MILLAROO STATE SCHOOL

EVERY DAY COUNTS...because school helps children make friends and be happier.

MILLAROO IS A GREAT SCHOOL! - Principal Erin Alloway

Welcome to 2017!

Millaroo is excited to continue our improvement journey in 2017 to ensure every student is succeeding and feeling success. As always we commence the year with clear expectations of learning and behaviour and we thank you in advance for your support in these matters, as we prepare children to be responsible and contributing citizens of the future.

School Rules

Even though our Responsible Behaviour Plan is under review and MUST be completed this term we are NOT changing the 4 rules—MATCH RESPECT, MAKE RESPONSIBLE CHOICES, MANAGE MY SAFETY & MAINTAIN PRIDE. This gives a common language we can use in the playground before and after school and in the classroom and even applies itself to home life. It is with your support that children can grow with an understanding of a set of Values that allows us to interact & respond within the community in a socially acceptable manner.

Excursions

This year we will be trialling a ONE PERMISSION note to cover ALL excursions for the year. Your child will be bringing home a form for you to sign agreeing your child can attend each excursion this year. Details of each excursion will be sent home and only a NO note will be required to be returned if you do not wish your child to attend. It is an expectation that ALL children participate in the opportunities the school provides for your child.

Every little bit helps

As a school we receive small benefits when your child buys from BOOK CLUB or participates in Student banking. For book club it means the school earns points towards new books for the library or classroom resources. This means school money can be used elsewhere to benefit your child. Student banking may earn us a few cents, but it all adds up to allow the school to offer subsidized or NO COST to parents activities and more importantly reducing the adult child ratio in the classroom.

KINDY

We welcome any children who are 4 or turning 4 before the end of June to our Kindy days Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday in odd weeks and Wednesday & Thursday even weeks. This week Harris joined in for some learning fun with a special visitor Ella also checking out our the what will happen in Kindy next year for her at Millaroo school. We thank Miss T for volunteering to assist with Kindy kids this week.

Thank You

Once again I would like to thank the P&C members for all the help in preparing the school grounds and all the support this year in preparation for our big school camp at the commonwealth games in 2018. It looks exciting that we will be able to substantially subsidized the costs for attendees. Well done for such a small band of families. Updates, information and a commitment to attend will be sent home this term.

Cheers
Erin
A change in learning

These first few weeks we have been coming to the realisation that to quote Bob Dylan’, ‘Times are a-changing’. With one class EVERY day of the week the importance of time management, fast transitions, independent learning skills, co-operation and communication has become even more apparent than in the past. The biggest hurdle so far has been transition between when its Seniors time for teacher directed lessons, then move to Juniors teacher directed lessons and seniors now need to be independent with teacher aide supervision. This is a BIG learning curve as there is no time for a social chat and a casual transition onto the next task as the teacher has to start teaching the next grades. This is not saying that in previous years we were less crammed for time, it just that we could listen to a child’s story as we prepared for next subject. Now its constant teaching 6 year levels and preparing for another 3 whole year levels so NO chatting/breather is available. If you can support us at home with encouraging children to try hard to move from one task to another quickly and following all instructions would be FABULOUS.

Curriculum focus

English:
Yr P-2—Listening, reading and viewing picture books and identifying characters’ emotions and relating it to personal experiences.
Yr 4-6—children have to read and view fantasy novels with an understanding of structure and language elements with characterisation, setting and plot with the ability to create a chapter for a fantasy novel with descriptive noun and verb groups and phrases.

Maths:
P-2—time, counting, numbers, chance
4-6—skip counting, multiples, factors number facts, strategies, place value and 3,4,5 and 6 digit numbers.

Science:
P-2 are learning about Weather in our World and how it affects us and the environment.
4-6 are learning from the Physics and Chemistry strand with an environmental focus of climate change.

Mrs Gemma teaches Wednesdays and Thursdays and teaches English, Maths, The Arts, HASS with this semester being a history focus. This year we will not have a visiting P.E teacher. Miss A will teach Physical Education on Friday and Mrs Salter will be teaching Health every second Tuesday, plus working with students on maths and English intervention and help year 5s prepare for NAPLAN.

Year 5 have their online Japanese lesson on Monday and their follow up lesson Friday. LIBRARY day is Friday and parade is every second Friday.

Please ensure your child brings their hat, water bottle and snack each day to school.

We are looking forward to a great year!
**Responsible Behaviour**

We have started our year with revisiting our school Charter of Expectations. This includes our school vision/code, Values and Rules. When children are displaying appropriate behaviour they are our Milaroo Marvels and can proudly wear the superhero capes. Below are some Milaroo marvels busily learning their sounds and spelling words.

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**Grace**  
**Tim**  
**Jack**  
**Tayla**

Busily learning their spelling and the letter ‘b’ by writing it in flour.
Swimming Carnival 2016

GO MILLAROO

Bree Age Champion

Millaroo State School
Graduation night 2016
Leadership induction 2017

Our school leaders (Joel absent) taking an oath to do their best!

Student Council for 2017 is very inclusive this year as EVERY student is a member.

Term 1 Vice Captain Jollea and School Leader James thanking everyone for coming and inviting them all to share the delicious morning tea. Thank you for bringing the yummy treats.

Our Adopt-A-Councillor John Bonnano with 2017 School Leader James
Thank you for the work so far on getting the school grounds looking great and being safe for the children. Also thank you for the cooking events at Clare and Millaroo club that are contributing to P&C fundraising.

Mowing Roster — will be issued shortly

Please remember that mowing around the school is the essential mowing that is required every fortnight during the winter months. If you are unable to mow on weekends, you are more than welcome to mow after 3:30 pm during the school week. Each family is responsible for the mowing to be done on their weekend. If you are unavailable to do it on your weekend, IT IS UP TO YOU to find a family to replace you or swap with.

MILLAROO SOCIAL CLUB

Millaroo State School P & C will be selling Hotdogs every Sunday Afternoon from 5:00 pm till 7:00 pm at the Club.

Starting this Sunday!!! So please bring the kids down for a swim and a Hotdog and support your local P & C.

PUBLIC NOTICES

The Phantom of the Opera

February 3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 & 12, 2017

Burdekin Theatre
Important Dates in 2017

6th Feb  Ema Hawkins G.O visits school
8th February— Erin & Leah at training
   - Lizelle Speech Language Pathologist visits
9th Feb—Capability Officer Rowan Coffey visits school
15th Feb   Emma Flannagan KINDY officer visiting
16th Feb  Erin at Principal Meeting 12pm
22 Feb  Lizelle Speech Pathologist visits.  Erin at Principal Meeting
27th Feb 07 Mar Erin away Kindy conference & Principal conference
22nd Mar  ARD Reid Thompson visits school.  Lizelle here

YOU CAN DO IT
5 Keys to Success
  Getting along
  Organisation
  Confidence
  Persistence
  Resilience

4 School Rules
Maintain Pride
Manage My Safety
Match Respect
Make Responsible Choices

Millaroo Marvels
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Montana Davies-Horn—Millaroo Marvel
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