From the Principal’s Desk

As we near the end of the school year, the pace of life seems to escalate exponentially. Last week our year ten students travelled to Pittsworth SHS for a transition day before enrolling there next year. Thanks to Mr O’Sullivan for driving the bus. Our year ten students finish school on Friday 25 November and have to focus on completing assessment tasks as well as preparing for their dinner celebration on Thursday 24 and their end of year excursion the following day. I wish them all the best for their future schooling and wherever their learning journey takes them.

It was an absolute pleasure to meet a past year ten student. Cindy Wong finished school here in 1995 and has since completed a commerce degree, worked successfully one of the big four banks, travelled the world for four years and now owns her own business in Brisbane. Cindy will be welcomed back early next year to talk with our secondary students about her learning journey and I am hopeful she might be able to come back for next year’s presentation evening.

At the P and C meeting this week, we discussed the committee’s long term goal of raising funds for a multi-purpose sports court. Currently there is $20,000 in an account specifically for that purpose. We also discussed next year’s major P and C sponsored event – Milly Rock ‘n’ Rods which will be held on Saturday 26 August. Leah Collins was successful in obtaining a grant of $2000 to support the teaching of dance to our students, specifically related to that event.

This morning the school was abuzz with energy with many students excited about presentation evening. Rehearsals for the evening went off as planned earlier today and staff were busily making sure preparations were in order. Thanks again to Tracey Fox, Graham O’Sullivan, Ashley Macartney, Tanya van Bruinessen and Anita Gibbs for incredible energy and attention to detail.

Thanks again 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 BPPoint 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. Please be aware that no payments can be accepted during the last week of term. All payments must be made before C.O.B. Friday 2 December.

During the last two weeks of term our younger primary students will enjoy five days of swimming lessons and one day of the little legends carnival. As the weather starts to warm up, I am sure they will be appreciative of a dip in the pool most days.

Decisions about class groupings and which teachers will be teaching which classes next year, have been given much consideration. Parents will be sent a text message during the last week of the year, indicating the class and class teacher. Accurately predicting enrolment numbers for next year is critical in establishing class groups. If you know your child will not be here next year, please take the time to either send an email or drop in at the office and let one of our friendly office staff know, or speak with your child’s teacher or one of the administration team.

We have 34 enrolments currently on the books for Prep for next year. We are saying goodbye to 22 year tens. Currently predicted numbers indicate 8 primary classes and 2 classes in each of years 7, 8 and 9 and one year ten class. A couple more enrolments might mean 9 primary classes and a couple less secondary enrolments might been on one class in some other year levels. Thanks in anticipation of your co-operation in communicating your intentions.

Keep calm and put the kettle on.

Ms Jenny Kent
Principal
DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER
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
Monday 28...........................Year 7 Transition Morning

DECEMBER
Thursday 1..................Christmas in the Bush - 5:30pm
Monday 5..........................Final Secondary Assembly
Tuesday 6......................Soul Connection Christmas Service
Wednesday 7........Little Legends Swimming Carnival P-3
Friday 9.........................Last Day of School

Hi Families,

We are definitely on the count down now to the end of Term 4, with only 3 weeks left of school and 37 days left until Christmas…and 1 more week of homework. 😊

We are madly trying to complete assessment, so please make sure your child is attending school each day.

A reminder that swimming is on in Weeks 9 and 10. The lessons in Week 9 are Mon 28th, Tues 29th and Wed 30th of November at 9:15am and Week 10 on Mon 5th and Tues 6th of December at 9:15am. The Little Legends Swimming Carnival will then follow on Wednesday 7th of December. If you find you can help during swimming lesson times, it would be much appreciated. Please let the office know if you can make it along!

Thank you to the parents who were able to make it to parade last Friday. The puppet show was a huge success! All our puppeteers did a great job and were very brave performing at the front of assembly.

Have a great week,
Kris Dent and Miranda Licence

3/4D News

Presentation Evening is on this evening at the Cultural Centre – this is for Year 4 students and their parents only!

Swimming permission notes and money needs to be returned to the office by Friday 18th November! Swimming starts in Week 9 and 3/4D’s times are 1.30pm – 2.15pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday! We will be swimming in Week 10 at the same times but only on the Monday and Tuesday afternoons. On Wednesday 7th December we will be participating in the Little Legends Swimming Carnival!

Throughout the following 2 weeks 3/4D will continue to be completing assessment pieces for their end of year report cards! Please ensure your child attends school each day! Remember at Millmerran State P-10 – everyday counts!!

Report cards will be emailed home at the end of this term! If you wish your report card to be posted through the mail, please write a note to the office to inform them of this!

Homework is now a sheet 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! Homework will end on Friday 25th November!

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! Reading groups will end on Friday 25th November!

3/4D will be starting our Christmas Art Activities in the afternoons from Monday 28th November! A note will be sent home next week to inform you of the things your child will need to complete these activities. Parent helpers will also be required each afternoon after our swimming lesson and from 1.30 pm on Thursday and Friday.

