From the Principal’s Desk

Congratulations to Gore House on their success at the swimming carnival. Fletcher put up a fight, however, in the end, Gore won through. Age champion winners followed an unusual trend in the junior section with all the male age champions representing Gore and all the female age champions representing Fletcher. The trend stopped when awarding senior age Champions, so it couldn’t be blamed on the pending full moon. Congratulations to all of the age champions and to the four swimmers who progress to district trials. See the article later in the newsletter to catch up on all the details. Thanks to all staff and parents for your assistance to make this a great day for students.

Our primary school captains are visiting Toowoomba today, to take part in the mayoral morning tea and next week our secondary school captains will enjoy the same adventure. Thanks to Lexie Antonio for her assistance with this activity.

Choir for students in years 3 to 6 was warmly received with approximately 30 students attending the first rehearsal. Similarly the secondary students have responded extremely positively to the play which they will put on in the last week of term two with practices already underway.

On Wednesday we had a guest speaker for all primary classes, informing students about native bees. Thanks Bec Kirby for organising this.

Next week on Wednesday all of our 2017 student leaders will receive their badges at the annual investiture ceremony. We will be joined by special guests Mayor Paul Antonio and James O’Neill (Principal Pittsworth SHS).

Craig Antonio will also join us as the president of the P and C Association. Craig has taken on this role for the second year and is joined by Shannon Murray (Secretary) and Trisha-Ann Girdler (Treasurer) as the executive for 2017. Many thanks to Helen Coghill, Paula McKinlay and Peter Thompson for their efforts as the executive in 2016. Paula and Leah Collins will again be our uniform convenors.

The major fundraising activity for the year will be the Rock’n’Rods on the weekend of August 26 and 27. A steering group will form to ensure the success of this undertaking. Members of the parent body and wider community are encouraged to attend the first meeting on Monday 27 February at 5.30 pm in the school library.

It was really pleasing to hear that there are six new volunteers for the tuckshop this year, rewarding Maria Fraser’s efforts to encourage more people to become involved.

As a way to encourage all families to make the $20 per student voluntary contribution, a donated prize of accommodation for two nights at the Toowong Inn (to be used by 30 June 2017) will be on offer to a lucky contributor. Everyone who has paid their voluntary contribution by COB on 1 March this year will go in the prize draw with the winner announced in our next newsletter. This voluntary contribution fee has not been increased by the P and C for many years. Not everyone is able to volunteer to assist at fundraising events and making the voluntary contribution is one way that all families can support the P and C to support the school. If you intend paying the contribution this year, don’t wait – rush in before the 1 March to go into the prize draw.

The whole school focus on improving every student’s reading achievements continues with our teachers spending time this week analysing the reading assessment data available to them to ensure they target their teaching at the needs of students. Sharon Scheiwe our Master teacher is working with all teachers to support their understanding of the data. An article about Sharon as one of our new staff members, appears later in the newsletter. Our focus class for this week is Prep and our focus subject is drama. Stay cool and calm.

Ms Jenny Kent
Principal
DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY
Friday 17…………...ID Primary Swimming Carnival
Friday 17……………………...Playgroup: 9-11am
Tuesday 21……...DD Swimming Carnival 13-19yrs
Wednesday 22……………………...Leaders’ Investiture
Thursday 23……...Sec Leaders’ Mayoral Morning Tea
Friday 24……………………...Playgroup: 9-11am

MARCH
Wednesday 1…..DD Swimming Carnival 10-12 yrs
Wednesday 1……………………...Shooting for Stars
Friday 3……………………...Book Club due
Friday 3……………………...Playgroup: 9-11am
Friday 17……...National Action Day Say No to bullying
Monday 20……………………...School Photos

BOOK CLUB 2017
This term we will be offering students the opportunity to participate in Scholastic Book Club. In addition to providing our students with this service, the school benefits through redeeming coupons which are directly related to the amount of money spent by students. These coupons allow the school to receive new books for the library and in turn for all students to utilise.

This issue contains some great bargains, beginning at $1.

