Welcome back to term 3!
It was great to see every student return safely and in one piece after the holidays. There were 3 families who left and our current enrolment is 19 children. Over the holidays we had students who were busy GOING BEYOND WHAT’S EXPECTED and AIMING HIGH and we say congratulations to Jack T for representing North Queensland Primary Schools in Under 11 Rugby League and Lily, Montana, Abi, Tim and Nicole for competing in the annual Burdekin Agricultural & Pastoral Show in equestrian, cooking and gardening sections.

Jack’s representative photo will take pride of place in the office and then join our previous NQ/State representatives in our display cabinet in the library.

What’s happening at school?
There were some last minute changes in staffing as per the text sent last week and we welcome Leah to the office. If you are also interested in the relief admin position please see the expression of interest later in the newsletter for full details.

Report cards were sent home this week, please arrange an interview if you wish to discuss your child’s report card or find out how you can help at home. School Opinion Surveys for Parents to complete online also went home and if you need to use school computers/internet please feel welcome.

There are a lot of things are happening this term with Athletics Carnivals, Archery lessons, Theatre excursions, Festival of Arts and transition days to name a few. Please check the important dates on the back page and mark your calendar. Separate notes have, or will be going home soon so keep an eye out for them please.

PLEASE NOTE this Monday is a P-3 excursion to theatre and Monday 1st is a whole school theatre excursion.

Student Absence New Legislation
As advised the Department is trying to ensure every student remains safe and is protected during their schooling day and have legislated that parents will be advised on the day their child is absent from school. It is a legal requirement for a reason to be given to the school for your child’s absence. Due to privacy we do not require specifics, for example, you do not need to say your child has a headache, but is sick or ill, is a legitimate, acceptable reason. Categories for absence can be holidays, family reasons, appointments, illness or sorry business to help you with absenteeism explanations that will not breach privacy. We cannot accept, ‘My child is away’.

Burdekin Festival of Arts
As a school we will be entering choirs, verse speaking, small groups, duos, and individuals in drama, singing, painting, writing and drawing. Last year we were very successful and we hope to capture that success again. Last year the school paid for all entries and this year the school has paid for them again. I will be asking parents for a small amount to help offset some of the entrance costs and will send a note home soon.

Busy, busy, busy
We have started with a BANG and the rest of the term is not slowing down. Thank you to those who have already helped the school this term and we are looking forward to working with you to continue to make our GREAT school even BETTER!

EVERY DAY COUNTS...attending at school is the responsibility of everyone in the community
Welcome back to the term! In English we are learning how to write letters that give the reader a sense of where we live and what it's like at this moment in time. To do this we learn to write letters of different levels of formality with varying degrees of social distance (ask your kids if they can explain that to you—give them a week and they will!!). We have already written and published letters to be sent to our Rio Olympians, are writing daily diary entries and analysing texts from the past. This allows us to work on editing skills and critically reflect on our sentence structure. Diary writing is a time we are learning to address the problem some of our dear students face in not being able to work things out on their own. For diary writing time children are not allowed to ask me any questions AT ALL. If someone does we restart the clock. Very interesting that the students are reporting that they have had to solve problems on their own—and have done so successfully! WOW!

**Teaching focus:**
On Thursday Erin, Sue and I attended PD about growth mindset. My primary focus in the classroom is to make students see in themselves that they are all able to achieve and grow and be successful. Children are never at the very top of the scale and are never at the very bottom of the scale and it’s important they see that all children are continuously learning. Of course this all relates to self-esteem and once again we have been involved in self-esteem building. In diary time today students were asked write what makes them amazing, you would be shocked at the amount of students who struggled with this! Never mind. Baby steps.

**Monthly teaching Focus:**

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**Behaviour:**
Thank Goodness! We made it. It only took more than a term but our class has finally earned their party. The classroom had to get 10 days of perfect behaviour (hands-up, being kind, not walking around the room, speaking politely, finishing work in time). I can’t wait to see what our next class goal will look like.

In our continual focus on being a ‘better version of ourselves’ we have looked into what aggression looks like around our classroom, as it is a behaviour unacceptable at school. Children were surprised to learn that talking behind each others back, eye-rolling and exclusion is aggressive behaviour that is far worse than other types of aggression. As a result many children have chosen this as a personal goal to work towards correcting this term.
Reading Strategies

Reading strategies help you to understand the meaning of the text, not just be able to read the words.

What is a strategy?
A strategy is a plan to help you to achieve something. So a reading strategy helps you to achieve understanding of the text. Another word for understanding is comprehension.

Good readers often use reading strategies without even realising. We all know how to use some reading strategies like prediction, but we are going to learn lots more!

The main aim of using reading strategies is to help you understand what you read, which makes reading much more fun!

Inferring

Inferring is being able to 'read between the lines', when the author implies something but doesn’t exactly state it. You need to use the clues in the text and your own prior knowledge to help you understand.

"Sarah's mouth was dry and she had a big knot in her stomach. She wished today was already over."

...I think Sarah sounds really nervous about giving her speech to the whole school.
What exciting learning we started the term with!

In ENGLISH, the children completed a pre task on note taking and in information report. As a class we reviewed our work and gave each other FEEDBACK on things we did well and already KNOW and some advice on what to focus on to improve. This was a valuable exercise with children creating our KNOW and DO chart for the unit AND creating our individual/class WRITING GOALS for the unit. Children will listen, view and read narratives with animal characters. From the narrative children will research the animal to create an information report.

Children will learn the difference between narratives and information texts including why we read them.

