first experience of the ‘chip van’ and want to thank everyone who volunteered their time and energy to support the P and C and ultimately the students at our school. Whilst some staff take on managing fundraising events on behalf of the P and C – eg the toy catalogue sale and the mango sale, their fundraising calendar is really full and the ongoing need for more volunteers to get involved was evident over the weekend. The next P and C meeting is on Tuesday 11 October at 5.30 pm in the resource centre. No doubt the total funds raised will be discussed on the evening.

During the last week of term, transfers for staff were also announced. Mrs Kate Long has received a transfer to Drayton State School from the commencement of the 2017 year. We wish her well as she progresses her successful start to what hopefully becomes a long career in teaching. Transferring in to our school are Sharon Scheiwe and Brenton and Melita Rohrlach. Mrs Amy Dyson commences some extended leave during week 3 of this term. There will be some timetable changes for the remainder of the year, with Mrs Natalie Twidale joining us and some other teachers taking on some PE and Science groups.

Mrs Kylie Kirby joins our office team two days per week for the remainder of the year. We continue to work towards improving our efforts to ensure point of sale receipting. I encourage all parents to try to make payments to our office staff between 8.30 am and 9.30 am each morning. Front office staff will be working towards receipting monies as they are received over the counter. We will be investigating “Q Parent” which would enable parents to see financial information and other student related information online. As we progress towards this, I am requesting that parents identify if they are not willing to receive the end of year report for their students, this year, via email. On the back page of the newsletter there is a return slip. Please return this only if you are not willing to receive an emailed report.

We have another very busy term ahead. Day for Daniel and our celebration of World Teachers’ Day will be held on Friday 28 October. Everyone is encouraged to wear red that day (no gold coin donation). The Awards Night will be during week seven of this term, which is two weeks later than in the past. The Year Ten dinner will be during week eight. At about the same time our Years 5 and 6 students will be off to Tallebudgera. Swimming for Years P – 3 will be done in a block with three days during week 9 and three days during week 10 followed by the Little Legends carnival. These are just a few of the events on our very busy calendar. Looking forward to a positive and enjoyable term four.

Ms Jenny Kent
Principal
**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**OCTOBER**
- Tuesday 11………………………….P&C Meeting - 5:30pm
- Monday 17………………………….Student Free Day
- Tues 18 - Thurs 20…………….Intermediate Music Camp
- Friday 21…………………………Year 7 Parent and Student Tour

**NOVEMBER**
- Wednesday 2…………………………Prep Open Day
- Tuesday 8………………………Year 7 Information Evening
- Tuesday 8……………….Year 9 Subject Selection Evening
- Wednesday 9…………………………Prep Transition Day 1

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**Prep News**

Welcome to Term 4!

It is very exciting to be back at prep for term four as the students prepare for a smooth transition into year one. This term we will be studying special places in Geography, stories and writing letters in English, and covering the topics of number, shape, measurement and time in Mathematics. In Science we will be learning about types of movement which will correspond with our technology unit and in art we will be doing mixed media works until mid-term when we start our CHRISTMAS ART! Yes, it’s that time of the year already! How fast has that gone?

With the end of the year fast approaching, prep students should now be reaching their end of year learning goals. Our learning goals state that each student should know 100 sight words and should be reading at a level 5 or above. We are very grateful to the families who dedicate the time and effort to supporting their students learning at home by completing homework tasks each week. It is extremely beneficial for the children when reading strategies are practised at home on a regular basis.

Your child will have received toy catalogues that you might like to use to do your Christmas shopping. Funds raised from each dollar you spend when you order from these catalogues will be used to buy much needed resources for our students. Orders are due back by Monday of week 4 (24/10/16).

Our school has signed up for a 30 day trial to a new mathematics website called ‘Matific’, an exciting new online Mathematics program that is specifically designed for K-6 students. Matific is an educational and fun online tool which helps to solidify mathematical concepts. It has over 1500 interactive activities which are all linked to the curriculum. In your child’s bag this week, you will find their username and logon details. To access the website Go to www.matific.com.au and sign in using your child’s unique Username and Password. I will have set activities in the Schoolwork or Homework sections plus some extra activities are available in the More section. I highly recommend you give this fantastic new resource a go and let me know what you think of it.

