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 :)

2017 Leadership Application Process
Some of our current Year 5 students are busy preparing their speeches to be presented Friday 18th November. Students applying for School Captain positions will present their speech during parade next Friday. Students who are applying for a House Captain position will present their speech to the members in their house straight after Parade next Friday also. 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. Best of luck to all our applicants and please remember if you are not successful in receiving a position you are still a school leader and you will have the opportunity to be part of the Student Council.

Quality Teaching and Learning
Quality teaching and learning is the process we have been working on for the last 18 months in English. This includes releasing teachers to plan with Mrs Harris to gain clarity around what students need to know and be able to do in English. It also includes the learning being placed on the Learning Wall so students have the clarity around what students need to know and be able to do in English. Parents may have seen quality teaching and learning mentioned in the Charters Towers State High School newsletter. The work we have been doing in English will certainly be preparing our students in their transition to State High School as we have been on a similar journey. In 2017 I will be working closely with teachers around Quality Teaching and Learning and will be in some classes supporting the teaching to continue and refine our journey to support student learning in English.

Every Day Counts
Please remember it is so important for your child/children to be at school every day to ensure their learning is continued and they have the best chances to achieve at their potential. We are getting closer to the end of the year and students will be learning in class ever day including the last day of school. We thank parents for their support in getting your child/children to school every day.

Kind Regards
Belinda
End of Year Presentation Night

Preparations are well under way for our Awards Night which is held at the World Theatre on Wednesday 30th November starting at 5:30. Tickets which are $2.00 each are now available from the office. Tickets will also be available on the night. Teachers will send a note home in the near future if your child requires anything on the night.

Book Fair Dress Up

Theme—Australian
Friday 11th November
9:00 Parade
Prizes for the best dressed boy and girl from each grade.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL STUDENTS, PARENTS, STAFF AND LOCAL BUSINESSES WHO SUPPORTED OUR CENT SALE. IT WAS A VERY SUCCESSFUL DAY!
At the term and the year draws to an end, Year 1’s are finishing off their learning journeys before Christmas takes a hold. The students have been developing their technology skills through using a story app on the I pads. They have had fun, creating three-dimensional scenes, writing the story, taking photos and then enhancing their photos by using paint. Finally when they recorded their story, they included sound effects for the creatures and animals.

Julian – “I liked it when I had to put the turtle in the night scene and the way I made the animals stand up.”

Darcy – “I enjoyed using paint on the photo and adding details”

The sound and light discovery then flowed over into our science. Students learnt about how we use sound and light everyday and then used this knowledge to again retell a short cultural story, again with sound effects but also coloured shadows. They enjoyed presenting these to the grandparents.

Logan, - “I enjoyed making coloured shadows with the torches and different sound effects with the instruments.”

Harry – “I liked using the drum and triangle to make the sounds for the story.”

Currently the students are climbing onto the story chair and presenting their retells of a cultural story. To add to the atmosphere, they project a painting of their story on the big screen, while the audience enjoys popcorn.

Juliette – “I liked the colours that I used for the painting and taking the pictures was fun.”

Gaige – “I was a bit worried about talking in front of the class but I thought I read well. I liked doing the painting with detail.”

Finally in Geography they are learning about how to care for a local environment. Our focus is on the Great Barrier Reef. The students have a good knowledge of the natural animal features of the reef, thanks to “Nemo” and are building their knowledge of the climate features. The goal is for them to make a poster to save the reef.

Finally thanks for having me this year as your child’s year 1 teacher and all the best for 2017.

Kind regards
Carolyn
We are now officially over halfway through Term 4 – where has this year gone? It is extremely hard to believe that the school year is coming to a close. It is not over yet though so I encourage all students to continue with their hard work as well as wonderful effort, attitude and behaviour that I have seen throughout the year so far.

We have been busy all year working on improving our knowledge and skills in all curriculum areas. It is so great to see some of the amazing progress that all students have made over the year! All of the hard work they have put into their learning and behaviour choices has definitely paid off and is very clear to see. It is wonderful to look and think back to the start of the year and see how far they have come! I’m so proud of all of the work and effort that has been produced by my students this year – and I’m so thankful and honoured to have been able to spend this year learning together with them.

Below is a brief overview of the topics that have been covered over this term in 4/5C. Please continue to have conversations with your children around these topics as the knowledge and skills they have learnt can continue to be reinforced and transferred into real-life situations.

