COMING EVENTS

- Year 6 High school Transition Days—28th & 29th December
- End of year Presentation Night Wednesday 30th Dec—5:30 start

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I am safe
I am a learner

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Term 4 Week 8– 24th November 2016

Principal’s Message

How we are staffed?
We have been working on our allocation of classes for 2017. As a school we are purely staffed on the total number of students across the school. At the beginning of 2017 we have predicted to start with 7 classes and this is based on a predicted number of total students. If you know you are leaving at the end of this year we would appreciate you letting the office know so we can plan our classes for 2017. On the 8th day of each year the Department collect our total enrolment numbers and confirm how many Teachers we will have for the year. Therefore changes in classes and teachers can occur after Day 8. We understand this can be disruptive for students and is not the ideal way to begin a year, but this is the reality for all State Schools and we do the best to plan for future changes.

How do we determine classes?
Deciding on class make ups can be difficult because we are only allowed to have a maximum of 25 students in a Prep - Year 3 class and 28 students in a Year 4 - Year 6 class. The hard part is when we may have a small number of students over the “magical number” for a year level and this is when we need to create multi-age classes. Multi-age classes are very dynamic and positive learning environments. At Millchester we have had multi-age classes for many years and this is our norm. We have tailored the curriculum for multi-age classes and also considered what students learn so they are not repeating content across year levels.

How do we organise students into classes?
When organising students into classes we try to share student abilities and needs across the classes available for a year level. At times this has not been possible if there is only one class for that year level. We also do our best to place students with a friend so they have someone they can share their learning journey with.

Transition Day
Students will find out which class and teacher they will begin 2017 with on Friday 2nd December when we have our transition morning. Students will spend this morning with their new teacher so relationships can begin to be developed. We found the transition morning to be a positive experience for students and teachers in 2015, so it is being continued. Once again remember our staffing allocation is confirmed from Day 8 numbers and changes may occur after this point.

Due to the reduced number of classes two teachers, Mrs Watt and Mrs Rose, have volunteered to be a District Relief Teacher for 2017. These teachers are still a part of the Millchester staffing and will certainly be back on a class if staffing allocations increase.

Kind Regards
Belinda

End of year Presentation Night
Wednesday 30th November
5:30 at the World Theatre
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.

Thank you to everyone who has dropped off their aluminium cans for recycling this year. Next week will be our final week so please no more until we start again in 2017. We are happy to announce we have raised $243.35.

Millchester Uniform Shop
End of Year Sale Limited Time Only

Orders must be placed at the Office with payment no later than Monday 5th December.

The Uniform shop will open on Monday 5th Dec from 9am–11am. Orders will be filed and sent home with your child OR can be collected during opening time on this day, Monday (Last week of Term)

General Price List will resume after this date.

Millchester Uniform Shop
End of Year Sale Limited Time Only

$27 Now $20
# Shirt Sizes 16A,18A,20A Only

$35 Now $30
∩ Until Sold Out

$20 Now $15
School Bags $45

Check out the Christmas Raffle! Isn’t it a beauty? A monster thank you for all the fabulous donations! This stocking is surely going to make some lucky family very happy this festive season.

Please send in your sold raffle tickets with money by Wednesday 30th November as the raffle will be drawn during the presentation night at the World Theatre.

School Banking

This week was our last week of school banking.

A HUGE thank you to Mrs Rigby who has collected and banked students savings all year.
News from Year 2R

It is hard to believe that this is week 8 of Term 4. It only seems like a few weeks ago that these little children struggled into the Year 2 classroom with heavy backpacks of books, tissues and pencils. This year we have travelled so far on our social, emotional and education journey. We have been working hard finishing off assessment items and are now looking very forward to some exciting events coming up in our school calendar. We have been practising our concert item, which the children need to wear their casual clothes for. We are eagerly anticipating our behaviour celebrations in Week 10.

While the end of the year is almost upon us and I am looking forward to the holidays I am also feeling a bit sad. I have had a wonderful year working with all children in Year 2. They are a wonderful group and I will miss them enormously. I am very proud of their hard work. I would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday. Enjoy the time you have with your lovely children and family.

