Hello again,

Congratulations

A HUGE congratulations to Jack T for making North Queensland Primary Schools Rugby League team when he represented Burdekin Zone this time at U/11 competition. It has been quite a while since Millaroo School has had a representative in the NQ Zone team. Well done, Jack!

Well done to Athan & Lily for representing the Burdekin Primary School Zone team at Cross Country last week. They competed against a very large cohort and both made top 20 finishes and should feel proud of their efforts. Top job!

Student Banking — Our school is up and running with student banking as families took advantage of the sign on day last Thursday. We will make Thursdays our set banking day for children to bring in their deposits.

Principal meetings — This Thursday 2nd and next Thursday 9th and Friday 10th, I will be at Principal meetings at Osborne SS and in Townsville. The Director General of Education will be presenting his ‘Roadshow’ around the Department’s direction on the Friday 10th in Townsville.

On May 12 the ARDs Mr Robbie Mitchell and Mr Reid Thompson visited our school to provide feedback and direction on our school improvement agenda. One major feedback item was that our 2016 improvement agenda needs to be communicated more clearly so students, parents and teachers can identify what we are trying to achieve for the year. Please note our improvement agenda will now have a permanent space in the newsletter. It was Reid’s (who will be my new boss next term) first visit to Millaroo and he commented on what a ‘BEAUTIFUL’ school we have. (Congratulations P&C & everyone who MAINTAINS PRIDE to keep our school looking so good!)

P&C — Thank you P&C for maintaining our school grounds, the lovely Mothers Day items on the Stall and yummy tuckshop each week. The next Big thing is the Orchid Society fundraiser. Please check P&C page in newsletter and watch for emails/texts from Justine to find out how you can help.

CAMP — Parents can be VERY proud of the children and I have included feedback from Ms Hayley Laidlow Principal Osborne SS and Science Coordinator;

I just wanted to let you know how great your kids were while they were on camp with us last week, I was totally impressed with their behaviour and engagement with the activities and also with their willingness to interact with the students from the other schools. It was wonderful to see them working together and developing friendships over the course of the week.

Regards, Erin

SCHOOL FOCUS AREAS in 2016

✓ Successful Learners—embed reading programme ✓ Australian Curriculum - deep understanding
✓ Student Performance - goal setting & feedback ✓ Teaching Quality—use data sets to inform
✓ Principal leadership - drive improvement agenda ✓ Local Decision Making –review RBP

EVERY DAY COUNTS...all children should be enrolled at school and attend on every school day

ATTENDANCE
Whole school 91.6%
Boys 91.1%
Girls 92.2%
Curriculum News:

Hi All,

The class has started our final unit of work for this semester. The year 4/5’s are learning to analyse Authors’ writing techniques and the year 6s are learning to compare an author’s writing techniques to a movie adaptation. We are working with the novel “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe”.

YEAR 4/5 data about what we can actually do in our current unit.

After our pre-task we critiqued our work and decided what parts of the task we could actually do and what parts we need to work on. It helps us identify where support is needed and where extension is needed.

YEAR 6 data about what we can actually do in our current unit.

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**SCIENCE—Biology—Living things grow**

It has been an exciting time for the scientists in the P-3 classroom as the sunflower and sweet corn seeds germinated and grew into seedlings. The children transplanted their seedlings into the garden beds and have been measuring how tall the plants have been growing.

**MATHEMATICS—Geometry—2d and 3d shapes**

Math lessons have been full of enquiry, as we discovered not only the names of shapes, but their properties as well.

Did you know a 10 sided plane shape is called a decagon? Did you know prisms are named by their bases and have rectangular faces? Or that pyramids are named by their bases and have triangular faces?

**Technology**

Our hands sit on home row ASDF JKL; and our thumbs rest on space bar. Did you know keyboards, mouse and monitor are hardware and programmes are software? Technology solves problems.
Successful Learners – continue to embed whole school reading programme
Australian Curriculum – develop deep understanding
Student Performance – goal setting and feedback
Teaching Quality – build teacher capacity to use data sets to plan, assess and differentiate
Principal Leadership – drive improvement agenda using North Queensland Quality Teaching and Learning Framework
Local Decision Making – review and embed Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students

Paluma Science Camp photos
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Our moment to make a difference

NORTH QUEENSLAND CRICKET ASSOCIATION

PO Box 30, Aitkenvale Mail Centre, Queensland, 4814
Email: treasurer@nqcricket.com.au

Come and Try Day 2016

Where: Tony Island Stadium, Townsville Nido and Outside Oval
When: Sunday, 3rd July, 2016
Start: 10am Sharp
Finish: 1:00pm

Come and learn open to all to attend.
Open to all players and coaches of all standards.

