Hello Again,

I know I say this all the time but, this term has flown by and can you believe it’s holidays already? Next term is 11 weeks long and we begin on Monday 11 April.

**Burdekin Sports Trials**

Well done to all the year 5 and 6 children who were DOERS NOT WATCHERS and went into town to try out for Soccer, Netball and Football. CONGRATULATIONS to Athan who will represent Burdekin Zone Schools for Soccer. We wish him all the best.

**National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence.**

On Friday 18 March it was the national day to take a stand against bullying and violence. Thank you to Mrs Gemma who lead the whole school through Anti-Bullying activities to teach the children strategies if being bullied or helping someone they know being bullied. The staff works hard at encouraging children to show respect and tolerance to all and promote the *Freddy Friendly Five* conflict resolution strategy to assist children in using words not actions when playground or classroom relationships are going pear-shaped.

1. IGNORE
2. WALK AWAY
3. TALK FRIENDLY
4. TALK FIRMLY
5. FIND HELP

**Harmony Day**

On Monday 21st March it was Harmony Day. It is a day to celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. It is a day for all Australians to embrace cultural diversity and to share what we have in common. Thank you to Mrs Salter who helped the children build their understanding of cultural diversity and inclusiveness.

As the holidays are now upon us, I wish you all the best for the Easter break. Please be careful on the roads and enjoy the time with your family and friends.

Happy Easter!

Erin
Gurgle gurgle gurgle……. Ahhhhhhhhhhh! Right in front of me a small tiny bat winged creature exploded out of the sink and became a human sized fishy mermaid tailed bluey green Nymph. It’s fairy ears were hairy and huge. My name is Alex, I was clicking my fingers walking to the toilet at lunchtime. I was walking along the footpath at Millaroo state school because I was bustling…. I thought I could hear a spooky noise when the strangest thing appeared, a Nymph.

What a super SIZZLING START created by Mrs Gemma and the year P-3 children recently.

The Australian curriculum subject of English has a strong focus on children learning narrative and persuasive text structures, and using the 7 Steps to Writing programme, allows a common language for teachers and children to talk about the structure or components of a persuasive or narrative text. The opening of a narrative needs to grab a reader’s attention and our children can remember this by the term SIZZLING START.

SCIENCE assessment continues as Mrs Salter gauges the Prep, 1 and 2s children’s understanding of clouds, things in the sky, water cycle and resources and the impact on the earth.

MATHS—the children are working hard on deepening their knowledge of number and being flexible with numbers.

Did you know? 47 is made up of 4 TENS and 7 ONES, but we can be flexible and make 47 out of 3 TENS and 17 ONES, or 2 TENS and 27 ONES, or 1 TEN and 37 ONES and finally out 0 TENS and 47 ONES.

For addition and subtraction we learnt to identify PART< PART, WHOLE and the children have done a very good job at this. Being able to partition numbers helps us add and subtract efficiently and effectively.

Split Strategy - 47 + 32 we can think 40 + 30 = 70, 7 + 2 = 9 answer 79. We split the numbers into the place values houses to make it easier to add.

We had a lot of fun learning about JUMP STRATEGY as Mrs Harris and Miss A drew a long number line along the library walkway and we jumped to add and subtract numbers.

55 + 33 means we can stand on the number line at 55 and jump forward 3 tens, 65, 75, 85 then step 86, 87, 88. We will do more physical practice of the JUMP strategy next term and move into using this as a mental strategy by thinking of the number line or number board.

Thank you to the parents who turned up to interviews and allowed a quick sharing time of how the children are travelling so far this year.

We wish you a safe and relaxing Easter break! Be careful if travelling on the roads and we look forward to working with you next term.

We wish Charlee all the best at her new school and thank Leah for helping with home readers and class reading groups. Good bye and good luck.
From the 4-6 Classroom—with Mrs Gemma

Curriculum News:

Hi and hello parents. I am sure the kids burst through the doors every afternoon desperate to tell you about the wonderful things they are learning at the moment…if that is not your child then let me catch you up! It is, of course, the end of term and we are wrapping up units and assessments. The new arrivals are struggling a little with adapting to the level of teaching and assessing cycles in the classroom. Being term 1 we would expect this and as a result the children are high scaffolded through their activities to ensure they have understanding and as the year progresses the children will slowly learn to match those high expectations. While year’s 5 and 6 have grown enormously they are continually challenged as the depth to the curriculum grows with them. Please see the attached work sample of an A standard response to creating an ad. This is currently what our year 5 and 6’s are working towards.

