Hello Everyone,

Welcome to 2016! A BIG warm welcome to our two new students **Imogen** in year 2 and **Timothy** in Prep. We hope you enjoy learning at Millaroo State School.

This first newsletter commences with a reflection of 2015 and in particular, our final week with student fun day and Graduation. I would like to again thank and acknowledge all the great work the staff did during my absence, along with a BIG pat on the back for **Gemma**, as she did a fantastic job leading the school as Acting Principal and to **Katherine** and **Gillian** for all the time and frustration on getting the school magazine compiled, collated, printed and published!

I would like to publicly thank everyone who helped in preparation for Graduation. Special mention to **Annette** and her **Cavallin boys**, for mowing and cleaning and tidying up the Dalbeg Hall and to **Kate** and **Gemma** for decorating and transporting the necessary equipment to and fro. Personally I thought it was a great location and superb night as the kids entertained us immensely and shone with pride as they received recognition for all the learning and achievements made throughout the year. The shared dinner was delicious! CONGRATULATIONS to all!

2016 started with working bees by the P&C, as our shady trees near the sharing circle were removed, as well as the school grounds being mowed and tidied up ready for the children’s return. THANK You, to our **mums and dads and community members** who helped getting our grounds looking inviting.

With the trees being removed, the P&C, (thanks Gillian) are looking into submitting a grant for shade sails and a rainwater tank to be placed near toilet block. If you have a flair for writing grant submissions, please let Gillian know.

P&C have also made a commitment to keep the school grounds mowed, tidied and looking great. Justine is working on a mowing roster and we all know that many hands make light work. The roster will become a regular item in the newsletters.

P&C meeting is on Monday 8th February at 3pm. Please come along with a pen to fill in your new membership form for the year and a bucket full of ideas on how the P&C can help make our school great.

Our attendance is looking good for the first 2 weeks, let’s keep it above 95%.

Have a great fortnight! See you at P&C meeting.

Cheers,

Erin.
Here are JUST SOME of our Graduation night recipients from 2015 P–4 class. Well done for all your hard work! Putting in the effort reaps awards. There were many more on the night!

N A P L A N A W A R D—Montana
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R E A D I N G A C H I E V E M E N T—Abbi

S P O R T S A W A R D—Montana

Reading Recognition—James, Billy, Jack, Tayla, Joel, Charlee, Jorja, Cameron

A g e C h a m p i o n I n t e r h o u s e A t h l e t i c s—Montana
A g e C h a m p i o n S m a l l S c h o o l A t h l e t i c s—Montana

B u r d e k i n Z o n e N Q A t h l e t i c s—Montana

I n t e r h o u s e S w i m m i n g A g e C h a m p i o n—Montana

E q u e s t r i a n R u n n e r s U p A g e C h a m p i o n—Montana

C r o s s C o u n t r y R e p r e s e n t a t i o n—James, Montana

T h e A R T S—Jack, Billy, Abbi, Nicole,

L e a r n i n g P e r s i s t e n c e—Cameron, James

L e a r n i n g S t a r—Jorja, Nicole, Joel

L e a r n i n g E x c e l l e n c e—Tayla, Montana, Jollea, Abbi, Charlee, Billy, Jack

2016—Prep, 1, 2 first English unit is a monitoring task where they give a spoken presentation about a book’s character and emotions and relate it to a personal experience. Year 2 must include details about the setting and give positive and negative opinions about the text. Year 3 also have a monitoring task where they need to comprehend persuasive texts and write a letter to the editor and a persuasive paragraph. These units will be only a few weeks long and then we will commence a formal assessment task for units 2. More information about what we are learning in all subject areas this term will be in next newsletter.

Regards Erin and Sue
Millaroo Moments Graduation Night
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SCHOOL LEADER — Grace

SPORTS CAPTAIN — Brayden

NAPLAN AWARD — Savannah

NAPLAN Recognition — Abi, Bree, Lily,

JAPANESE AWARD — Grace

JAPANESE ACHIEVEMENT — Lily, Savannah

CULTURAL AWARD — Grace

MOST IMPROVED — Maximus

MUSIC AWARD — Grace, Lily, Savannah, Bree, Abi

Reading Recognition — James, Billy, Jack, Tayla, Joel, Charlee, Jorja, Cameron

SPORTS AWARD — Bree

Age Champion Interhouse Athletics — Grace, Brayden, Bree, Athan, Savannah, Lily

Age Champion Small School Athletics — Brayden, Athan, Bree

Burdekin Zone NQ Athletics — Jack, Bree, Athan

Interhouse Swimming Age Champion — Brayden, Grace, Lily, Bree

Equestrian Age Champion — Bree

Equestrian Runners Up Age Champion — Lily

Burdekin Zone Cross Country — Athan

Districts Cross Country Representation — Bree, Brody, Brodie, Abi, Jack, Max, Savannah, Lily, Grace

The ARTS — Jack, Grace, Bree, Lily, Savannah, Abi

Learning Persistence — Jack, Brody

Learning Star — Maximus, Brayden, Athan, Brodie

Learning Excellence — Bree, Savannah, Abi

Learning Grandeur — Grace, Lily

PLEASE NOTE — information on what’s happening this term will be in next newsletter
MEETING—MONDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 3PM

Our first meeting will be our AGM and all executive positions will be declared vacant.

A BIG THANK YOU to 2015 committee;
Vice President Acting President — Gillian
Secretary—Justine
Treasurer—Kate

New membership forms will need to be completed for 2016.
Thank you to families who helped with the first two working bees for this year.

Agenda items: - mowing roster, tuckshop, Mothers Day Stall, Fundraising, Student Banking

PLEASE BE AWARE—all the wet weather has really fired up the mosquitoes here at school.
If you wish to send insect repellent to school with your child PLEASE make sure it is a roll-on or pump spray. NO aerosol cans thanks

Brain Break - H2O, Fruit N' Vege to Go!

PLEASE be aware our SNACK break is a quick boost of water and fuel for the brain. Think no or limited packaging. Suitable foods include: - Vegetables, fruits,
Important Dates in 2016

08 Feb  P&C Meeting 3pm
09 Feb  Year 6—Grip Leadership Conference—Townsville
12 Feb  Student Council wear Red for Children’s Heart Disease
17 Feb  Leadership Ceremony & Morning Tea
18/19 Feb Erin away Principal Forum Townsville
  7 Mar  START your Cross Country Training
18 Mar  National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence
21 Mar  Parent Teacher Interview Night
24 Mar  Term Finishes
11 April  Term 2 starts
18 April  P&C Meeting
19 April  School Photo Day
29 April  Millaroo School Cross Country

YOU CAN DO IT
5 Keys to Success

- Getting along
- Organisation
- Confidence
- Persistence
- Resilience

4 School Rules

Maintain Pride

Match Respect

Manage My Safety

YOU RE A SUPERSTAR!

HALL OF FAME

Timothy—great work in Prep
Abi—being a helpful student
Bree—being a helpful student
Lily—being a helpful student