Year 4 + Year 5

- **English** – reading, analysing and presenting poetry
- **Drama** – creating and performing Dance Maps

Year 4

- **Maths** – decimals and problem solving skills and more;
- **Science** – forces acting on objects;
- **Geography** – waste management in the local area;

Year 5

- **Maths** – problem solving including +, -, x, ÷ and more;
- **Science** – light including characteristics and reflection;
- **Geography** – natural disasters in the local area

Following are a few date claimers for the next couple of weeks:

1. **REMINDER: NO SWIMMING NEXT WEEK (Week 7)**
2. Religious Education (RE) Concert is on **Monday 28th November (Week 9)** in the MPA.
3. End of Year Concert is on **Wednesday 30th November (Week 9)** at the World Theatre.

Last day of the term (and school year) is on **Friday 9th December (Week 10)**.

**NOTE:** If anyone has spare black or pink jackets, it would be greatly appreciated if 4/5C could borrow these for our End of Year Concert Item. Please send any jackets you have in (make sure they are labelled) with your children or drop them to my room. We would be forever grateful! Thank you in advance!

As this is my final newsletter item, I would like to thank everyone for their help and support this year. It has been great to come to work each day to students who have worked so hard and helped to create such an enjoyable classroom learning environment. It has been an absolute pleasure teaching 4/5C in 2016. I wish my students all the best for the coming year as they all move into the next step of their educational journey. Good luck for 2017!

Best wishes for the Festive Season and I wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

Stephanie Curran

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**Flippa Ball**

Flippa Ball starts tomorrow and all student who received notes need to have them into the office with $12.00 on Friday 11th November by 9:00am please.

Great sport for this weather so get your notes in!!!
Our Interhouse Swimming Carnival was held on Tuesday 18th October and it was fantastic to see so many of our students attend. We had competitive races for the 9-12 year olds and some great novelty races and relays with our Preps, Grade 1’s, 2’s and 3’s. The weather was absolutely perfect and the staff and students all enjoyed their day. Great sportsmanship was displayed throughout the carnival and it was a closely contested battle in some of our age groups and between the 3 sports houses. Congratulations to our 2016 age champions:

- **9 years** - Baeden H and Georgie V
- **10 years** - Lauchlan B and Emily-Rose R
- **11 years** - Darby B and Ella D
- **12 years** - Liam B and Hayley O

Our 2016 winning house was FLINDERS. Coming in second was FLETCHER and 3rd was CAPE.

On Friday 4th November, we sent a small but energetic and amazing group of students to the town pool to participate in the Interschool Swimming Carnival. These group of 17 students displayed great sportsmanship and determination to have a go and try their very best. I am so proud of their attitudes towards the day and there were many comments about how fun the day was. Thanks to the parents who helped support our little team and to Mrs Newnham who made sure all students were ready for their races. Our senior boys 50m freestyle relay came away with a 2nd place. The team consisted of Liam B, Darby B, Reuben S and Lauchlan B. Our senior girls medley relay team came away with a 3rd place. Well done to Ella D, Grace M, Hayley O and Demi K. A special congratulations to Liam B and Ella D who were both the runner up in their age groups.

(Photos on next page)

This term, the students at Milly are participating in our Water Safety and Survival Program for their Physical Education lessons. Each class attend a 1 hour lesson at the local pool for 6 weeks. The program focusses on safe entries and exits, sculling and body orientation, movement and safety swimming strokes, survival and PFD skills, underwater skills, endurance, water confidence and rescue skills. It is essential for children to feel safe in and around all types of water, so it has been great to see most of our Milly students participating in this program. We would also like to thank our great swimming teachers at the pool who are helping me deliver our water safety and survival program. Bec and Dylan have worked hard with our Milly students and are really enjoying seeing the kids progress each week.

Just a reminder that there is NO SWIMMING lessons next week (Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th) as I am off to Melbourne with the QLD girls softball team. Lessons will recommence in week 8 and then finish in week 9. Students in grades 3 – 6 (including 2/3RG) will need to bring extra clothes (long pants and shirts like pyjamas) to swim in and complete the last of their assessment.

Thanks to the all the students at Milly who always have a go and try their hardest in their HPE lessons. It is great to see the progress throughout the year. Have a great holiday and make sure you keep moving! See you on the sporting field next year.

Mrs Miller
This week we farewelled Miss Donna who was very much loved by the students. The Milly community will miss her greatly. We wish Miss Donna all the best at her new job.
What’s still to come in Term 4

- **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
- **Friday 9th December**—Term 4 Ends

**Prep Transition Day**
- **Thursday 17th November** - 9:00 - 10:30
  - All Welcome

**Milly Playgroup**
- **Thursday 9-10:30**
  - Gold coin donation