From the Principal’s Desk

Thanks to everyone who attended the recent P and C meeting. It is wonderful to work with a team of engaged and enthusiastic parents who do everything they can to support our amazing school. Reflecting on the fundraising efforts associated with the camp oven festival there was much to celebrate. Profit from the chip van was just over $7700. Alongside this were the proceeds of the coffee shop, run for us by volunteers including past parents and staff. Well done to all our volunteers. The P and C continue to have a long term fundraising goal of a multi-purpose court, as well as many short term goals supporting the ongoing development of our grounds and importantly the learning of our students. The next P and C meeting will be on Tuesday 8 November at 5.30 pm in the resource centre.

Next week I will be attending “Q Parent” workshops and will share more about how and when we move to make use of this opportunity. Online ordering for the tuckshop and possibly the uniform shop were also discussed at the P and C meeting and they would be interested to know how many parents would use such a facility. This removes the need for tuckshop money to be brought to school by students and for the writing out of bags for orders. Parents could order online from the comfort of their living room or using the app on a phone by a certain cut off time, also paying online. Next week you will receive a text message asking you to respond Yes if you would use online ordering for tuckshop. Depending on the response rate, the P and C will further investigate this method.

Staffing for 2017 continues to take shape. Kate Anderson will join our team next year. Kate will take on PE and has a passion for swimming. Five applications were received for our part-time master teacher position, to replace Mrs Rugendyke while on maternity leave. (Congratulations to Katrina and her husband on the birth of their son.) A decision on her replacement will be made in the coming days. Mr Jack Murphy is returning to Pittsworth SHS next year and yesterday, three applications were received for our Manual Arts teaching position. I look forward to letting you know who will take on that role for us next year. Also taking up a position elsewhere, is Miss Marie-Louise Fuery. We wish both staff members all the best as they continue their fledgling careers in other locations.

On Tuesday evening this week, I attended our local chaplaincy committee meeting. Another group of dedicated volunteers work together tirelessly and often with little recognition to ensure our school maintains a successful chaplaincy presence. Chappee Mandee has decided to study full time next year and won’t be returning to our wonderful school. Thanks Chappee for your contribution over the last four years. Scripture Union in consultation with the committee and myself will implement a process to find a replacement, who will hopefully start with us next 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. Orders for the school magazine are due Friday 21 October. Further streamlining of our processes includes the separation of P and C monies and school money. A separate drop box has been placed in the student entrance of administration, specifically for the collection of fundraising money for the P and C. Mango forms and money should be placed in the P and C’s green drop box. Mango forms and money are due Friday 28 October.

Don’t forget 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 following Tuesday, November 1, our active student council have plans for Melbourne Cup Day including a hat competition and free dress (no gold coin donation).

This Friday our future year seven students from St Joseph’s will be visiting for the first part of their transition to secondary schooling. Next Wednesday our first information session for parents of our new Prep students will be held. Successful transitions from one environment to another are such an important part of establishing a positive environment for learning. There is so much to do. Everyone is busy focusing on learning and assessment for this year, while also planning ahead for next year. I look forward to the remainder of the term and all of the celebrations of successful endings and new beginnings.

Ms Jenny Kent
Principal
DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER
Friday 21……………Year 7 Parent and Student Tour
Monday 24……………………Fire Education Year 1
Monday 24……Toy Catalogue Fundraiser Orders Due
Monday 24……………………Book Fair - 3pm-4pm
Wednesday 26………………Book Fair - 3pm-4pm
Friday 28…………………….Day for Daniel

NOVEMBER
Tuesday 1………………Melbourne Cup Free Dress
Wednesday 2………………Prep Open Day
Tuesday 8………………Yr 7 Information Evening
Tuesday 8………………Yr 9 Subject Selection Evening
Wednesday 16………………Shooting for Stars
Thursday 17………………Presentation Evening
Monday 21 - Fri 25……Tallebudgera Camp - Yr 5-6
Tuesday 22………………Prep Enrolment Interviews
Thursday 24………………Year 10 Dinner
Friday 25………………Year 10 Last Day

IT News
Congratulations to our recent Ripper students Ned Howieson and Darren Holley. Keep up the great work.

Thank you to the families who donated items for the Christmas box. We know they will be very much appreciated.

Reminders:
- Monday 24th October - Year 1 students will participate in Fire Ed program. We have been learning the safety rules and are looking forward to our firefighters visit.
- Friday 28th October - Day for Daniel - students are encouraged to wear something red or orange. No gold coin required.

Thank you
Pam Thornton

Prep News
Over the past couple of weeks, the preppies have been showing off their writing skills as we investigate the features of narratives. After reading the book ‘Me and My Dad,’ the student wrote an extra page for the story.

