From the Principal's Desk

Our Prep open afternoon was well attended. It was great to see some faces I already recognise as well as welcome some new faces. Our transition program for prep students continues over the next two weeks on Wednesday afternoon, with opportunities for enrolment interviews booked for Tuesday 22 November. Our year 7 and year 9 subject information evening is on Tuesday 8 November, with the Year 7 information commencing at 5.15 pm and the Year 9 information commencing at 6.30 pm. As this would usually be the date for our P and C meeting, this has been postponed to the following Tuesday — Tuesday 15 November at 5.30 pm in the resource centre. Apologies that both of these were advertised in the last newsletter.

Booklists for 2017 have been posted to our website. Later in the year, paper copies will be available through classroom teachers. Our local newagent continues to provide a back to school service. Please see the advertisement later in the newsletter.

This Sunday afternoon, I will be at the Wylahra Grove Community Expo, which is also advertised later in our newsletter. At our stall, there will be two free raffles — one for children and one for adults/families. The prize for the children’s raffle is a puzzle game and the prize for the adult/family raffle is free entry for a family of up to five (two adults and three children) to the P and C’s 2017 Rock ‘n’ Rods to be held on August 26 next year at the Millmerran Showgrounds.

Staffing for 2017 continues to take shape. Rebecca Stark will be our manual arts teacher. She is coming to us from Bundaberg, with trade experience prior to becoming a teacher. Mrs Judy Brandon has accepted a transfer to Bunker’s Hill. I wish Judy all the best. She has made a significant contribution to our great school in the years that she has been here.

Last night I enjoyed my first experience of the Pittsworth SHS Awards evening. I am looking forward to our own very special evening on Thursday 17 November and later in the year, the opportunity to participate in the St Joseph’s evening.

Last week, I attended QParent information workshops in Nanango. Q Parent is an amazing ‘portal’ that will allow parents who accept the invitation to view information from OneSchool. The type of information which is visible, is determined by the school from a range of available options including attendance, finance, timetable, reports and behaviour. I look forward to sharing a short video about this interface at the next P and C meeting. The response to not receiving reports by emails has been just over ten percent of students. Once Q Parent is operational here, sometime in early 2017, it will allow parents to view reports through the interface as an alternative to email.

Our text poll regarding using online ordering saw a 57% response rate, with 71 % of those responding saying YES they would use online ordering for tuckshop. The P and C are now able to investigate the five or six options that are available through DETE standing offer arrangements.

Thanks to everyone who continues to try to make payments between 8.30 and 9.30 am week mornings. Using this time interval means that receipting is able to occur at the point of sale. Invoices for swimming for junior primary students should have been received. Please note that BPoint is the preferred online method of payment. BPay is no longer an option. If you have amounts owing on previous invoices, you may be receiving a reminder statement either by email or in the post.

As the year seems to become busier and busier, I have to acknowledge our amazing staff, who continue to focus on supporting the learning of all of our students. Just this week, Mrs Gibbs and Mrs Van Bruinessen spent full days teaching, when two of our teachers called in sick. Their commitment to the learning and wellbeing of our students has to be commended.

Ms Jenny Kent
Principal
**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**NOVEMBER**

Tuesday 8…………………Yr 7 Information Evening
Tuesday 8…………….Yr 9 Subject Selection Evening
Wednesday 9………………Cyber Safety Presentation
Tuesday 15…………………P&C Meeting - 5:30pm
Wednesday 16………………Presentation Evening
Thursday 17………………Shooting for Stars
Tuesday 22………………Prep Enrolment Interviews
Thursday 24……………………….Year 10 Dinner
Friday 25……………………Year 10 Last Day

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**IT News**

A huge thank you to all parents for helping students dress up for Day for Daniel and Melbourne Cup day. It was lovely to see so many students in red on Friday. It is such a great opportunity to revise the important strategies of Recognise, React and Report. Students enjoyed dressing up for the big occasion for Melbourne cup day. Congratulations to Darren Holley for winning the best made hat in our year 1 classroom and to Dinura, Boe and Kaidence who were our runners up.

