Dear Parents, Families and Community Members,

This fortnight, I have enjoyed visiting the high school to see our Year Five and Year Six students on their transition days. High school transition is such an important process for supporting students in having a successful move to high school. We thank the high school for offering these opportunities to our students. We now look forward to working towards our Prep transition days in Term Four.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a safe and relaxing holiday break and thank you for your warm welcomes and support since my arrival at Millchester. I look forward to welcoming our students back on Tuesday 3rd October, 2017.

Parade Time Change
We thank our parents for supporting the change of parade to prioritise learning time at Millchester. Thank you to parents who have provided feedback for ways we can continue to improve our parade.

Teacher Aide and Support Staff Celebrations
Last week, we celebrated Teacher Aide and Support Staff Week at Millchester. The support our Teacher Aides give our students and teachers each day is greatly appreciated. Our grounds are incredibly well presented and our administration officers work with our staff each day to support our students and their learning. These special staff members received awards on parade and had a special, teacher-baked, morning tea last Thursday. From all of us at Millchester—Thank you for all that you do each day!

Parent Teacher Interviews
Last Wednesday we welcomed parents into the school for Parent Teacher Interviews. These interviews are a valuable way of touching base to discuss student progress to date. Thank you to parents for taking the time to touch base with teachers during these times to discuss their children’s learning and progress. Working together we are stronger.

Prep Open Afternoon
Last Saturday, many of our 2018 Prep families joined us for our Prep Open Afternoon at the school. Thank you to families for attending. We look forward to our Prep Transition!
**Weekly Parade**

**CHANGE OF DAY AND TIME**

**Thursdays**

2.30—3.00pm

**Making a Payment?**

**BPOINT** is our preferred method of payment as it saves us administration time in following up payments. Please try BPOINT for your next school invoice.


**If your child will be absent or late...**

Please call the school and leave a message if your child will be absent from school on the **School Absence Line** 4754 6660. School Administration will follow up absences from 9.30am each day.

**P & C Meetings**

3rd Tuesday of the month

**Contact:** 0409724625

**President:** Kelli Pukallas

**Playgroup**

**Thursdays**

9.00 – 10.30am

**Coordinator:** Mary Moxham

**Breakfast Club**

**Each morning**

8.00 – 8.30am

**Tuckshop**

**Monday, Wednesday & Friday**

**School Banking**

**Wednesdays**

**Coordinator:** Mrs Rigby

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**Afternoon Pick Up**

Keeping students safe during afternoon pick up time is our number one priority. Gates will be supervised by a staff member until 3.15pm. At this time, any students who are still present will be walked to the office and able to be picked up from there. Thank you for your support in ensuring students are picked up by 3.15pm each day from the school gates.

**P & C Meetings**

Last Tuesday, I attended our monthly P&C Meeting. These meetings are a great way to stay informed about the great things that are happening at the school. At each meeting, I present a principal’s report that outlines any processes or changes that are taking place in the school and seek support from the P&C, as the parent representative body, for decisions that are being made to positively impact on the learning for our students. At last week’s meeting, I discussed changes to our behaviour process and positive behaviour rewards for 2018. Please come along and join us for the next meeting on Tuesday 3rd October at 5.30pm.

**School Uniforms and School Hats**

Thank you to parents and carers who are ensuring that their children wear their school uniform and school hat each day. Remember that shirts and hats can be purchased at the School Office. We look great in our uniforms! Thank you for your support in this matter.

**Home Reading Rewards**

At Millchester State School, we prioritise reading. To encourage students to participate in nightly Home Reading, we will be rewarding students with ‘Icy Pole Friday’. If students read aloud and home reading sheets are **signed off by Parents** four nights per week, your child will be able to have an icy pole each Friday as a reward. It is great to see so many students working hard to achieve this reward each week. Keep up the great work team!

**Attendance—Making Every Day Count**

Every day at Millchester is a day of learning. Each day we work with our ‘Teach with a Literacy Focus’ towards our assessment tasks. It is difficult for students who miss days to catch up on the learning and assessment that they have missed. This puts students behind in their learning and understanding.