Check out how clever they are at using their sounding out skills to spell familiar words.

Don’t forget that it’s not too late to place an order for something from our toy catalogues. This is a major fundraiser for the Prep class and we thank you for your support. Order forms can be given to the front office until Monday of next week.

Have a great week,
Miss Elliott

Dental Van
For any enquires please call 0408 382 466.
The van number for our school is 38/151.

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1/2L News

A big thank you to Chloe and Dallas Nielsen for donating some wonderful items for the ‘Operation Christmas Child’ foundation. Those children will gain so much from your donation.

We are already almost through week 3 of our last term. In the next few weeks we will be starting our assessments. For science we will be creating toys that can move. It would be great if families start saving different items around the house for their toys. Things like bottles, lids, small cardboard boxes (broken down), rubber bands, fabric, old CD’s, alfoil etc. I will ask that you keep these at home until week 5 when we will start the design and construction process.

Thanks for your support so far this year!
Mrs Long 😊

3/4D News

3/4D have had some timetable changes for term 4!
Music is now in Lesson 6 on Mondays! PE remains in Lesson 4 on Tuesdays, Technology is still in Lesson 5 on Wednesdays and Library stays in Lesson 5 on Thursdays!

Don’t forget Day for Daniel is coming up on Friday 28th October! All students are expected to wear red clothes to school, with no gold coin donation required! Our class has been learning about personal safety in Health and have been talking about recognising safe and unsafe situations. We have also been exploring clues our body gives us when we might be in an unsafe situation.

Homework sheets will begin next week, with all tasks to be completed on the sheet! Please ensure your child is completing their homework each week. Each student is 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 book 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!

3/4D have been completing assessment pieces for their end of year report cards already and will continue to do so! Please ensure your child attends school each day! Remember at Millmerran State P-10 – it is cool to come to school!!

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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!

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

Congratulations to our Term 4 Ripper students so far – Tia Judge, Tasmen Goodey, Jack Dixon and Horashio Stewart!! 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 3 will be?

Thanks!
Jo Dines

2/3L News

Hi Families,
We are really getting down to business in year 2/3L. Each day of learning is vital in the lead up to assessment. Remember everyday counts at Millmerran State School!

Congratulations to Scarlett, Nathan and Isabella for their huge improvement on the Reading Comprehension test. This is a whole school test, which each class completes in Term 1 and Term 4 each year to track student’s progress. It was so exciting to see how much all the students in the class have improved.

In week 6, 2/3L will take the stage on parade for talent of the week. They will be presenting their puppet shows. Please come along and support are wonderful puppeteers.

Reading Groups will continue each morning from 9:00am till 9:20am. Thank you to the parents who have been able to help.

Our Library borrowing day has changed to Tuesday in period 7. Please ensure your child brings library books back on this day. Book Fair is being held at the library this week and next week. The students have been able to view the books during library time.

Next Friday 28th October is Day for Daniel the theme is ‘Wear Red and Educate.’ Please come dressed in red that day (no gold coin donation). Next Friday we will also celebrate World Teachers Day.

Please continue to ask students how their stationery supplies are. We still have a lot of students without pencils, rubbers and rulers.

Thank you and have a great week.
Kris Dent & Miranda Licence

Millmerran Junior Rugby League

Family fun day!
When: Saturday 22nd October
Time: 2:00pm

Inflatable slide, BBQ and family footy matches
AGM: 12:00pm - Discussions open regarding potential new logo and name for milwood JRL.
All community members welcome!!!
It is time for Scholastic Bookfair – Australia! Story Country Book Fair. Our school is hosting our final Book Fair for 2016. We invite you to examine the latest range of books on sale – suitable for young children to teenagers. There will also be a number of novelty items on sale – pencils, rubbers, bookmarks etc.

Students will view the books in the week preceding the Book Fair and for those who can not make it to the sale you may use the order forms and send into school.

OUR AUSTRALIA! STORY COUNTRY BOOK FAIR WILL BE HELD AT THE MILLMERRAN STATE P-10 SCHOOL LIBRARY:

Monday 24th October - 3.00pm – 4.00pm
Wednesday 26th October – 3.00pm – 4.00pm

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO BOOKCLUB THIS TERM AS THE BOOKFAIR WILL COVER MOST BOOKS AVAILABLE IN BOOKCLUB

WIN $ 60 WORTH OF BOOKS!!!

Every time you purchase a book you will receive a ticket to go into a draw to win $ 60 worth of books from the Book Fair. So the more you purchase the more entries you have in the draw.

Looking forward to seeing you!