Maths: In maths we have been comparing the masses of different objects in our lunch boxes and around the classroom. We used balance scales to compare the weight of these objects. We even weighed our smelly shoes (not a good idea straight after playtime). Can you guess who had the heaviest shoe in our classroom? It was Malcolm, his shoe was heavier than Mrs Reid’s shoe too.

Grandparents Day: What a roll up of lovely grandmothers, grandfathers and grandfriends we had in Year 2. Emma’s Pop entertained us with his guitar playing and singing of a few classic songs and we had a lovely sing-a-long. Then we hopped into small groups and made 3D shapes using spaghetti and jubes. What fun we had making these shapes and trying not to eat the jubes.

Technology: In Technology this semester the children had to design a decoration for a family event. They twisted, cut, folded, fringed and glued pieces of coloured paper together to make some amazing decorations for birthday parties, Christmas lunches and anniversary celebrations.

Getting Active: This term Year 2 have participated in some extra sporting activities. On these hot days we certainly look forward to swimming every Tuesday. We have also been lucky to have Jordon from the Cowboys came out and teach us some footy skills. The students have learned how to do the butterfly catch, the elephant pass and the chicken try.

Literacy: The children have enjoyed having Roald Dahl’s George’s Marvellous Medicine being read to them. They were amazed at how cranky George’s grandmother could be. The children had to write a procedure for a sandwich or pizza to give to George’s hungry Grandmother. Here are some of their delicious, appetising recipes.

Christopher’s Crunchy Spicy Sandwich-Made with 2 slices of stale, thick bread and the filling is made from slugs, worms, caterpillars and a grizzly toad.

Brooklyn’s Yukky, Stinky Sandwich-Made with 2 slices of stale bread and filling made of snails, super slimy caterpillars, tasty, hairy spiders and a squirt of tomato sauce.
As another year comes to an end, we have been reflecting on some of our favourite moments and the growth in all areas of our learning and school life. We have worked hard, developed as a team and helped one another to be the best people we can be.

For me, it has been another wonderful year working with an amazing group of students who strived to achieve their best, were keen to do assessment tasks to show what they had learnt and share the excitement when looking over their responses.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support this year in 4T. Congratulations is definitely in order for all of the students this year. They have overcome obstacles, improved their skills and strived to achieve their best in all areas of schooling.

Jane Turner

Here are a few of 4T’s favourite things about this year (of course camp has rated very high!).

Becky – My favourite thing about Year 4 was camp because we had lots of fun. I love Mrs Turner because she is the nicest teacher. This year we learnt lots of things in English, Maths and other subjects.

Georgie – My favourite things about Year 4 were camp, dance and art.

Brock – What I liked about Year 4 – the camp, it was fun we got to feed birds and have fun. I loved learning all the new work this year. Mrs Turner was nice, great and wonderful.

Kiesha – I loved the night walk on camp because I liked it when we had to find Dan. This year I enjoyed having to make new friends and I found a best friend who spends lots of time with me. I liked dance because we got to make new dance moves and had lots of fun dancing with people in our group.

Sam – My favourite things about Year 4 were camp, art and hands on Science. I liked camp because it was really fun when we went on night walks and in the mornings. We also saw the leaf-tailed gecko. With art I did really well and hands on Science was really fun.

Bradley – My three favourite things about Year 4 are camp, friends and a great teacher.

Demi – My favourite things about Year 4 were Mrs Turner, maths activities and spending time with 4T.

Lauchlan – My favourite things about Year 4 were camp, the chocolate drive, the learning, Mrs Turner, dance and the teacher aides.

Sharni – I loved camp and my favourite thing was the glowing fungi on the leaves and sticks. I also loved great friends and a teacher who helped us.

Clayton – My favourite things about Year 4 were maths games and I loved the way we helped each other. This year I especially liked the way Mrs Turner helped us.

Baeden – My favourite things about Year 4 were going on camp at Paluma, learning more things and the best thing was spending time with Mrs Turner.

Monica – My favourite things about Year 4 were camp because it was super fun, swimming because my team won and Mrs Turner.

Ashlyn – My favourite things about Year 4 were camp, dance and most of all working with Mrs Turner.