Have a great week,
Miss Elliott

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**1T News**

Welcome back to Term 4 which is always a busy term, however it also a very exciting time for the students as they realise just how much they have achieved over the four terms. These great achievements would not be possible without the dedication from both students and their parents. Thank you!

This term our Health unit will focus on Child safety. Year 1 students will participate in two Fire Ed sessions. These sessions will provide students with strategies and rules to follow in order to ensure their safety if a situation involving a fire should ever arise. As a lead up to the Day for Daniel, students will also practise the rules and strategies for staying safe using The Three R’s: Recognise, React and Report.

In Science students are learning about the sources and properties of light and sound.

In Design and Technology students will be creating puppets as part of our light and sound extravaganza!

This term we will continue to revise all Mathematics concepts, including number facts.

Creating procedures and innovations of text are our main focus in English this term.

Speaking and listening rosters have been sent home this week for all students. Barney is looking forward to visiting every family. Parents could you please assist by returning Barney on time and checking that he is safe, as he does not like baths, mud or naughty puppies. He is a very precious class member.

Thank you
Pam Thornton
2/3L News

Hello parents,

I hope that you all had a nice break from the school routine over the holidays. 😊

This term in English we are focusing on informative texts, narratives and poetry. In Maths we are investigating multiplication, fractions, time, 2D and 3D shapes, grid maps, angles, symmetry, data and chance. We are continuing our Geography unit, focusing on places at personal, local, national, and international scales. In Science this term we are learning about living things and how they change as they grow. Our Arts unit will focus on Drama, specifically, puppeteering, and our Digital Technologies unit will teach students how to program a robot.

Reading groups will be held every morning at 9.00am. These will run for approximately 15 minutes each day. Parent helpers are always appreciated!! Thank you to our consistent helpers who have been coming in all year!

Homework has changed a bit this term. We are still practising number facts every night using the flash cards. Spelling has a different theme every night that is outlined in your child’s homework book. All activities will need to be signed by a parent upon completion each week. Please also continue to encourage your child to read every night.

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. If you are unable to come in, please ask your child whether they need any items to see them through to the end of the year.

For our living things unit in Science this term, students will need to bring in photos reflecting how they have changed as they have grown. It would be fantastic if they could bring in one baby photo, one toddler/pre-school photo, one family photo of when they were at a younger stage, and a current family photo. I know that photos are precious and so if originals are sent in I can photocopy and then return them. Alternatively, photos printed off the computer are fine. I am also happy for you to email photos to me. My email is mclic0@eq.edu.au (the 0 is a zero not an o). If photos could be brought in no later than Wednesday the 12th of October that would be great.

Thanks and I hope you have a great week,

Miranda Licence

3/4D News

Welcome back to Term 4! In English we will be learning about advertising and how persuasion is used in product packaging while in Health we will be looking at personal safety and culminating with Day For Daniel. In our Science unit we will be learning about forces while in Geography we are learning about how people use and are influenced by environments focussing on sustainability.

Homework is back! Please ensure your child is completing homework each week. Each student is expected to read a home reader each night and return it to be changed daily; learn and write 10 spelling words daily, as well as return spelling folders on Thursdays, learn number facts and return homework books on Fridays. Some students also have sight word flash cards to learn. These are checked on Mondays! In week 4, a homework sheet of tasks that will need to be completed will begin.

Reading Groups began today and are held on Thursdays from 11.30 am - 12 noon and Fridays from 11.30am until 12.30pm.

3/4D’s library day and time has changed to Thursdays at 12 noon – 12.35 pm! Please ensure your child brings library books back on this day.

Please note from week 3 onwards our PE time will be changing to Tuesdays at 12 noon and our new PE teacher will be Mrs Twidale. Swimming will be held this term, but not until Weeks 9 and 10. We will also be holding the annual Little Legends Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 7th December.