Congratulations to our newest Ripper students – Fergus Elborne, Jessie Diete, Divine Ta’aru and Lilly Gesler! Don’t forget parade is held in the hall on Friday afternoons from 2.25 pm onwards. All parents are most welcome to attend!!

Thanks!
Jo Dines
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.

BRINGALILY CHRISTMAS TREE

Friday 9th December at 6pm
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Slip, Slop, Slap!

Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world with 1 in 2 Australians developing some form of skin cancer during their lifetime! Much of the sun exposure that causes skin damage occurs during childhood and adolescence. By the age of 15 many children have developed irreversible skin damage from exposure to the sun!

As Parents we encourage you to promote the following messages to our students to protect their skin by:
- reducing their exposure to the sun, wherever possible
- wearing broad-brimmed hats outside to protect the face, neck and ears, & play in shaded areas where available.
- wearing clothing with collars and sleeves to provide maximum sun protection
- using 30+ broad-spectrum, water resistant sunscreen daily!

Whether at school, in the backyard or on the beach, EVERYONE should wear a hat and sunscreen. By practising sun safety at home, this can assist us to enforce sun safety aspects here at school!!

Fiona Flegler – youth health nurse
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!

Internet Safe Education

Brett Lee presented great messages during his visit last week and used some cool strategies that really focussed the students’ attention. I’m sure they all had plenty to think about in relation to their use of technology.

It was wonderful to see parents and carers attending the evening session and taking advantage of Brett’s real life experiences in an attempt to ensure your children have healthy and happy on-line activity.

Please use the site below for further understanding as well as Brett’s 5 Key Messages to initiate conversation and actions for your child and your home.

www.internetsafeeducation.com

5 Key Messages and Actions for Technology

1. Communicate with your kids
2. Set clear rules and boundaries
3. Stay up to date with apps and programs
4. Consider and use parental controls
5. Be the one who makes the final decisions.

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A Student’s Guide to Internet Use

CONTROL TECHNOLOGY - MAKE YOUR OWN CHOICES!

As a student I understand that...

- The internet is the most public place I will ever be, the cyber world will never be my own private world
- Others may treat me harshly for poor online choices and judge me for who I portray myself to be online
- Online decisions I make can effect my future as the internet is permanent
- When I upload, post or send I lose control of what others can do with that information or how it is used
- The physical world and cyber world aren't separate, it's the one world as we are dealing with the same people
- I am bound by rules and laws as much online as in the real world
- Expectations placed on me and others in the real world do not change just because I'm behind a screen
- By trusting my instincts, and making choices based on what I believe to be right I will be rewarded by avoiding real world issues

GOOD ONLINE CHOICES = GREAT ONLINE EXPERIENCE

WHEN I TRULY UNDERSTAND THE CYBER WORLD IT GIVES ME REASON TO PRACTICE THE FOLLOWING:

I will...
1. Be a true reflection online of who I am in the real world
2. Let others know where I stand - be an individual
3. Make decisions based on what I know is right and follow rules and boundaries
4. Protect those around me, not be a bystander
5. Set a positive online example for my peers
6. Condition myself to consider “why am I doing this?” prior to sending/posting
Swimming Lessons

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we require a qualified swimming instructor, we have employed Doug Maxwell, an experienced teacher and qualified swimming instructor to deliver an intensive swimming program in Term 4 for lower primary classes.

It is anticipated that the upper primary classes will participate in a swimming program in Term 1, 2017. The program is set out below.

**Term 4**- Prep, 1T, 1/2L, 2/3L, 3/4D
**Week 9**-November 28, 29, 30 and **Week 10**-December 5, 6
Little Legends Carnival on Wednesday 7th.

Swimming Lessons will be in a block time frame 3 days over the 2 weeks.

Lessons will go for 45 minutes.

**Schedule**

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To ensure the program can be successfully implemented we require parent helpers. Please consider the time your child’s class is scheduled and see if you are able to volunteer 45 minutes each day to assist. If you are only able to assist 1 day in the week this is still a big help so please include details of availability on the return slip.

**PLEASE ALSO FILL OUT THE MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM FOR EACH CHILD AND RETURN TO OFFICE**

Please complete the slip below and return to school by Friday November 18th.

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We appreciate your support.

Thankyou.
Landcare Millmerran invites all children aged up to 16 to take part in our “Art for Country” competition. It is to celebrate all that is country around us. We want to celebrate the important roles of agriculture, environment, community and Landcare and how they all play an integral part of our everyday life.

Great prizes up for grabs!!!

Categories include:

- Age up to 8 years: Colouring in (picture below or on Facebook page)
- Age 9 – 12 years: Create some artwork (eg. Sketch, painting, etc) that depicts what country means to you
- Age 13 – 16 years: Photograph of what country means to you

1 entry per person please

Entries can be handed in to Landcare office (39-41 Campbell Street Millmerran – behind Schonfeld Consulting)

Entries close 9th December with winners announced Sunday 11th December
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.

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