Chase – My favourite things were camp, seeing Mrs Turner every day and cool creative activities.

Milly – I loved camp, art and dance this year.

Emily-Rose – My favourite things about Year 4 were camp, Mrs Turner and dance. I loved the activities at camp. This year was the best.

Adam – My favourite things were camp, swimming and the chocolate fundraising for camp.

Riley – My favourite things about Year 4 were camp, swimming and Mrs Turner.
**Instrumental Music**

The last five years of Instrumental Music at Millchester has produced some of Charters Towers most amazingly talented musicians who continue to go above and beyond. A quick snapshot of 2016:

In 2016, our students combined forces with Richmond Hill to compete at the state wide FANFARE celebration, to come home with GOLD. They also won Best Primary School Band in North QLD for the 2nd time. This is an amazing achievement!

In 2016, we had four students complete AMEB exams, Brianna H Preliminary Clarinet (Honours), Grace M Preliminary Piano (Honours), Liam B Grade One Euphonium (Honours), Ella D Grade Two Tenor Saxophone (High Distinction).

In 2016, Ella D represented Millchester at the State Honours Ensemble Program SHEP in Townsville. The only state primary school student from Charters Towers. In 2017, her brother and former student of Millchester SS Jordan Dietrich will be auditioning for the SHEP QLD program held in Brisbane, and will be the first student in CT to represent our school and community down there.

In 2016, we were well represented at the CT Eisteddfod winning Golds, Silver and Bronze awards.

In 2016, our grade 4 beginning Instrumental Music students went on the first Beginner Camp at Wambianna Station, 3 days of fun filled music and games.

From my original cohort of 2012, it has been amazing to watch these students turn into fine young adults/musicians. Although many of them have gone separate ways, they will always hold a strong place in my heart and will continue to do Millchester SS proud. It has been an honour working here and as I make my transition into the Brisbane schooling world, I want to thank everyone that has made my time here wonderful. Wednesday mornings will never be the same 😊

Haddon Mossley

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**Music Memories**

After two years of teaching music at Milly, I am very pleased with the knowledge and musical ability of many of our students. This term we have done lots of singing and performing with a fair few listening exercises thrown in - those students who have tried their hardest have done really well and shown lots of improvement.

Now that assessment is finished we are consolidating our knowledge and doing even more singing, game playing, composing and recorder playing. On Tuesday of Week 8, the older classes each composed a short tune which we then started playing on our recorders or the school glockenspiels. I was very impressed with the Year 6 class who composed a tune as a class and were able to play it - all in a half hour lesson! Year 4T also did a great job of their class composition, which we will be playing for Mrs Turner after Week 9 lesson. 😊

In 2017, I am hoping to get interest from students regarding a small recorder ensemble. Some of our students are producing a really lovely sound - and yes, they are playing recorders! It would be great to give them the opportunity to develop their interest more than can be done during classroom music time.

Finally, a huge congratulations to all students who have had a go at everything in Music during 2016 - your results will show this. I am looking forward to working more with your children during 2017 and developing their ability (and hopefully their love) in music even more.

Have a very happy Christmas with your family and a refreshing holiday.

Regards,

Robyn Dietrich
Thank you to all our Grandparents who travelled near and far to help our children celebrate ‘GRANDPARENT’S DAY’
Thank you to all our teachers who do a wonderful job each and every day!
You are all awesome!!!
What’s still to come in Term 4

- **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
- **Wednesday 7th December**—Gold Movie Day
- **Thursday 8th December**—Behaviour Rewards Day
- **Friday 9th December**—Term 4 Ends

Santa’s Helper visits Milly Playgroup
Gold Behaviour Rewards Movie Day!

Wednesday 7th December
Permission notes go home tomorrow

Bronze and Silver Behaviour Rewards Day
Thursday 8th December
Activities at school

Year 6 Graduation Dinner
Monday 5th December
Venue– Golf Club

For sale by Tender
HT 75—2010 model Pole Saw
(similar to picture)
Reserve of $300.00
Tenders close Friday 2nd December
Successful tender will be notified Monday 5th December.

Last Day for Term 4 2016 Friday 9th