Hi Parents, Friends and Families,

Here we are in perhaps the busiest time of year; but also, the most exciting. The school is buzzing as we get assessments finalised and ready for reporting, get stuck into finishing projects for the end of year and enjoy getting ready for Graduation.

**Library Volunteers**

We are desperately trying to find Volunteers for the library to cover books in the next 2 weeks in preparation to close the library for the end of year. Anyone with some free time (a dream I know!) please give us a call or an email. Anytime suits us.

**Flying arts**

During the previous term, Miss A began the process to source an artist to visit and work with the children. On Friday 20th of November we are very lucky to have Therese from Flying Arts, based in Brisbane, come and spend a day workshopping with the children. Over this term we have negotiated a program to collaborate Visual and Mixed Media Art activities with other cross-curricular priorities including History and English.

**P&C Hamper**

There is slowly but surely a small collection of goodies building in the office for the Annual P&C Christmas Hamper. It still requires some more donations so if you are able to contribute anything more please send it in with the kids.

**Swimming Carnival**

The Millaroo/Clare/Maidavale swimming carnival will take place at the Clare Swimming Carnival. These days epitomise what a small school is. These days are about bringing together the community of families, building good relationships and celebrating success in a different way. I look forward to seeing you all there and please get in touch with the school if you are having trouble transporting your child/children to the pool, as we more the happy to help sort something out.

**Fun Day**

This year the Student Council has decided to have the Student Break-up day at school on Thursday 10th of December. We are asking for a $10 contribution per student to help cover the costs, a note has gone home with more details regarding exactly what this $10 will cover. It looks like it will be an amazing day!

**Report Cards**

As assessments are drawing to a close we start to collate the Semester results. While the reporting period will close in week 8, report cards will not go home until week 10, giving Miss A a chance to have a check over when she returns in week 9. I am proud of the effort all the children are making toward these final assessment tasks.

Gemma.
Thanks to all the parents who were able to help the students at home learnt their poems. The children have all done an outstanding job in their poetry assessments. The children have slipped straight into their new unit of work where the P-2 will focus on reading, analysing and creating a narrative story; and, the 3-4 are reading a quest novel and responding to a blog forum regarding particular chapters. Always ask your children what they are learning at school even if you get the ‘I dunno’ response. The children are highly engaged in understanding what they are working towards in their assessment tasks and that bridging conversation assists the clarity of what they are learning at school.

Please send in some construction items such as boxes and other recyclables as the children are designing toys. For the P-2’s they will be designing and building a toy for technology, this could be anything from a car to a musical instrument. Once this is completed the children will make modifications to improve the toy by incorporating aspects of sound or light, which is the focus for the science unit. We have some fantastic little designer waiting to get started!

Of course, we welcome Mr Eade to our classroom. Mr Eade will be here Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for weeks 6, 7 and 8. As expected the children are all sitting a little taller in their desks, their pencils are a little sharper and they are all hanging on to every word Mr Eade has to say.

A note from Mr Eade…

I am looking forward to going to Millaroo to teach. I have enjoyed my previous visits and am keen to support the students to the best of my ability to achieve the objectives of the units of work being studied while I am there.
Thank you to Mr Eade for putting together a presentation for the kids about the significance Remembrance Day. The students respectfully enjoyed this presentation and offered 1 minute silence to mark respect for those who have been lost in war.

A big thank you to Jollea MacDonald who organised a tribute song to be presented to the school. Jollea also organised little packs including the lyrics, a poppy and a cross for the group. What a beautiful gesture Jollea. The students that participated were Nicole, Jollea, Abbi, Billy, Jorja and Talya.
Please be aware that included in the cost of the Land Zorb Balls and Double Waterslide is not only the travel and safe set up of the facilities at our school but also professional help to supervise the activities and to operate them safely. Each of these supervisors have current blue cards and are trained in managing these activities. Also, all of our school staff have current first aide and will be onsite assisting with supervision as well. Please get back to me if you have any worries at all.