MATHS
We have done our pre task for our maths work and will be going through the same process of giving ourselves feedback, setting our goals and creating our KNOW and DO chart.
We will be studying fractions, numbers, time, money, mass, length, multiplication, division (sharing), addition and subtraction.

SCIENCE
Mrs Salter is very excited about this unit of discovering what materials things are made of and how different materials are suited for different purposes. Sue feels confident the children will love it too. A note will be coming home soon to request that families start to collect different materials that will help the children make their end project.

GEOGRAPHY
Sue is teaching Geography this semester and the children will learning about special places here in Millaroo and the local area. Our young geographers will be conducting some real-life action research as they find out how and why people look after special places and how they can learn to look after a special place too.

Burdekin Festival of Arts
Each child has been entered for a black and white drawing, coloured drawing, a painting and a piece of writing. Last year we had great success and we look forward to building our students artistically and culturally again this year. Some of our students have also entered duos in drama and verse speaking.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION
In preparation for an end of term BUSH DANCE (fancy dress ball will be a bush dance theme this year), Mrs Wellington has started teaching the children. Her report from Monday was EVERYONE knew the Heel, Toe Polka! Well done students!

Social learning—this term we will continue to learn about the keys to success and what sort of behaviour is expected within our 4 school rules. BIG PICTURE thinking to help us become the best adult citizens we can be, will start by learning the right way to interact with people whilst at school.

PLEASE HELP WITH READING GROUPS! Kerrie helps on Tuesdays and she is our ONLY parent helper. If you can spare half an hour 8:45-9:15 any morning it would be greatly appreciated.

Homework has started and sight words, number facts and reading are daily expectations. Until next newsletter have a great month!
Abi
Lamb cake— **HIGHLY COMMENDED**

Nicole
Fish cake— **HIGHLY COMMENDED**
Sunshine Balls— **1st PLACE**

Tim
Chocolate crackles— **1st PLACE**
Pet Rock— gardening section

Montana 2nd in Equestrian events
Get Microsoft Office 2016 free of charge

Did you know your child can get Microsoft Office 2016 free of charge, just for being a student at Millaroo? All you need is your child’s school email address to sign in.

To help prepare your child for success this academic year, the Department of Education and Training has teamed up with Microsoft to provide free Office 2016 to every Queensland state school student. With Office 2016, your child will have access to the latest version of Word for writing, Excel for spreadsheets, PowerPoint for presentations, OneNote for organisation and notetaking, and much more.

You can install a complete version of the latest Microsoft Office on up to five compatible PCs and Macs, five tablets and five smartphones. Your Office subscription lasts for as long as your child is a state school student.

Ask your child to follow these simple steps to get Office:
For PC and Mac, visit portal.office.com, login using your school email address, click through to install and follow the onscreen process.
For tablets and smartphones, download from your app store and sign in with your school email address.
Visit www.education.qld.gov.au/office2016 for instructions on how to download and install Office 2016 to your personal home computers. If you have any trouble, contact Annette Cavallin—MIS A dministrator 47849139 or acava18@ eq.edu.au

Cane trains on the move again

Sam’s key messages to young people are that they should:
1. Keep off cane trains and their bins;
2. Keep clear of cane railway tracks;
3. Stay off cane railway bridges;
4. Stay safe at cane railway crossings.
The Burdekin’s crushing season is expected to run from June to mid-November.
Mowing Roster

July 30/31 - Vener

August 13/14 - Storey

August 27/28 - Tudehope

Sept 10/11 - Macdonald

Sept 24/25 (mid holidays) - Harris

Oct 8/9 - volunteer please

Oct 22/23 - Petersen

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.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

A position for a temporary relief part-time administration assistant will be available from 05-09-16 to 25-11-16 with a possible extension date through to end of the term 4, 2016. Days of engagement will be Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday with a total of 12.5 hours per week plus ADO.

To register your interest please forward your current resume to eallo1@eq.edu.au before Friday 29-7-16. The interviewing process will be conducted shortly after this date.
**Important Dates in 2016**

- **21/22 July**: Archery lessons (at school)
- **25 July**: P-3 theatre excursion Little Red in the Hood
- **26 July**: Year 6 transition day at Ayr SHS
- **Aug 1**: P-6 theatre excursion Peasant Prince
- **Aug 4**: Reid Thompson visits Erin
- **Aug 5**: Small Schools Combined Athletics Carnival @ Clare SS
- **Aug 11**: Half day principal meeting Brandon SS
- **Aug 12**: Districts Athletics Carnival
- **Aug 15**: P&C meeting
- **Aug 17**: Music Viva performance @ Clare SS
- **Aug 18**: Vietnam Veterans 50th Anniversary Parade @ Deep Creek retreat Landers Creek

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**YOU CAN DO IT**

5 Keys to Success

- Getting along
- Organisation
- Confidence
- Persistence
- Resilience

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**HALL OF FAME**

Abi—making responsible choices in maths rotations
Abi—asking good questions at Burdekin Readers & Writers festival
Brody—Maintain Pride representing our school at Burdekin Readers & Writers festival
Tim—knowing we read narratives FOR FUN
Cameron—knowing we read narratives for a GOOD STORY
Jack T—great comprehending of BTN
Savannah—a good retell of holiday experiences
Bree—great comprehending of BTN
Lily—completing 2 pages of Soundwaves in 15 mins

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**4 School Rules**

- Maintain Pride
- Match Respect
- Manage My Safety
- Make Responsible Choices

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**GREEN CARD WINNERS ARE GRINNERS**

Bree, Jack K