Dear Parents, Families and Community Members,

I spent last Wednesday night and Saturday at the Eisteddfod scribing and was lucky enough to see some of the great talent in our town. We have had a lot to celebrate this fortnight, with many of our students returning from Eisteddfod and our Interschool Athletics with awards. Whether our students received placings or not, they are all ‘Have-a-Go Heroes’ to us and we are very proud of their efforts and commitment.

Parade Time Change
At Millchester State School we have made a decision to prioritise our morning learning time when students are well rested and refreshed at the start of the day. For this reason, we are trialling a change of Parade time to Thursday 2.30—3.00pm. This will allow our classes a fifth day of reading groups, as well as incorporating more teacher aide time into classes on a Friday morning. We will be assessing the positives and negatives of this change over the next term. We thank parents for supporting the prioritising of prime learning time by supporting this trial. We encourage parents to come for pick up 30 minutes early and join us for parade each Thursday afternoon before taking your children home at 3.00pm.

Second Step at Millchester
Second Step is our social-emotional program that we run each day to teach children problem solving skills involving emotions, feelings and self-regulation of behaviour. It was great to sit in two Second Step lessons last week and hear student discussions around ‘what they would do’ and ‘how they would feel’. It is important to support our students in their emotional and social journeys. Have a look for our posters as you walk around the school.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Next week on Wednesday 6th September, we are holding our Parent Teacher Interviews. These interviews are a valuable way of touching base to discuss student progress to date. Any questions and concerns can be addressed during this time. We look forward to seeing you all next Wednesday.
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

High School Transition

In Weeks 9 and 10 we have our high school transition days. Mr Copelin has visited our school to discuss transition and notes have been sent home to families. Transition is a valuable process for our students and one we look forward to supporting. In Week 9, the Year Five students will be spending the day at the high school and in Week 10, our Year Six students will be spending their transition day at the high school. Students are to meet teachers at the High School hall. A sausage sizzle will be provided for lunch. We look forward to hearing from students about their transition experiences.

Interschool Athletics

What a day! What a stack of ribbons! What sportsmanship! Congratulations to all of our students for their sportsmanship and effort at this year's carnival. Congratulations to our students who won events and ribbons on the day. The success of the day reflected the effort and time put in by Mrs Miller in organising this event. We appreciate her efforts!

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. This reward system will begin next week with our first Icy Pole Friday on Friday 1st September.

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.

Student Leader Lunch

Last week, I held a lunch for our Year Six Leaders to discuss issues that are important to them and our student body. I look forward to meeting with our leaders each term to continue to seek their feedback on issues around our school.

Charters Towers Community Day 27th August

Last Sunday I joined our staff and students in showcasing our great school at Charter Towers Community Day. Students made us proud, arriving in school uniform and sharing their learning with the community. It is great to see students so excited about their learning. We distributed our flash new Millchester State School Water Bottles and brochures to members of the community. We are looking forward to this event again next year.

Prep Open Afternoon

On Saturday 2nd September from 3.00—4.00pm, prospective Prep 2018 Parents are invited to come and join Mrs Brumby, Mrs Moxham and myself in the Prep room for an introduction to the Millchester State School Prep Program for 2018. Come and see our classrooms, meet our teaching staff and join us for afternoon tea and a presentation about our school while your Prep children participate in a range of fun activities. Please register through the school office on 4754 6666.

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

Yours in Education,
Kendall Seccombe
Can you believe that another term of learning is almost over? Term 3 has been very busy in Year 2/3R with learning and assessment. The students have participated in many activities this term such as Eisteddfod, Interschool Sports Day, Science Fair, the Show and Community Day.

**English:**
The students have been working hard to write and publish their narratives using PowerPoint. Many hours were spent typing, editing and adding images to our stories about overcoming a fear. We have started working on our next unit of English which is about poetry and doing an oral presentation of our poems.

_Hank and Ruby type up their narratives._

**Maths:** This term we have covered many different concepts and topics. We looked at the place value of 3 and 4 digit numbers, calendars, time and money. We looked for numbers in newspapers and ordered these.