Students who are late also miss key learning time at the beginning of each day. We want to make sure every child is succeeding each day. Please help us make ‘every day count’ by ensuring your child is at school, on time, each day.

**Circus Skill Workshop**

Last week students took part in a Flipside Circus Skills workshop here at the school. Due to the short timelines, we were unable to offer this program to more students; however, feedback was very positive and students got to participate in some exciting activities.

**End of Year Presentation Night**

A date claimer for our end of year Presentation Night. This year it will be held at the High School Hall on 29th November. As the high school is generously providing the hall at no cost, there will be no cost to families this year. We will begin at 6.00pm with presentations. All students are required to wear full school uniform for the Presentation section of the night. We will then move into our concert performances and end with a whole school performance. It is predicted that the night will end at 8.00pm.

**Year Six Graduation**

A date has been set for our Year Six Graduation. This year it will be held at the Golf Club on Monday 4th December at 6.00pm. We look forward to celebrating the year that was with our graduands.

**Grandparents Day**

To celebrate these special people in our lives, we will be celebrating Grandparents Day on Friday 27th October from 10.00—11.00am followed by a morning tea.

**R U OK Day**

Tomorrow we will be wearing black and yellow to recognise R U OK Day. We have been focussing on this as a social skill for this week—caring for others, checking in on others and making sure others are ‘okay’.

**Investment in Reading Resources**

To support reading in our great school, we are starting an ordering process for reading resources that will be a substantial investment from the school and generous co-contribution from the P&C.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me regarding any questions, issues or concerns.

Yours in Education, Kendall Seccombe
Warm greetings from 4B! It’s hard to believe that we are almost finished Term 3, it has been a jam packed journey as we now head towards Year 5. Each student has been encouraged to take ownership of their learning and be in charge of monitoring and regulating their workload, preparing for the demands of Year 5, with most students rising to the challenge successfully!

We have been working like troopers on many subjects this term. Our favourite subject has been Science. We have been looking at forces – both contact and non-contact, and their effect on how objects move. We have been able to participate in 60 Second Slam games and investigate the science behind the game.

We have studied Magnetic and Gravitational forces, Push and Pull and Friction. We are now going to design our own game, using the scientific skills we have acquired, to create a fantastic 60 Second Slam challenge for our classmates to try! We love hands on Science in 4B!

Regards,
Peta

What I Love about My School

Each fortnight, I like to ask students why they think Millchester is such a great school. Here are some of their responses:

I love learning lots of new stuff especially maths. Serrena

It’s fun like maths. Connor

Using the computers and going to the library to borrow new books. Harry

I love learning about maths and doing PE. Billy-Joe

I love having class parties to celebrate our learning. Monica

I love free time and learning about new thing I don’t know. Mia

Swimming Timetable

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WOW, what a busy term in sport we have had.

INTERSCHOOL SPORT- Let’s go right back to the beginning of the term when we started our cricket and softball season. The Milly cricket and softball team trained hard over the term and I am pleased to say displayed fantastic sportsmanship and dedication during each of their games.

During the cricket season, the boys had 2 wins and 2 losses. Our softball girls worked hard during each game but were unable to win any games. They had some close calls and I know they will be ready to train hard to win some games next year.

CHARTERS TOWERS REPRESENTATIVES- Last term the district softball team was selected and we had Grace M and Freya W make the team. They travelled to Proserpine this term to compete in the Northern Trials. Both girls represented Charters Towers strongly and had some great games over the two days.

Brandon K was successful in making the Charters Towers Cricket team and he travelled to Townsville to compete over two days at the Northern Trials. Although the team didn’t win a game, Brandon said he gained some valuable experience and enjoyed playing over the two days with the other boys in the team.

We had some students selected in the Charters Towers Athletics team who travelled to Townsville to compete at the “Red Track” in the Northern Trials. Congratulations to Ainsley T, Meia K, Summer T, Amy H, Kiesha N and Chase G who all attended the trials and represented Charters Towers in their athletics events.

