Hi Parents, friends and families,

ARD Visit
On Tuesday we had our ARD, Mr Robbie Mitchell, visit. The Assistant Regional Director's (ARD) role during this visit was to monitor the implementation of the Australian Curriculum and make note of our staff’s engagement in high yield teaching practices that reinforce a teaching culture of knowing what we are teaching and why we need to teach it. This is a standard visit every school in the North Queensland Region receives to ensure the same standard of teaching and learning is occurring across the board. I have been asked to pass on congratulations as Mr Mitchell explained that the results the students have achieved at Millaroo are a credit to the staff.

During class walk throughs he noted that the 4-6 classroom is well set up and the students are engaged and know what they have to do for their assessment. Furthermore, in the P-4 the students were able to explain what they were doing and what their assessment was. Again, the students were engaged in the lesson. It is not easy having your work judged with a fine tooth comb (now I know how the kids feel); but its great to be reassured that the whole staff are highly engaged in paving a bright future for your children. Congratulations Erin, Sue, John, Kerrie, Gillian, Katherine, Annette, Judy and Justine.

Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to all the participants in the swimming carnival on Monday. Whether a child won or lost I was proud of all the children and parents. It was lovely to see all the community engaged and cheering on the children and just generally having a great day. I was delighted to receive so many great comments regarding the supportive parent culture that is evident at our school. Good job Mums and Dads!

Report Cards
Despite being a lengthy process, the reporting period is a great moment for a teacher to reflect and validate their hard work with students over the semester. Please be reminded that when you receive your child’s report card it is a reflection on your child’s learning over semester 2 and how they have demonstrated the curriculum over this period of time. Your child will receive a behaviour mark, which I regard as the most important. Your child’s academic mark is not be influenced by their behaviour mark. The academic mark is calculated by closely examining the portfolio of work built up over the semester.

Thank you for your support over the term,
Gemma.

EVERY DAY COUNTS... attendance at school is the responsibility of everyone in the community.

MILLAROO IS A GREAT SCHOOL! - Acting Principal Gemma Petersen
AN UPDATE FROM MR EADE...

In P-4 we have been working on the assessments. For the yr3 & 4 they have been doing a blog based on the Rowan of Rin novel by Emily Rodda. They are doing an excellent job of describing the characters and commenting on what others have said in their blog.

The P-2s have to change the ending of a story or add a new chapter.

Maths has involved many areas of the maths curriculum. The students are enjoying and have maintained great focus in all the activities.

The history assessment involves celebrations and commemorations while science is about toys and how to have them make different movements, sounds or have lights.

Some pictures of Science in the P-4 classroom...
Congratulations Age Champions:

12 year old boys - Brayden Vener, 12 year old girls - Grace Tuddenham
11 year old girls - Lily Harris, 10 year old girls - Bree Seaton
9 year old girls - Montana Davies-Horne
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:

We have absolutely finished everything we need to do. In these last few days the classroom has been busy finishing projects, tasks, inquiries and assessments. We now move into a handwriting focus as children wrap all other activities up. Week 9 I will be able to get stuck into PROBE assessments and give feedback to our wonderful readers regarding their progress this semester. For fun the class has engaged in a Maths Inquiry. I have not had the chance to conduct an inquiry with a class that is related to the C2C, so it was a learning curve to me. But I will tell you that the scope and individual direction the children have been able to take to extend, consolidate and express their mathematical understanding was phenomenal. We have had gorgeous poster presentations, sublime slideshows and awesome news broadcast style videos. The kids have gone above and beyond to demonstrate mathematical thinking and to use mathematical language in everyday contexts.

Teaching Focus:

For the next few weeks I am able to reflect on my teaching practice and strategies I used to implement the Australian Curriculum over the past 3 terms in the classroom. My personal goal next year will be to give the children more confidence in breaking down what they have to do in class and articulate this in a way that makes sense. I am also striving to use data to more accurately direct the teaching and learning in the classroom so it fits our learners needs.

Behaviour:

I really appreciate feedback from Mums and Dads of the kids in the classroom. Sometimes what you all have to say is along the same lines, sometimes I have to find a happy medium. None-the-less, you feed back regarding behaviour is the most valuable tool I have to work from. I constantly strive to hear the voice of every child in the room. Not always does the full story come out straight way and I think you for your open discussions and feedback about how behaviour is going.

Focus for this week:

**English:** Exploring the writing style of Paul Jennings.

**Maths:** Presenting Maths inquiry.

**History:** Finish building projects.

**Science:** All done!

**Music:** All done!

**Technology:** All done!
Millaroo Fun...
Important Dates in 2015 & 2016

01/12 Miss A returns
07/12 Report Cards sent home
09/12 GRADUATION NIGHT—
   ‘Let Us Entertain You’ - Dalbeg Hall
10/12 Student ‘Fun Day’
11/12 Last Day of School
27/1/16 First Day Term 1, 2016—Wednesday
01/2/16 Year 6—Grip Leadership Conference-
   Townsville

Green Light Card WINNERS
are
GRINNERS!

Parade to be held Friday as we were not at school on Monday.

Star awards to…
⇒ Jollea for an excellent result in her English
⇒ Joel for an amazing presentation
⇒ Lily for an out of this world maths inquiry
⇒ Bree for know what she is doing in the classroom at all times.

To be handed out Friday during Parade.