**Science Fair:** The children enjoyed the Science Fair and it was great to have parents participating in the experiments too. Here are some of their reflections.

Ethan: My favourite science experiment was when we turned milk into a coloured rainbow. We put milk into a bowl and added a few drops of food colouring around the edge. Then into the middle of bowl we added a couple of drops of food colouring. The detergent swirled though the milk and food colouring making a rainbow. What fun!

Kingston: My favourite science experiment was chromatography. This is where we put a dot of text onto the coffee filter paper and then placed the paper into a cup of water. The water travelled up the filter paper separating the texta into its colours. Did you know that black texta has blue, red and green in it?

Brooklyn: My favourite experiment at the Science Fair was making the sultanas dance. We placed some water and baking soda in a glass and then dropped in some sultanas. The bubbles attached themselves to the sultanas making them float to the top and then burst making the sultanas go back to the bottom of the cup.

We have two busy weeks of Term 3 to go. We are looking forward to our next holiday for a rest and recharge.

Happy and safe holidays to all.

*From the students of Year 2/3R and Judy Reid*

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_Happy Father’s Day from Playgroup_
Our Eisteddfod Stars

Congratulations to all students who performed at the Charters Towers Eisteddfod this year. Millchester students performed across a variety of different sections (Solo’s Duets and Groups). A special Congratulations to all the year 4 students who competed in the Solo sections. A special thank you to the parents as well, without your support, listening to students practice, bring students to early rehearsals and performances, and making sure that students have their instrument each week, events like this would not be possible.

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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.

Leaders co-planning, co-teaching, co-assessing and co-reflecting with teachers.

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.

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:

Playing outside and learning balancing on Fridays. *Jahmaica, Prep*

I love learning. If you come to school you get to learn. *Pippa, Year One*

I love working on my writing in class. *Logan, Year Two*

I like when we do art activities and work on Scratch. *Damian, Year Three*

I like how we get to do PE and move a lot. *Freya, Year Four*

That’s hard, there’s lots of things—teacher, teacher aides and learning. You always get help. *Lachlan, Year Five*

All the activities that we get to do in our class and around the school. *Dustin, Year Six*
More Eisteddfod News

Congratulations to all of the Millchester students who participated in the Charters Towers Eisteddfod this year! We had over 35 students submit entries for the Visual Arts competition and 9 students competed in the Verse Speaking sections.

It was a fantastic effort by everyone who was involved and a big thank you to all of the parents and caregivers who have supported their children to take part in the Eisteddfod. Special thanks to Mrs Tash Reed and Mrs Haines for giving up their time to help everyone to learn and practise their verses and Mrs West who encouraged our students on Eisteddfod day J

While all students did an amazing job, special mention needs to go to the children who placed in the Visual Arts section and all of the students who participated in Verse Speaking.

**Visual Arts**

*Highly Commended*

Amelia B – Painting
Scarlett W – Painting
Zoe-An Reed – Painting
Tyzarniah H – Colour Drawing

*Third Place*

Zoe-An R – Black and White Drawing
Emily-Rose R – Collage
Mia M – Photography
Lexi B – Colour Drawing

**Verse Speaking**

Nathaniel G – Yr 4, Nicholas B – Yr 4, Milly C – Yr 5, Kiesha N – Yr 5

Thank you!

Narelle Newnham

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**Our NQ Athletics Champions**

Well done to the following students who represented Milly at the NQ Athletic Trials in Townsville on Tuesday. We are very proud of your efforts on the day.

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**Notices**

**Millchester School**

**Prep Open Day**

Saturday 2nd September 2017
3:00 – 4:00

Come meet our wonderful Prep Teacher Mrs Brounby, Teacher aide Miss Mary & Principal Miss Seccombe.

**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.

**Crazy Hair Disco**—Tonight 6-7.30 see you there!!!

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**Parade**

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**Congratulations**