Congratulations to our recent students of the week Brenden Schmidt and Harley Bui for their consistent effort in all areas of their learning. I am so happy seeing so many of our students putting so much effort into learning, home reading, spelling and number facts. Thank you parents for your support and also for sending in odd and old socks for our Technology task. Students are looking forward to both constructing and presenting their puppets.

Finally thank you to Ryder Shipley for showing us how to play the Didgeridoo - Well done Ryder.

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**Prep News**

This week, the current prep class welcomed the 2017 preppies with an afternoon tea. Thank you to all of those parents who brought in food to share at this event. I am sure the new students had a blast exploring the new environment.

We enjoyed dressing up for the Melbourne Cup on Tuesday. Have a look at some of those outfits! For our class, the most outstanding hat was worn by Manura Gallage whose mum had made a gorgeous jockey's cap that matched his colourful shirt.

Please be aware that we currently have a head lice problem in the class. Please check your child’s hair and treat as necessary. Let’s get on top of this by being vigilant in checking children’s hair on a daily basis and treating for head lice whenever eggs or lice are found. Due to this issue- no hats will be loaned out to students who have forgotten to bring theirs, so please ensure students have a hat every day.

Have a great week,
Miss Elliott

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**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 before the 5th of December, 2016. Any orders placed BUT NOT PAID FOR BY THE LAST DAY OF 2016 WILL BE CHARGED AT THE NEW PRICE.

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**Millmerran’s Got Talent News!**

Millmerran’s Got Talent will not go ahead this year due to lack of participants. Primary students who have nominated and would still like to perform are encouraged to do so as part of the ‘Talent of the Week’ segment during primary assembly. Please see Mrs Brandon to organise this.
Wow!! Only five more weeks and the year will be over! Where has the time gone? We are working super hard in the classroom to get the best results that we can to start 2017 off with a bang in Year 3 and Year 4.

Thank you for all of the kind expressions of thanks on World Teacher’s Day. It really means a lot. We are very lucky to have such lovely parents and students in 2/3L.

Congratulations Amelia Allan and Candice Blinco who were our ‘Ripper’ students of the week for Week 4 and Dean Baillie and Phoenix Pearson for Week 3!! Congratulations to Dean and Amelia also for their success on Melbourne Cup Day with Dean winning the sweep and Milly taking out our class prize for best hat design.

Next week is the day that we have all been waiting for – our puppet performance on assembly!! The date will be Friday the 11th of November at 2.25pm. The students have been working really hard on their performance, developing characters for their puppets and using dramatic techniques to entertain audiences. We designed the puppets last term as part of our Design Technology unit and this term we have been using them in Drama. We welcome everyone to come along to parade as it is sure to be entertaining!!

Our class silkworms are starting to hatch and the students are very excited about their upcoming stages of growth. We invite anyone with excess mulberry leaves at home to bring them in as they will certainly come to good use. So far, we have observed the silkworm eggs turning a soft, white colour before they hatch. Our baby silkworms are about the size of ants. We expect them to get much bigger over coming weeks!

We have lots of lost property lying around at school both inside the classroom and in the lost property area (especially jumpers). Just a reminder to try to collect all belongings before the year is out. We can’t guarantee that items will still be there after the holidays so everything needs to go home.

Finally, we are desperate for lead pencils! If you have any spare at home, we would really appreciate them to get us through to the end of the year.

Have a great week,
Miranda Licence and Kris Dent
4/5F News

4/5F have had a wonderful start to term 4 and are well and truly powering through the workload in the lead up to our final assessments for the year. So remember everyday counts at Millmerran State School! Our library borrowing day has changed to Tuesday in period 5. Please ensure your child brings library books back on this day.