Cost: $25
Electronic Payment: Bank: Queensland Country Credit Union BSB: 704440 Account: 228349
Note: Please include “NJ Try Day – Child’s Name”

Want to Bring?*
- Lunch/Dinner
- Drinks (D)uide
- Large hat
- Cricket gear but not necessary
- Sport shoes (D)
- Ashes in time
- Money too

Don’t Miss Out
Book your spot!

Email
directorofcoaching@nqcricket.com.au
or
Treasurer@nqcricket.com.au

* Fantastic for club coaches to learn from NQ Coaches
* Awesome experience and try and learn some fun
* All are Welcome

North Queensland Cricket Association Inc.
Date 2016 Come and Try Day 23rd June 2016

Parent/Guardian Consent Form

Child’s Name: ____________________________ Parent/Guardian: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________ Post Code: ____________
Date of Birth: ____________________________ Medicare No: ____________________________
Home Phone No: ____________________________ Emergency Contact No: ____________________________

Signature of Parent or Guardian: ____________________________
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 [school name]? 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 Administrator 47849139 or acavall18@eq.edu.au

PARENTS VIEWS ABOUT PARENTING SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Do you have concerns about your child’s behaviour or emotional adjustment?
Do you want to learn more about managing your child’s behavioural or emotional problems?
Researchers from the University of Queensland and the University of Western Australia are investigating perceptions of parenting support programs and what influences whether parents take part in such programs.
If your child is aged between 2 and 10 years, and you are worried about their behaviour or emotional adjustment, we encourage you to follow the link below and complete a short, 20 minute survey. Your support and participation in this project is invaluable and will benefit parents and children across the country.
If you wish to participate, please click on this link, or type the URL into your internet browser:
https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/parentviews
If you would like more information about the project, either use the link provided above, or contact alina@psy.uq.edu.au
We thank you for your support!
Sincerely,
Alina Morawska
The University of Queensland
Mowing Roster

June 4/5 - Ferguson
June 18/19 - Croatto
July 2/3 - Bax

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 3:30pm 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

Hi,

At Monday’s P&C meeting we finalised more details for next weekends hopefully very successful fundraiser at the Orchid Society conference.

As well as providing the bar Friday, Saturday & Sunday nights to the Orchid Society members, the P&C is also selling beverages & food to the public on the Saturday & Sunday.

The menu we have decided to go with includes mini pies & sausage rolls, quiche, sweet & savoury muffins & slices. If we could have another two or three volunteers to help man the station, it would make it much easier on the people already in doubled up shifts. Shifts are no longer than 3 hours. Or maybe you could help out with some baking. We would appreciate ANY help.

Hope all Mums loved their Mothers Day gifts. There’s not many children that just grab the first thing that catches their eye. Most spent quite a bit of their playtime carefully choosing what they think Mum would like most. 😊 If you aren’t sure about any money owing, please see Kate Ferguson.

The mowing roster has gone fortnightly which means nearly everyone only has one last turn. A HUGE thanks to everyone for filling their weekends so far & extra thanks to those who have gone above & beyond.

Looking for a wonderful person to spray the cement edges & gardens. If you can help us out with this, that would be fantastic!!

There was mention at the meeting of students wanting to go on a ‘fun’ camp. One idea was a whole family camp at the end of the year. Everyone in each family would be welcome to come along. Some places to look into were around Airlie Beach & Mackay. Another idea was a weekend camping at Landers with a whole heap of outdoor adventures. More discussion to follow, so we’ll see how we go.

If anyone has ideas for fundraising ventures please throw them forward.

I’ve probably missed a number of things, so my apologies. I have one over worked, over tired baby brain at the moment. 😊

The next P&C meeting is Monday, 20th June 2016. Please feel free to come along.

Thanks again,

Justine Croatto
P&C President
Important Dates in 2016

2 June  Erin @ Principal Meeting
3 June  PLAYGROUP with Mrs Gemma 9:30-11:00am
3 June  Year 4-6 Sport Carnival Day—Soccer/League
8 June  Author visit excursion to Osborne SS
9 June  Jump Rope  Erin @ Principal Meeting & 10th
16 June  ‘Adopt a Cop’ - Parade 10:30am -Parents invited
20 June  P & C Meeting 3:00pm Library
23 June  Cluster Science Day excursion to Osborne SS
24 June  Last Day Term 2
30 June  Burdekin Show
11 July  First day Term 3

YOU CAN DO IT
5 Keys to Success

Getting along
Organisation
Confidence
Persistence
Resilience

GREEN CARD WINNERS ARE GRINNERS
Joel, Cameron, Tim & Montana

HALL OF FAME

Athan & Jack for Burdekin Zone Representation
Nicole & Montana for drama skills  4 –6 Class drama lesson
Billy  for responsibility  Tayla & Billy great helpers
Brody & Jack—caring & helping younger students
Ryan & Tim—独立 maths work
Abbi, Jorja & Imogen—creative writing
Jack, Brody, Joel & James teamwork in drama