Judy Brandon
Teacher – Library

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, thank you to those wonderful people who gave a couple of hours of their time over the weekend of the Camp Oven Festival to help out in the HOT CHIP VAN. Financially this was a very successful event and I am sure those who did volunteer their time enjoyed the experience.

A HUGE THANK YOU must go to BRENDA GILLESPIE and her band of helpers who once again had a Coffee Shop at the show grounds for the early campers at the Camp Oven Festival. This too, was a very successful fundraiser! Brenda no longer has children at our school yet continues to support our P & C Association, as does, Jody McCullough, Manon Ceccato and past student Ruby Gillespie. Paula and Sophie McKinlay, Emma Fletcher and Darcie Harris also helped out with the Coffee Shop.

We must thank all those volunteers/the organising committee who make the Australian Camp Oven Festival possible. What a wonderful event this is, bringing so many visitors to our small town and providing an opportunity for organisations such as ours to benefit financially.

UNIFORM SHOP

Please note that there will be a PRICE INCREASE on most items.

New prices will come into effect as at the first uniform shop day in January, 2017.

Items can be purchased at the current price if ordered and paid for prior to the last day of school, 2016. Any orders placed BUT NOT PAID FOR BY THE LAST DAY OF 2016 WILL BE CHARGED AT THE NEW PRICE.

VOLUNTEERS

Please consider putting your name down to volunteer at tuckshop and/or our next fundraising event. It is very sad to think we continually see new families and students join our school, yet we are always relying on the same people to give their time. This year is no different, we will lose valuable members of our school community as their children exit the school and therefore need new members to come forward to take their places. Next time we are asking for a couple of hours of your time and when filling out your child/children’s tuckshop order, PLEASE REMEMBER that our P&C Association is there for the betterment of all students!!!

Our next meeting will be held on TUESDAY 15th November, 2016 at the Library commencing 5.30pm.
MILLMERRAN’S GOT TALENT – NOMINATION FORM!

Can you sing? Can you dance? Can you Act? OR Do you have some other hidden talent?

Nominate today for `Millmerran’s Got Talent!’

Individual and Group Acts Welcome!

Divisions include:

- Prep – 3
- 4 – 6
- 7 – 10

Prizes up for grabs!

Nominations close by Friday – Week 4 (28th October at 3pm.)


** Performance Time = maximum of 3 minutes.

Please return your nomination form to: Miss Fox by 28th October

Extra nomination forms available from the school library.

Please Note: `Millmerran’s Got Talent’ will only go ahead if we have enough students participating.
Parents and Community Cyber Safety Presentation

Please join us on Wednesday 9th November at 5.30 pm.
Millmerran State P-10 State School proudly presents INESS-INTERNET EDUCATION AND SAFETY SERVICES
To share with us 4 key messages

- The internet is a safe and valuable place
- Our children need to be part of that world
- As parents and carers we already possess skills
- We have to be a part of that process

The presentation clearly outlines that it is not about devices or programs, it is about applying physical world mindsets and skills to the online world. The aim is to leave each member of the audience feeling empowered to take control of technology, set rules and boundaries in their home and work hand in hand with teachers and educators. Every audience member will walk away with simple, powerful and effective messages.

5.30 pm Free Sausage Sizzle
6.00 pm INESS-INTERNET EDUCATION AND SAFETY SERVICES presentation.
Adult supervision will be available if you are unable to organise alternate care for your school aged child.
7.30 pm Finish

We look forward to seeing you! You are welcome to bring community members and adult family members and friends who are interested.

Please return the form below or phone the office by Friday 4th November.
Phone- 4695 3333

Principal
Ms Jenny Kent

We will be attending the INESS-INTERNET EDUCATION AND SAFETY SERVICES Presentation on Wednesday 9th November.
Name of adults__________________________________________________________

We will be attending the sausage sizzle at 5.30 pm prior to the presentation.
Number of people _________________________(required to confirm catering)
We will require supervision for ………………………………school aged children
Join Michael Grose for our 3-week online parenting course

**Mood Meter Program: Building Emotional Intelligence**

Help your kids learn to manage their emotions, improve their mental health and be happier.

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The 3-week Mood Meter Program for Parents starts on 4th November. Join now for $67 to take advantage of Pre-learning video and FREE access to ParentingIdeas Resources.

**What do I get?**

- Access to Pre-learning video and ParentingIdeas resources on registering for course
- Each week you receive 3 emails with the relevant course materials:
  - Friday – video and workbook
  - Wednesday – join LIVE Facebook Q&A online discussion
  - Weekend – video message from Michael Grose
- The course can be downloaded so if participants aren’t able to work with Michael week-to-week they can download the materials and use at their convenience.

**Full details and registration:**


Or contact the ParentingIdeas team 03 50831798 office@parentingideas.com.au