Next Wednesday 9th of November is the Internet Cyber Safety Presentation.

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
If you are planning on attending please ensure your child returns the form to the office.

Grade 5’s go on camp in 18 days! Please ensure that all camp forms have been filled out and returned to the office ASAP.

Thank you and have a great week!
Miss Fuery 😊

5H News

Wow! Hasn’t the term flown by! It has been a joy, coming back this term and teaching the Year 5’s. I have been really impressed with the student’s dedication to school and the amount of individual rewards being handed out so far. Congratulations to 5H who have also been awarded the Attendance award 2 weeks in a row for week two and week three this term. Let’s make it 4!

In Year 5 this term we have continued to build on our skills in Mathematics, particularly skills to do with chance and probability, area calculations and 24 hour time. In English we are well on our way to completing our written comparison assessment task around the BFG. We have finished reading the Roald Dahl novel ‘The BFG’ as a class and have watched the 1989 movie. Now we are comparing the two and writing about any similarities or differences. It is a fantastic story and the students really enjoyed getting to know the characters and following their adventures.

Camp is just around the corner, I cannot wait! We are looking forward to the visit from the Tallebudgera Staff in preparation for Week 8

Thank you and have a great week,
Isaac Heuschele

Millmerran Arts Council

Millmerran Arts Council is delighted to present Fred Smith, Dust Of Urazgan.

Captivating songs, humour and commentary from the front line of Australia's longest war. To be held at the Millmerran Cultural Centre, Wednesday 9th November. Doors open at 7pm with the show to start at 7.30pm.

Tickets $10 - Members/Concession $5 - Students free
The age suitability for this show is recommended for 12+ yrs. Parental guidance for children under 15. Contains themes of war however there are no disturbing pictures or stories and moderate language is used.

Booking to Ann & Jenny @ Community Support Centre. Limited tickets at door. Enquiries Brian 0417725993 or Nell 46956191
www.fredsmith.com.au

Homework Club

Available for primary students
Tuesday afternoons from 3:00 - 3:30pm
If you are interested in the after school homework club for your child, please let the office know as soon as possible.

Parents and Community Cyber Safety Presentation

Please join us on Wednesday 9th November at 5.30 pm.
If you are interested in attending please let the office know, by Friday 4th November.

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- GAS FITTING

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The van number for our school is 38/151.

CHRISTMAS IN THE BUSH

Students have been busy rehearsing for Christmas in the Bush on Thursday 1st December. The evening will run similarly to the 2015 event with our Concert Band performing from 5:30pm followed by four choirs from prep right through to the high school. Students are encouraged to wear bright/Christmas clothes and sit with their class at 5:30pm.

Please bring a chair or blanket and enjoy!

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

Adam Frankland,
Thank you for your generous donation of $500 on behalf of the CFMEU union members. This donation will go a long way for purchasing numerous items that are essential for the continuity of the music programme.

Kind regards,
Thomas Lindenmayer,
Senior Band Captain.

Emma Collins (Junior Band Captain) Adam Frankland (CFMEU member)
Ashley Macartney (Music Teacher)
Australian Native Stingless Bee Workshop

When: Tuesday 8th November 2016 2.00pm
Where: Anzac Room Millmerran Cultural Centre
What: Demonstrate splitting a boxed hive, transfer a hive from log to box; learn bee care so they can care for you & your garden

Topics include:
- What’s all the fuss about Australian native stingless and solitary bees?
- Bees found in your area and latest information on their care
- Solitary bees: what are they and how to attract them to your garden
- How to quickly identify a bee or insect
- Pollination, predators: the good, bad and ugly
- How, when and why split a boxed hive; box designs
- Transfer a hive from log to box
- How to find bees in the bush; bee rescue
- Honey tasting and story time

Cost – FREE!!! includes afternoon tea.

Please RSVP to Rebecca Kirby 0427 952336 or Email: millmerranlandcare@bigpond.com