SWIMMING- Next term sees the start of our Water Safety and Survival Program. Students will participate in a one hour lesson at the pool which will see them involved in many activities to help them develop their “survival” skills. At times, students in grades 3 – 6 will be required to bring extra clothes to swim in. Old winter PJ’s or older long sleeve shirts and pants are the best things to bring along. This is part of their program and will be required so they can practise before their assessment towards the end of the term. Swimming starts in week 2 and during this lesson, I will go over the rules and procedures while at the pool, do some assessing of your children to ensure they are working in the correct group and revising race start dives and swimming strokes so that they can then decide what events they would like to enter for our Interhouse Swimming Carnival. My junior classes will work on beginner pool entry and exits, familiarising themselves with being in water, rules and safety and we will go through some of the novelty races we will be having at our swimming carnival. SWIMMING CARNIVAL- Our Interhouse Swimming Carnival is scheduled for week 3, Tuesday 17th October.

All students will be able to attend. There will be the competitive events for those children looking at competing in the Interschool Swimming Carnival later in Term 4. These events will be all the strokes over 50m. Those that are a little unsure but would still like to give it a go can try our 25m events. (Just a reminder that if students nominate for all the 50m races, they cannot compete in the 25m races and vice versa.) And, of course we have our novelty events for all other students, including our Preps, Grade 1’s and 2’s. We will be using the 50m and wading pool for these events. This is always a fantastic experience and it really shows how caring our Milly students are as my “big kids” help out in the 50m pool with our junior novelty races.

I hope you all enjoy your holidays. Stay safe, keep active and I look forward to seeing all the Milly students at the pool next term.

Miss M

Our Improvement Priority for 2017 Teach with a Literacy Focus—What is it?

Students knowing what they are learning and knowing what they need to do to succeed in assessment tasks.

Opportunities for students to repeatedly rehearse and practise the skills needed for the assessment tasks.

Classes with learning walls showing learning intentions, success criteria, exemplars of assessment tasks and samples leading up to the final task.

Our New Millchester SS Facebook Page

Follow our new Millchester State School Facebook Page.

https://www.facebook.com/MillchesterSS/

This page is a showcase of the great things that are happening at our school.

Please remember that this is not an avenue for parent communication, but a celebration of our great school. Please come into the school if you have any questions, queries or concerns rather than post on our new page.
Music Moments in Term 3

This term has seen students in the upper school developing their aural skills (listening skills) and preparing for their composing and performing in Term 4. Over the term it has been great to see students improving each week.

In the middle years (Years 2 to 4), students have also been learning to play tuned instruments with the Year 2s learning glockenspiel and Year 3s and 4s learning recorder. I have been very impressed with their dedication to this and it has been great to hear the 3s and 4s actually playing short songs on their recorders.

The Year 1 students have shown an excellent grasp of the basics of composition with all students able to create their own 4-beat rhythms. They’ve also had fun learning songs in other languages including “Twinkle, Twinkle” in Japanese and “Heads, shoulders, knees and toes” in Chinese (this is very difficult and probably not great pronunciation but VERY fun).

The Preppies have developed a solid understanding of beat, soft and loud, fast and slow and have just been introduced to rhythm and ta and titi - and were fantastic!

Next term, along with continuing to develop their aural skills the focus will be on performance with all classes learning some new songs to sing and play.

Have a wonderful holiday and see you in Term 4.

Regards,
Robyn Dietrich
(Music Teacher)
**Notices**

**We hope you have a safe and enjoyable break. We look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 3rd October.**

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**Reminder**

Swimming begins Week 2 of Term 4. Notes and money must be received by office for your child/children to attend.

Thank you

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**Drop off Zone—This is NOT a parking area.** This zone is provided to parents who want to drop their children and go. Drivers who use this area need to drive through to the end of the zone, ensure your children enter/exit your vehicle in a timely manner (there is a 1 minute limit). Using this area as it was provided for gives all drivers the opportunity to utilise this zone correctly. There is ample parking provided if you need to stay longer.

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**Parade**

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**Congratulations**