Principal's Message:

Planning Days

Over the last two weeks Mr Georgee and I have been supporting teachers to plan the next English Unit. Teachers have been released for a whole day to collaborate in teams to gain clarity about the unit and know the reading and writing demands for students to achieve an 'A', 'B' or 'C'. It takes 4 days to get through all the teachers to support them in their planning. This may be a reason I am not present for some events i.e. Cross Country.

Teachers find the planning days very beneficial as you can see from the quotes teachers have given:

"Very productive! It definitely gives a clear focus on what needs to be taught. You can see where everything fits." "Good to have the same unit so I can bounce ideas off my colleagues. It (planning) gives us the nuts and bolts of the unit." "I feel I know more each time we do it (planning). Each time I am more confident about planning and teaching." "It is helpful to have the time to plan and get your head around the unit. I am torn because I want to help my students with assessment for their current unit."

Cross Country

What a great event!!! We were lucky the weather was on our side by having some cloud cover to keep the temperature down. Mrs Miller works at Charters Towers Central State School on Wednesday mornings so we were unable to start this event any earlier. Congratulations to all the students for participating, having fun and encouraging their friends. Thank you to Mrs M for organising the day and marking the track before school. Good luck to all the students participating in the Interschool Cross Country Thursday 4th May at Columba, Mount Carmel campus.
What an excited group of play groupers we had today when a very large Hungry Caterpillar arrived! Past parent of 3 boys Mrs Joan Adeville kindly made and donated this huge Caterpillar for all children of Milly to enjoy. We would like to thank Mrs Adeville for her generous and much loved donation.

Our 5 year and 6 year old events are for fun and participation. We only give participation ribbons to the Prep students to encourage them to participate as it is their first official school event. Students have the opportunity to earn a place ribbons when they compete in the 7 year old cross country event.

Anzac Day

Thank you to all the students and families for supporting Milly in the Anzac Day Dawn Service and March. The students represented Millchester with pride and displayed fantastic behaviour and respect throughout each event. We all looked so good in our red and black during the march. Congratulations also to our student leaders for running our school Anzac Day parade. This is not an easy task because of protocols that need to be followed. You all did very well and were great role models for our school.

Kind regards
Belinda
Unexplained Absences

The department has implemented same day notifications advising parents/carers when a child has an unexplained absence from school.

Millchester State School Admin will make phone calls at 9:30am every day. If a message is not able to be left when contacting parents/carers, we will go through the emergency contact list until notification can be made. This is a timely reminder, if your child is absent with a reasonable absence, can you please call the absence line on 47546660

Parent and Community Involvement at School

Our school values and welcomes having parents, family members and the community here in the school. We work hard at school to maintain a safe and supportive learning environment for all students and ask all members of our school community to support us in this. Please be advised all Millchester community members are not able to approach students other than their own children to discuss issues. The appropriate channel of communication is through your child/children’s classroom teacher first or reporting an issue to the office. This ensures no further tension is created between students and families. We appreciate your support in providing a safe and supportive environment.

Below are a set of ways that parents, family members and community members can model respectful behaviour to your child/children as suggested by the department:

- Encourage and model positive interaction
- Discuss and demonstrate ways to show respect
- Discuss what it means to be safe and who can help keep us safe
- Help children interpret their emotional responses
- Model and encourage empathy, acceptance and tolerance of difference
- Encourage skills in good communication
- Discuss conflict resolution
- Discuss and practise coping strategies
- Explore and celebrate your own and others’ cultures
- Explore different family structures
- Discuss and model safe and ethical online and social media interactions
- Identify and celebrate when your child has behaved respectfully.
- Encourage young people to support and care for others

1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching

Parent Course

Run by Ann Christiansen—Guidance Office

A three-session program for parents and carers at Millchester State School on Monday 8th, 22nd and 29th May at 9-11am.
What's Happening in Term 2

- Touch Football begins—Friday 28th April
- Country Music Parade—Friday 28th April
- May Day Holiday—Monday 1st May
- Interschool Cross Country—Thursday 4th May
- Touch Football—Friday 5th May
- NAPLAN—Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th May
- Trash Test Dummies—Friday 12th May—$10 a student—notes out next week
- Touch Football—Friday 12th May
- Charters Towers Softball Trials—Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th May
- Touch Football—Friday 19th May
- The Magical World of Crazy Science—Monday 22nd May
- Bookfair—Monday 22nd—Friday 26th May
- Touch Football Gala Day—Friday 26th May
- 4/5 Camp Paluma Camp—Wednesday 7th—Friday 9th June
- Athletics Day—Monday 19th June & Tuesday 20th June
- Behaviour Day Celebrations
- Last Day Term 2—Friday 23rd June
- First Day Term 3—Monday 10th July
Hello everyone and welcome back to Term 2. What a start to the term it has been? With all of the public holidays and major community events it has been hard to know what is happening at times. Our class will be happy to settle back into the old routines from next week as we prepare for the final round of assessment before Semester 1 reporting.

Students have just this week finalised their Unit 2 English Task around writing a new chapter for 'The Twits'. It has been really pleasing to see students really stepping up to the plate with their writing with students getting great reward for their efforts. We have started our History unit this fortnight as well with Year 3's working on community celebrations and commemorations while the Year 4's are studying the convicts from the First Fleet.

Mrs Rose has started working on the new Science unit which will tie nicely in with the Year 4 Camp to Palmuma coming up at the end of the term. This camp will be a great learning experience for all of our Year 4's. Many thanks to Miss Curran and Mrs Berney for their continued efforts in organising the camp.

Art continues to be a wonderful experience for our students. This term students will be working with clay in Maths to create a toy which uses 3D shapes as the basic building blocks. This task will also form a part of our technology unit.

We wish everyone a great term and look forward to seeing everyone over the term. Please feel free to call in and catch up with us.

Mr Georgee & Mrs Rose

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**Jumble Sale**

Millchester State School MPA

9:00am

Saturday 29th April

Books, bric a brac, toys, clothes, dvd’s
Country Music Parade

Thank you Central P&C for judging
Cross Country Age Champions

9 yrs—Amy H & Cooper T
10yrs—Ainslie T & Beau B
11yrs—Lauchlan B & Demi K
12yrs—Grace M & Brandon K
School Banking.

Mrs Rigby has once again volunteered to be our school banker. Filled in bank books are picked up each Wednesday by Mrs Rigby and returned on a Thursday.

MILLY PLAYGROUP

Each Thursday—9am – 10.30am.

Please bring along a gold coin donation, morning tea and a hat for your child/children.

Gold coin donation

Road rules around schools

Drop off and pick up times are always a busy time around school. Please obey all roads rules to ensure all our students are not at risk. The speed limit, crossing supervisors and drop off zones are there to ensure this, so please consider this as you drop/pick up your children each day.

Speed limit—40 km’s an hour

Crossing Supervisors—8:00am – 8:55am—2:55pm – 3:25pm

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.