



The Milly Magpie



Term 2 Week 8 5th June 2023

ATTENDANCE (Term 4 to date): 85.9%

School Calendar

June

Thu 8th Playgroup
 Tue 13th P&C Meeting 5:30pm
 Thu 15th Playgroup
 Thu 15th 150th Committee Meeting 4:30pm
 Tue 20th Rewards Day
 Wed 21st Mega Band (Level 1)
 Wed 21st Semester 1 reports cards home
 Thu 22nd Mega Band (Level 2)
 Thu 22nd Interhouse Athletics Carnival
 Fri 23rd Last Day Term Two

July

Mon 10th First Day Term Three

PBL Message – Weeks 7 & 8

"I keep my hands, feet and objects to myself"

I AM SAFE

I AM RESPECTFUL

I AM A LEARNER



2023

School Improvement Priorities

Moderation

Monitor the enactment of the planned curriculum in English and Mathematics

Reading

Refining the teaching of reading and responding to the literacy demands of the AC

Pedagogy

Enhancing and sharing of best practice in pedagogy

From the Principal's Desk

Another week has passed us by as our school moves into the final month of term – that means only 15 learning days left this term. Students have been pushing themselves in the thinking space to complete assessments and meet increasing expectation within learning. With strong hearts, smart minds and connected relationships they have shown great results and have made all of the Milly team proud with a real focus on coming to school and meeting school expectations. Great work students and thanks parents/carers for helping your children reach our schools high expectations and build upon our strong school culture ...thanks for being part of our strong, smart and connected school community.

Behaviour Counts

Sustaining a Culture of High Expectations - Our school is beginning a transformational change journey with our focus clearly on student wellbeing and learning improvement. Transformational change adheres to a building of school culture bound by our school values and our Code of Conduct for Students. Our school strategy has seen a continual 'shift' take place among our students and the wider community committing high expectations. ALL students at Millchester State School have clarity of understanding - if you hit or swear at others it's

unacceptable. Students who are found to have continual behaviour issues or disability/diagnosis of some form have tiered support systems wrapped around them to ensure they have the best chance of success; however, these students must still sit within our Student Code of Conduct to ensure their learning, wellbeing and safety is within the Ed Qld's Inclusion Framework. As Principal, I am committed to ensuring ALL students can learn and thrive in a safe and supportive school environment underpinned by high expectations and a clear and consistent school culture.

Vale Mrs Haines

This week we recognise the contribution of Mrs Dawn Haines to Millchester State School, as a student, parent, Teachers' Aide and volunteer. Mrs Haines loved to share stories about the school with each new generation. She was a wealth of knowledge, and a very big part, of our school's history. In 2012, Dawn and her son David planted a fig tree behind the D block classroom, to replace the one that had been destroyed by Cyclone Yasi. Dawn had planted the original tree with her father in 1947.

Mrs Haines' valued association with the school spanned over 60 years and her love of Millchester was evident to all who knew her. Vale Mrs Haines.

Attendance

At Millchester our attendance goal is to be above 90%. Below is a snapshot of how we are currently tracking. The results below are alarming. Pay close attention to how many 'short weeks' our children are having; the data shows, Friday is a popular day to be absent. Friday is when most students have specialist subjects

such as, Health & Physical Education and The Arts; these lessons are only once per week so, if you miss one lesson it is very difficult to make up that learning time.



Under 8's Day

Thank you to everyone who was involved in the organisation of Under 8's Day. It was a very successful event and we have all our staff, parents/carers and community members to thank.



Reconciliation Week – Sorry Day at CTSHS

Our First Nations Leader Jahmaica accompanied by Memphis and Mrs Smith, were invited to attend Charters Towers State High School's National Sorry Day commemoration ceremony. This was a wonderful opportunity for the students at Millchester SS and the wider community to come together and share the steps towards healing for the Stolen Generations, their families and communities.



Where are they now articles – We need your help!

As most of you know Millchester SS will be having a 150th Celebrations in 2024. We are calling for more 'Past Milly students' who will allow us to write a short article about 'where they are now'.

If you know any past Milly students who would be willing to answer a few questions, please contact the school on 4754 6666 or email principal@millchesterss.eq.edu.au

Toys at school

Please remember toys are **not allowed** at school. If your child is found with a toy, it will be taken to the office for collection by the parent/guardian at the end of the day.

NO TUCKSHOP

Week 10 tuckshop will be changed to **Thursday** for Athletics Day instead of Wednesday. Please see our wonderful P&C members or the Admin Team if you are interested in helping out in the tuckshop during the week in Term 3.

2024 Prep Enrolments

We are formally inviting parents of age eligible children to express an interest in enrolling in Prep starting 2024. *Transition information will be available soon*

Semester One Report Cards

Teachers are developing Semester One Report Cards over the next 3 weeks. Parents/Carers can expect an envelope Thursday Week 10.



National Simultaneous Storytime

Headlice Reminder

REMEMBER
ONCE A WEEK,
TAKE A PEEK



Have you changed your details?

Please immediately notify the Office of any changes to your address or contact details. It is important that these records are kept up to date so we can contact you in case of an emergency.



Henry, Sienna, Macee and Lily at Instrumental Music Lesson

Sport News

High Jump competitions will run as follows:

Thursday June 15, 10-11am – 9 & 10 year old's

Friday June 16, 9-10am – 11 & 12 year old's

Students of the Week!



Students of the Week – Term 2, Week 6



Students of the Week – Term 2, Week 7

Bronze and Silver Home Reading Heroes!

We're super proud of our 'Students of the Week' and 'Home Reading Heroes'! Thank you for being great school citizens by following our school expectations: *I am Safe. I am Respectful. I am a Learner.* Congratulations to our award recipients for Week 6 & 7.



Yours in Education,
Tarra Smith

Principal