Teaching Focus:

As I mentioned we are all attending to our assessment tasks and while all children are working on these tasks, they did not all take the same journey accessing the curriculum to be successful at these tasks. My focus over this term has been on individualising the learning journey for the children that require it. Some children have an Individual Curriculum Plan, some have an Individual Learning Plan, some children require minimal support while others require extension to their tasks. To make sure I am on the right track I have sent home a quick parent questionnaire and some self-assessment feedback from your child. Please try and return these with your child before Monday’s parent interview so that I can make sure we spend our precious 10 minutes wisely and about the things you are concerned about.

Behaviour:

As a part of a small school the children are privileged to have access to a multitude of teachers and learning avenues including LOTE, SAS and IMPACT Projects. I am very proud of the fantastic leadership shown by Athan, Savannah, Brody, Brodie and Max when logging on to the computer for tasks and staying focused. Well done!

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**Teaching Focus**

**Maths:** Year 4/5 are learning chance and probability
Year 5/6 are learning how to read a timetable

**English:** Interpreting persuasive texts including the audio, language and visual devices used to create effects.

**History:** Year 4 are looking at the impact of settlement of the colonies.
Year 5 and 6 are looking into the cause and effects of change from the Eureka Stockade and gold rush.

**Music:** Finish composition of our UP RIVER REBELS disco song

**Science:** exploring Erosion

**Technology:** Year 4 are finding the traditional and new technologies of preserving food.
Year 5 and 6 are finding electrically engineered devises
There was a sea of green on St Patrick’s Day. Thank you Miss Duffin for sharing some traditional customs of Ireland with our school.

Year 5 and 6 Modelled response to their current assessment task. This task is to create a multimodal ad; that is, using images, audio and text on a software program to convince an audience to travel to their chosen holiday destination.
Hi All,

I am pleased to announce that we have an Easter Cup T20 Blast on offer for students in the Easter holidays. The tournament goes over two days from Wednesday 30th March – Thursday 31st March. If you could do me a massive favour and put a notice in the school newsletter informing the children of this event, that would be much appreciated. The two day event will cost $99 and is for boys and girls aged 7-13. All equipment is provided as are refreshments but the kids will have to bring their own lunch if they choose to play in the tournament.

Teams are welcome to register online (participants will need to register as individuals) at playcricket.com.au or at the direct link - http://www.playcricket.com.au/club-finder/club-details?id=27930&postcode=qld%20cricket. The tournament will take place at Tony Ireland Stadium and play will begin at 9am both days going through to 3pm in the afternoon. If we can get as many children from each school we will go a long way to making more children active and hopefully grow the game of cricket within North Queensland.

Please pass this on to the PE departments and if there could be a notice in the newsletter as well, I would greatly appreciate it.

Thank you all for your time.

Regards,

Sam Harris | Regional Cricket Officer North QLD

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 note-taking, 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 acava18@eq.edu.au.
Mowing Roster

March 26/27 - Tudehope
April 2/3 - Macdonald
April 9/10 - Harris
April 16/17 - Volunteer needed (as this was Lamb’s weekend)
April 23/24 - Petersen

Please remember that mowing around the school is the essential mowing that is required every week. 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 with.

Thank you to the families who turned up for our P&C meeting on Parent Interview night. Our next P&C meeting is scheduled for 18 April (second week of next term).

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,
cheese,
nuts.
Important Dates in 2016

24 Mar  Term Finishes—Easter Bonnet Parade
11 April  FIRST DAY OF TERM 2
18 April  P& C Meeting 3pm
22 April  School Photos 8:30am  PLEASE NOTE date change
25 April  ANZAC Day Marching in Ayr
28 April  Millaroo SS X Country
2 May    Labour Day Public Holiday
6 May    Burdekin X Country
10,11,12 May  NAPLAN
16-20 May Year 3-6 Science Camp

YOU CAN DO IT
5 Keys to Success

- Getting along
- Organisation
- Confidence
- Persistence
- Resilience

GREEN CARD WINNERS ARE GRINNERS
Bree, Lily

HALL OF FAME

Excellent results in Japanese Listening Test—Max, Athan, Jack, Abi, Lily, Bree, Savannah, Brody
For improvement in reading levels—Abbi, Billy, Nicole, Jack, Montana, Jollea, Jorja, Tayla