Booklets will be sent home this coming Monday. Orders and payment are due to the school office by Friday, 3rd March. Where a family would like to order from more than one booklet, all Order Forms can be placed into the same envelope. Payment can be made in the form of cash, cheque (all cheques need to be made out to the Millmerran State P-10 School P&C) or electronically to Scholastic.

We hope that you and your child/ren enjoy making your selections and then reading these books together.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Mrs Goebel

TUCKSHOP ROSTER TERM 1

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Reminder – Swimming Times

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Any volunteer helpers are always welcome to come and assist with lessons.

Miss Kate Anderson
When I grow up I want to be a…….

We welcome the lovely Mrs Chloe Nielson into Our classroom as our Teacher-Aide every Monday. Many of the children know Mrs Nielson from her work at Little Tackers.

We are excited to have the hilarious Mrs Tammy Jurd as our Teacher-Aide from Tuesday through to Friday each week.

I really did always want to be a school teacher when I grew up, so that’s what I became and I love my job! I can’t wait to work alongside you this year as we help your child learn and grow so that they can one day pursue the career that they always wanted.

I will keep you up to date with what’s happening in our classroom through notes in student’s bags when needed. If you have any questions or would like to speak to me about anything, please don’t hesitate to come to see me.

Miss Elliott.
Hot! Hot! Hot! On the 10th February, Gore house battled against Fletcher house in the war cry challenge and in the pool to determine the 2017 champion house. Although it was a hot day, the drink station team, sunscreen squad and canteen crew kept the swimmers hydrated and protected as they competed for points.

Hoarse voices could be heard after an amazing war cry battle between the two teams. ‘Every where we go…’ and ‘Boom chick-a,’ to name a couple of the cheers, combined with some groovy actions by both teams, made an amazing atmosphere leading up to the big day. Although Gore house won the war cry challenge by 1 point, Fletcher would not give up.

Posters, balloons, war paint, streamers – the captains of both teams outdid themselves to decorate and bring the carnival alive. Team members were keen to participate in every race just to win a point, knowing that their efforts edged them closer to victory.

Individual efforts combined with team relay events, saw Gore house come out on top with 933 points over Fletcher house who scored 720 points. Congratulations to the following age champions:

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At the end of the day, Jye and Tia Betts, Scott Grundon and Hayley McCashney were eligible to go onto the Darling Downs trials.

Gore House Captains: Jack Antonio and Georgia Briese, expressed their thanks to Fletcher house for being great competitors on the day; to Mrs Van and Ms Anderson for organising the whole event; to the many parent helpers who assisted with time-keeping on the day and leading up to the events; to the canteen crew for their delicious lunches; to the many staff members for helping to make the day successful; and finally, to the Gore House students who participated in all events and swam their very best to win the 2017 swimming carnival crown.

A great day was had by all!
Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more...

After a short hiatus, Drama is back! Lessons are once a week for one semester for Year 7 and 8, and twice a week for the year for Year 9/10.

The Year 7’s are currently engaging in a unit designed to build confidence and self-awareness through practical activities.

The Year 8’s are developing skills in the basics of drama, such as movement, mime, tension, role and focus.

The Year 9’s and 10’s are working with the Elements of Drama, exploring role-playing at a deeper level.

Last week saw the first presentation of the “Drama Rocks!” trophy which is awarded weekly to Year 8, 9 and 10 students who try their hardest or challenge themselves to try something new. Last week’s recipients were Alecsis Howieson in Year 8 and Eden Strickland in Year 9! Their picture is now up on our classroom ‘Wall of Stars’.

One last thought:
A number of people still see Arts subjects as the “easy option”, believing STEM subjects to be the only way students will succeed in the future. However, Lisa Phillips, an author and arts and leadership educator, presents the following ten skills as those that are essential to students’ futures and which they learn from engaging in Arts subjects:

1. Creativity
2. Confidence
3. Problem Solving
4. Perseverance
5. Focus
6. Non-Verbal Communication
7. Receiving Constructive Feedback
8. Collaboration
9. Dedication
10. Accountability

These are the skills that we are developing every day in our Drama classrooms! As always, Drama is an excellent way of getting to know ourselves, others and the world around us from new and unique perspectives.

