**Great English Results**

I am sure many of you saw the paper on Tuesday where we advertised to the community the fantastic results we are achieving at Mill!. At the end of Term Three we had 93% of students achieving a ‘C’ or higher in English. This is a result of the ‘Learning Walls’ that teachers are creating in class to use as a teaching tool. These ‘Learning Walls’ show students what they need to know and be able to do for their English unit and teachers put up examples of students work so they can see what it looks like. We also hold Case Management Meetings every 5 weeks where the Principal, Head of Curriculum, Students with Disabilities Teacher and Class Teacher discuss the next step for students and develop an action plan to support. There are now no secrets on what students are learning in English and this is supporting all learners. This work will continue and all students are our priority, including those students achieving below a ‘C’ standard. Congratulations to all students and staff for this amazing achievement!

**Staffing Changes**

I wish to inform the community that two more staff members are leaving at the end of this year also. These two people will also be a big loss to our school community.

Mrs Harris is moving to Townsville and is taking up a position in Regional Office for 2017. Mrs Harris has been at Millchester for approximately 12 years. She has been a great support to myself and many other staff, students and families. We wish Mrs Harris all the best for her family and her career and will miss her as she is a part of the Millchester family. Mrs Harris will get to share her knowledge and expertise across many schools and the region is gaining a person with passion for the education of all students.

Mr Mossley has received a transfer to the Gold Coast for 2017. He has shared his passion of music with many students across Charters Towers and been a great role model for students to excel in The Arts. The progression and results instrumental music students have achieved is a result of the dedication Mr Mossley gives to all his students. The school that Mr Mossley works at will be privileged to have him.

Kind Regards

Belinda

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**Wearing uniforms after school**

Please be aware that when students are wearing their school uniform outside of school hours they are still representing the school and are therefore expected to follow our code of behaviour. This specifically relates to ‘I am safe’ and ‘I am respectful’. When students make poor behaviour choices in public, members of the community can contact the office and this will be followed up by Admin. At the discretion of the Principal, consequences can be put into place at school even if the incident happened well outside of school hours.

Please remind all students to be safe and sensible when wearing their school uniform on the way home from school, down the street later in the afternoon or attending sports activities. It is always great when we hear of Millchester students who are doing the right thing when they wear their uniforms after school. Someone is always watching.

Thank you for your help :)
C&K Charters Towers
Community Kindergarten
10 Bridge street, Charters Towers.
Phone: 4787 1860

Our C&K Community Kindergarten has been offering quality early childhood education in the Charters Towers region since 1969. Kindergarten helps to prepare your child for Prep. Our program offers families an opportunity to share in your child’s learning journey.

Our Kindergarten program operates over a five day fortnight—8.30 am—2.30 pm 2017 Daily Fee—$29.58 for eligible Child. Subsidies available for Health Care Card holders.

Children turning 4 years of age by 30 June 2017 will be eligible to attend our Kindergarten program next year.

Enrol now for 2017

To enrol your child for 2017, 2018 & 2019:
Go to our website—complete our online waiting list:
http://candk.asn.au/charterstowers
Phone 1800 177 092 or 4787 1860
Email: charterstowers@candk.asn.au
Or come visit our centre, meet our friendly staff & pick up a waiting list form.

INVESTIGATING COMMUNITY INTEREST
in a 3 year old PRE-KINDY program in 2017.

We are currently taking registrations for families interested in the possibility of a PRE-KINDY program.
Children turning 3 years of age by the start of school year—2017 or throughout the year, once they turn 3 years old (on or before 30th June, 2017) — may be eligible to attend a PRE KINDY program next year, 2017.

We would like the opportunity to offer the Charters Towers Community a PRE-KINDY program.
The program might run two days a week; possibly 4 hours—per day or longer hours per day.
We must have community support and interest—we need families to register now for this program.
Please register your child’s details on our online waiting list form:
In the notes section please indicate your interest in the 3 year old program and number of hours.

Milly Playgroup

Thursday 9-10:30
School Leaders for 2017

Year 5 students are invited to nominate for a 2017 Student Leaders Position. Therefore students can apply for the following positions:

- 2017 Year 6 School Leader (one male and one female position)
- 2017 Fletcher House Captain (one male and one female position)
- 2017 Cape House Captain (one male and one female position)
- 2017 Flinders House Captain (one male and one female position)

To be eligible to nominate for a Leadership position students must have achieved at least a Silver Behaviour Level. Also remember if students receive a yellow slip and are sent to the office they will be ineligible to continue the application process in 2016. If a student believes they have demonstrated leadership qualities and enjoy participating in opportunities to develop their leadership skills we invite them to complete the Student Leadership Nomination Form. Students can nominate for both roles but will only be selected for one position and School Captain takes precedence. In the event we do not have nominations from both boys and girls we may have two females or two males for a House or School Captain.

One of the most important Leadership lessons we have learned about children is that if you put them in situations where they are supported and give them opportunities to be resourceful they will generally develop their personal leadership capabilities.

Completed nomination form and cool role model activity are to be returned to the office by 3pm on Tuesday 8th November. No late nomination forms will be accepted.

Students running for the MSS School Captains will deliver an Election speech on Friday 18th November 2016 to all Yr 4 – 6 students, staff and parents. The election speech can be delivered in any medium but can be no longer than 3 minutes.