Don’t forget parade is held in the hall on Friday afternoons from 2.25 pm onwards! I wonder who the first Ripper students for Term 4 will be?

Thanks for reading!

Jo Dines

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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
Josiah Kingston from Year 5 was the proud winner of the Millmerran Commerce writing competition entitled My Millmerran. His piece has been included in the Explore Millmerran official visitors guide Issue 1.

My Millmerran

Visitors passing through Millmerran are greeted by the windmill and our mosaic snake, made by some of our wonderful locals. As they explore our town, they discover several murals, showing the history of our town. We are surrounded by rich black soil farms, Captains Mountain and beautiful natural bushland. At night the glow of the Power Station can be seen from far away.

Our two fantastic schools, not too big and not too small, offer a great education to all. Our friendly library staff are always ready to offer assistance in our local library. It's a cool stop in Summer. Our huge sports centre has the cheapest gym entry ever! The Millmerran Pool was the first ‘true’ 50 m Olympic swimming pool to be built in Queensland! Back Creek is the perfect place for a relaxing picnic or to go fishing. Our Cultural Centre is a great venue for the many shows that are performed in town.

There’s no need to be lonely living in our small country town. If you wander down town, you will always find someone to have a yarn to. The people are warm and friendly.

But if you like your own space like me, farm life is the best. The crow of the rooster, the home grown vegies, fresh eggs for brekky, raising baby animals, and the wide open spaces are just a few of the things I enjoy. The sunsets are amazing!

In Millmerran there’s always something to look forward to. The Millmerran Show beats the big city shows by a million miles. There are no line ups, great rides and the pavilion is filled with work from local people. There’s a good chance of winning something for your hard work too. The rodeo and fireworks are thrilling to watch. And of course, it’s a great place for farmers to catch up with other farmers!

We are famous for our Camp Oven festival held biennially in October. Thousands come to enjoy Australian activities such as shearing, damper throwing, bush poetry, horse shoeing, arts and crafts. And of course, it’s a great place for farmers to catch up with other farmers!

Throughout the year we also enjoy ‘St Joseph’s Sheep Races’, the ‘Rock ‘n Rods’, the ‘Carp busting competition’ and even Santa can’t resist visiting our ‘Christmas in the Bush’. And of course, they’re great places for farmers to catch up with other farmers!

When people ask me where I live, I proudly say, ‘Millmerran’. Not many know where Millmerran is, but they can tell by my face that I love it!
Millmerran State P-10 School Student Council & Instrumental Music Program are conducting the Mango Fundraiser for 2016

The Mango Fundraiser
ORDER FORM

Cost Per Tray: $25.00
Return Form and Money By: Thursday 27th October 2016
(Note: No orders accepted after 3pm on this date)
Please make cheques payable to: Millmerran State School P & C Assoc.
Delivery Date: Late November – Early December
(A date will be confirmed closer to the time – Watch the school sign!)

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Mangoes are an excellent source of Vitamins A & C, and Potassium. They are also high in fibre but low in calories and a good staple for your diet. The mangoes are packaged in a colourful tray. Trays contain 12 - 16 large fruit, or 18 - 24 medium fruit, but each tray has a net weight of 7kgs.

Please send money in with your order by Thursday 27th October
Enquiries: Millmerran State School  46 953 333

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We are a busy, local, small, family joinery business looking for expressions of interest from a trade qualified person and/or a person who would like to start or continue their career in the cabinetmaking industry. We are looking for people who have strong skills and proficiency in the following areas:

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- good organisational skills and ability to think ahead
- hardworking and reliable
- physically fit
- and have an ability to commit to long hours and staying away overnight on occasions

If you would like to submit an expression of interest; please send a one page cover letter describing your suitability, together with a resume containing at least three contactable referees or references to carinloch@bigpond.com or posting it to:

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Return by Friday 14th October 2016.

I do not wish to receive my child’s end of semester report card via email.

Child’s Name: _____________________________________________

Parent’s Name: ____________________________________________

Parent’s Signature: _________________________________________