After all, ‘all the world’s a stage’!

Tara Churchill
Hi,

My name is Mrs Scheiwe and I am the Master Teacher for 2017 while Mrs Rugendyke is on maternity leave.

I have been teaching for nearly 15 years and in this time have taught across a range of schools and subjects. I began my career as a district Japanese teacher based at Cunnamulla State School (P-12) but I also travelled to four small primary schools within the district. I then moved to Brisbane and have been there ever since. I have taught in a few different Brisbane high schools ranging in size from 700 students to 3000 students and across subjects including English, Humanities (History and Geography) and Japanese. I have also undertaken a number of leadership positions as well such as Year Level, Subject, and Study Tour Co-ordinator.

Although most of my teaching career has been in Brisbane, I still see myself as a ‘country girl’. I have grown up on my parent’s cattle property and I still return to help out with the cattle work whenever I can. I am excited to have returned to ‘the bush’ and am looking forward to this chapter in my life.

I am also a wife and mother of a 3 ½ year old daughter who has started kindergarten this year. I enjoy horse riding and reading a good book (when I get the time!).

I am looking forward to getting to know everyone here at Millmerran SS and being a part of the wider community.

Meet the Teacher

Playgroup for Under 5’s

Held every Friday of the School Term
9:00—11:00 am
In the School Hall

QUEENSLAND CRICKET COMMUNITY COACHING COURSE

All coaches & parents throughout the Darling Downs are welcome.

Date: Sunday 19th February 2017
Time: 9am – 4pm
Cost: $120
Females Free
Venue: Heritage Oval, Toowoomba

Register at: www.community.cricket.com.au/coach/courses/
For further information contact: Anna Paton—0419 725 834
Anna.Paton@qldcricket.com.au

MILLMERRAN ARTS COUNCIL INC.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At Midday Sunday 19th February at
The Anzac Room Millmerran Cultural Centre

AGENDA
MINUTES OF THE AGM MEETING of 2016
Presidents Report
Business Arising
Correspondence
Financial Report
General Business
Standing Down of Officers
Election of Officers for 2017
Guest Speakers TBA

COUNTRY KITCHEN ROAST LUNCH

COMPLIMENTARY WELCOME WINE
A Grand Smorgasbord of Home Baked Roast Meat, Vegetables and Salads,
Followed by an EXQUISITELY created and Sumptuous croquembouche dessert.

NON MEMBERS ESPECIALLY WELCOME
COST $25:00 per Person
In order to arrange Catering Please RSVP by Friday 10th February
NELL: 46956191 BRIAN: 0417725993 E: mail@skymesh.com.au
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## 2017 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS

Once again this year we offer students the opportunity to participate in these International Competitions. Students may choose to do all or any number of assessments offered, or to simply choose the subject they enjoy the most. Participating gives students another experience in testing conditions and helps to build up confidence in these situations. Every student entering ICAS receives a certificate acknowledging their participation.

Please write your child’s/children’s name in the column next to the Learning Area in which you would like them to participate. Please send **total payment of cash/cheque by Friday 24th March** to the school office with completed form in an envelope marked with student names.

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If you have any spare broadbrimmed / bucket hats at home you are not using, we would love you to send them into school to help support sun safety!

Thankyou.

**Student Investiture**

Congratulations to all students accepting leadership roles.

Wednesday 22nd February

10.00 am

Doug Hall Education Centre-
Millmerran State P-10 School

Followed by Morning Tea

All welcome!

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**Eat Well**

**SEED TO FEED**

**$5 VEGGIE PATCH WORKSHOP**

Come along to a 3 hour workshop by local horticulturalist Brian Sams to learn how to grow your own fruit and vegetables in backyard gardens, patches and pots.

Workshop topics include:
- Plant and seed propagation
- Seed saving
- Creating your own mini greenhouse
- Fertilisers

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