Students running for house captains will deliver their election speech to Yr 4 – 6 students in their sporting house on Friday 18th November 2016.

What a busy year it has been!

Our Preps and Year Ones have all worked so hard this year and made AMAZING progress in all areas of the curriculum. It is so exciting to look back at work samples from the beginning of the year and to see how far they have all come. The year is not over yet though, and there are still plenty of ways that you can help your child to cement their understanding of the concepts that we have covered. These are things that you can do over the next few weeks and then continue into the holidays.

- read every day
- practise sight words – look for them in environmental print
- use any opportunity that you can to have your child writing ie: shopping lists, Christmas cards, a note to Granny
- practise telling the time – have a clock on display and refer to it often, talk about what time you go to swimming lessons, have dinner etc
- count – knives and forks, pegs, fence posts, anything that you can think of!
- play games – board games and card games are fantastic for number recognition and counting practise

If you are struggling for Christmas ideas perhaps you could consider: a watch, a diary or letter writing set, colouring books, a reading lamp, board games and, of course, books! All of these things will help your child to learn basic skills in a fun way. A new pencil case, backpack or lunch box is also a good way to get children excited about their return to school.

Finally, as this is our last newsletter item, we would like to thank everyone for their support this year. We have absolutely loved our time teaching in P/1NP. Everyone has worked so hard and come to school every day full of enthusiasm and we truly wish them all the best for 2017!

Kind regards,

Leah Pollard and Narelle Newnham
lpoll9@eq.edu.au   nnewn2@eq.edu.au
Dear Parents and Care Givers,

Graduation dinner for the year 6s will be held at the Charters Towers Golf Club. It is a great night to acknowledge the success and growth of your child throughout primary school. I look forward to seeing you there. A letter will be sent out with your child with all of the details for our Graduation Dinner.

In Science we have been looking at fair testing with relation to how environmental conditions affect the growth of living organisms. In one of their fair tests the students are growing climbing beans but have chosen to change one condition such as the amount of sunlight or water their climbing beans get. Below are some of our ‘budding’ scientists with their climbing beans.

In English 6M are learning to write personal letters which require a lot of language features such as elaborated verb tenses, adverb groups, subjective language and varied sentences to name a few. Ask them to explain what some of these language features are as it will give them a chance to show off their new knowledge while also reviewing their learning in English.

I have been very fortunate this year to teach such a wonderful group of students. You should be proud of their efforts this year; I know I am.

Kind Regards,
Dave Milanovic
dmila3@eq.edu.au
Thank you to our hardworking P&C and Gambling Community Benefit Fund. Congratulations to the Prep students on their awesome public speaking skills during the ceremony.
Cent Sale
Saturday 29th October
Doors open 12:00
1:00PM Start
CWA Hall

Heaps of great prizes and Jackpots!!!!

Afternoon tea
Raffles
Lucky Door

Important information
The Millchester P&C Association wish to advise families that the school tuck shop will operate 3 Days per week as of week 3 in term 4. (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) This decision has not been made lightly. We appreciate this may cause some inconvenience however it is necessary to ensure the longevity of our Tuck-shop. We thank Miss Tash for all her continued hard work and we hope our families will continue to support our tuck shop service.

Kind regards,
Millchester P&C Association

Bandanna Day
Friday 28th October
Bandannas on sale from Monday 24th October from the office.

$4.00

MILLY’S GOT TALENT
Do you?

Sign up at the Music Rm in Week 1, Term 4 and keep your eye out for more information.
What’s still to come in Term 4

- **Friday 28th October**—Grandparents Day
- **Friday 28th October**—Bandanna Day
- **Friday 28th October**—World Teacher’s Day
- **Saturday 29th October**—P&C Cent Sale
- **Thursday 3rd November**—Prep Transition Day
- **Friday 4th November**—Tuckshop Day—Thank you Tash
- **Friday 4th November**—Interschool swimming Carnival
- **Monday 7th November**—Book Fair
- **Friday 11th November**—Book Fair Dress Up—Theme—Australian
- **Monday 14th November**—P&C Meeting
- **Thursday 17th November**—Prep Transition Day
- **Monday 28th November**—Year 6 Transition Day
- **Tuesday 29th November**—Year 6 Transition Day
- **Wednesday 30th November**—End of Year Concert
- **Wednesday 30th November**—P&C Xmas Raffle Drawn
- **Friday 2nd December**—Whole School Transition Day
- **Monday 5th December**—Year 6 Dinner at Golf Club
- **Thursday 8th December**—Gold Movie Day

**Prep Transition Days**

- **Thursday 3rd November** - 9:00 - 10:30
- **Thursday 17th November** - 9:00 - 10:30
Presents Our
Annual Cent Sale

Saturday 29th October
Doors open 12 Noon, Start 1.00 pm
CWA Hall – Next to Stock Exchange Arcade
Mosman St, Charters Towers

Join us for your chance
to WIN:
- Lucky Door Prize
- 100 Fantastic Cent Sale Prizes
- Raffle and Jackpot Prizes

Available for Purchase:
Tea, Coffee, Drinks,
Sweet & Savoury Finger foods

Furniture Court
Launch Zone
CueDee
Power eat fresh.
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