From the Principal …

Hi Everyone,

It’s hard to believe that we are already so close to the end of term 1! It has been a busy term with excursions, sports and lots of great learning. I think everyone is looking forward to the holidays for a chance to refresh and recharge their batteries. I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday with plenty of rain to start the season!

EARLY DISMISSAL End of term

Reminder that buses depart 2:15pm next Friday.

Far West Partnership Visit

Last week, the Far West Education Partnership Principals, together with the Education Director, visited Miltaburra for our regular partnership meeting. Miltaburra students catered for morning tea and lunch through the kitchen garden program. The visitors were extremely impressed, and the students can be very proud of the results of their effort. Thanks also to Mr Dunn and Mrs Kessell for their support.

Kids Matter Easter Celebration

Thankyou to all families and friends who attended the Easter celebration. It is a great opportunity for our students to share some of their learning with the community, and really supports the school and the students. See photos - pages 4/5

Teaching and Learning

This week will once again see our mathematician in residence (Kathy Palmer) back in the school. She will continue working with individual teachers and support staff to develop our key understandings of the mathematics curriculum, support our whole school curriculum development, and ensure targeted interventions are successful for each student.

Earlier this week, Kerri Kelsh and Denise Watson attended a session in Port Lincoln focussed on the implementation of the Preschool Literacy and Numeracy indicators, and the links between the Early Years Learning Framework and the Australian Curriculum.

For your diary

Week 10

Parent / Teacher interviews
GOVERNING COUNCIL 6pm

Week 11

SciWorld R-10 10am - NO CANTEEN
Sausage sizzle lunch
SSSSA (Sun Smart Athletics)
End of term
Early dismissal Buses leave 2:15pm

Term 2

Week 2

NAPLAN

“Education is all about building bridges.”
Ralph Ellison

from Student Action Voice …

Hot cross buns Thanks to everyone that came to the assembly in Week 8 and bought a hot cross bun. We are glad to say that we raised $300 from the hot cross buns and sale of school wool. This money will go towards medical equipment for the Humanity Hospital.

Sausage sizzle Next Tuesday 12th April there will be a fundraising sausage sizzle lunch for $2.50.
Monday, 14 March 2016

Our public education system provides high-quality education

People often ask me where my children go to school and why we’ve made the choices we have. I am proudly a graduate of the public system, and we had no hesitation in sending our kids to public schools.

While the good of society is important (and the better educated everyone is, the more prosperous we all are), naturally parents choose a school for how it will benefit their child. For my family, that is a government school.

Increasingly parents feel pressure to make an active choice about which school their children will attend. Where once the local government school was the default option for all but a few children, there is now a sense among some parents that if you care about your children’s education you will pay for their tuition, or you will move into the zone for one of a handful of very popular government schools located in high-income suburbs.

While aware of this trend, in our family we weren’t anxious about our options in Adelaide’s northwest. While schools with great reputations deserve them, they are not the only excellent ones, and are not the only place in which your child will shine.

Our public education system as a whole provides the kind of high-quality education that I want for my children.

Public education gives students the gift of learning in a school where diversity is welcome and celebrated. Public education reflects the value system of our society as a whole — democratic, secular and founded on a belief that merit is a function of what you do, not who you or your parents are.

In my view, the best public schools are those with a wide range of cultural backgrounds and parent income. The more a school reflects the diversity of our society, the better the preparation for being an adult.

Public schools seem to be good at teaching students to be self-reliant learners. This may be one of the reasons publicly educated kids tend have better university results than privately educated students with the same entrance scores.

Our government schools have the advantage of being backed up by a large network of schools with a wide variety of subjects, an instrumental music program across the state, the school of languages so every child has out-of-school-hours access to every language in the curriculum, the open access college for more remote students, and the work of head office on teacher development and curriculum support.

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At the same time, our schools are among the most autonomous public schools in Australia, with decision-making by principals and governing councils on most day-to-day matters. Principals can and do run locally relevant professional development programs, manage both high and poor performance, and run their budgets to offer the subjects and activities their community wants for their children.

Being tuition-fee free means many parents can put any extra money they have into family holidays, participating in out-of-school activities, going to sporting and arts events, or even into a parent choosing not to work so many hours and spend time with the kids instead. All of these have enormous educational benefits.

Choice and variety in education are great, and there are many fantastic schools across the state that have tuition fees, but don't overlook your local public school when making your decision.

PLAYGROUP

Playgroup is
Friday 8th April
10am - 12pm
Keep an eye on the Facebook page:
MILTABURRA PLAYGROUP

Wirrulla
Sports & Recreation
football / netball training

In previous years concerns have been raised on training nights in regard to supervision of children. This raises Health and Safety issues of children and respect for club property. Could parents please arrange supervision until training starts.

ACCOMODATION REQUIRED

Accommodation is required for a Third Year Prac Teacher who will be in the school next term. Rebekah requires accommodation from the 15th May - 10th June. If you know of, or have suitable accommodation for her, could you please contact Kathryn McEvoy or the school.

QUIZ NIGHT

Stage 1 Community Studies - fundraiser for major camp
$15 per person includes supper - Tables of 8

WHERE: Miltaburra Area School
WHEN: Friday 3rd June
TIME: 7pm for a 7:30pm start
Contact:  
Erin Miller 0456 311 467
Kathryn McEvoy 0459 706 835
Miltaburra Area 86268088
Parents, grandparents, family and friends helped the students to make Easter baskets. After assembly the students went back to collect their baskets and found an Easter egg in them!
The egg and spoon race was funny, everyone helped each other to try to keep the eggs from rolling off. At the assembly classes shared Every Face Has A Place, things made and certificates were given out.
## CANTEEN ROSTER

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### Happy Birthday to ...

- Sophie & Zaydin Flogdell 2nd April
- Airlie Hammat 4th April
- Darci Best & Jaydon Jesser 5th April
- Darcy Olsen 11th April
- Jesse Pittaway 13th April
- Jacob Ryan & Courtney Lambert 14th April
- Jack Kelsh & Molly Lambert 15th April
- Jordan Olsen 16th April
- Rebecca Woods 29th April
- Phillip Lawrie 30th April