Student Break-up Day!

Activities we are doing on the day:

- Land Zorb Ball
- Double Waterslide
- Party food Supplied
- Sponge paintball (Mr Parter Style)
- Desk cleaning
- Silly Olympics
- Movie
- Smiles and Fun
Curriculum Update:
Goodbye English assessments for the year! Our final unit of work is a monitored discussion panel with no grading attached. This is fantastic as it gives the class a little breathing space and time to focus on finishing off history, maths, music, dance, science and technology assessments. More great news is the Year 6 shirts have been ordered, the current year 5’s have begun power points for the Graduation and the Year 6’s are very busily attending to their end of year projects. The only bad news is our poor Brodie was the only one without an end of year job...lucky we like him and will bundle him along for the ride anyway!

Teaching Focus:
Approaching the end of year we reflect and make final judgements on how the kids have progressed. Our particular focus, both regional and school based, has been a focus on reading. Most of our year 4-6’s have graduated from the PM reading system and will be reassessed to see how they are progressing using the PROBE assessment tool. Both of these tools gives us an in-depth look into the reading characteristics and comprehension strategies used by each individual. I encourage parents to engage in conversations with your kids about how they are going in reading as they are all aware and they should all be very proud of how they are progressing.

Behaviour Update:
While last week may have been a little “dodgy” (very official term) regarding behaviour this week appears to be awesome. Tension always runs high when it’s the end of a data cycle, that is the end of a unit of work when we collect assessments and I am happy to say we have all come out the other side in one piece. I have begun reading social stories on whole school days for the P-4’s but have been caught off guard with the level of interest shown by the 4-6’s. Over these weeks we have looked at things like saying sorry and meaning it; and, that sometimes we can be kidding around with someone but if they don’t find it funny it is not okay.

Only 4 weeks to go!!

Focus for this week:
**English:** Beginning to explore narrative texts.

**Maths:** Beginning inquiry into maths investigation.

**History:** Finish projects.

**Science:** Looking at circuit boards.

**Music:** Simple melody composition.

**Technology:** Finish up project and write reflection for assessment.
Millaroo School would like to invite any interested parents and their little youngster’s to come along next Friday afternoon at 1:00 for an art afternoon. I think it would be a great way to start to integrate our future students with current students and begin to provide that positive building block into school all kids need.

**Who:** Parents and babies / toddlers / kindy kids

**When:** Friday 20th of November, 2015.

**Where:** Year 4-6 Classroom

**Time:** 1:00 – 2:30pm

**What to Bring:** An old shirt.

In this workshop the students will be introduced to various styles, themes and techniques to create a mixed media work on paper. Reference to relevant artists and examples from the artist’s work combined with demonstration and exposure to the range of available materials will lay the foundations for participants to create a resolved collage artwork. Participants can bring along things they have gathered over the years to finally do something with; Wrapping paper, pictures, photos, small objects and ribbons will all be perfect to include in a mixed media collage. There will be a focus on linking the past, present and future aspects of our history unit with our artwork.
It wouldn’t quite be the first Tuesday in November if we didn’t do something a little bit fun. We watched the Melbourne Cup, everyone picked a horse from the paper and this was followed by our own special race. The 4-6 technology class programmed a robot race, not everything went to plan but it was still lots of fun to show the littlies how things worked with the robots.
Important Dates in 2015

20/11  Flying Arts visit
23/11  Clare Swimming Carnival
30/11  Miss A returns
09/12  GRADUATION NIGHT—
       ‘Let Us Entertain You’ - Dalbeg Hall
10/12/ Student ‘Fun Day’
10/12  Student break up day

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Green Light Card WINNERS are GRINNERS!

Nicole, Montana, Jorja

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4 School Rules
Match Respect
Maintain Pride
Manage My Safety

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Star awards to...
Montana
Abbi
Max
Cameron
Abi
Brody