From the Principal …

It was great to see some rain last week, and to hear the tractors out in the paddocks now. Good luck to those who are out there seeding at the moment. Last week we had the NAPLAN tests throughout the week for students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Results will be available around September. I am sure all of our students did well, but I remind everyone that whilst NAPLAN is important, it is only one snapshot of a small area of learning and development. Our focus for children’s development is much wider.

Early Finish

Reminder that school will finish early next Monday so that bus drivers can complete their runs and still be able to participate in our first aid training. Also, Friday the 10th June will be a school closure day nominated by the Governing Council as our “day of local significance” for this year.

SA Excellence in Public Education Awards

Nominations for the excellence in public education awards have now closed. I’m delighted that once again, Miltaburra Area School has staff that have been nominated for the award. Congratulations to Kerri Kelsh and Natasha Gill on their well deserved nominations.

Books to go home for review

Week 3—Maths books will be sent home for review by parents. Please look through them with your child/ren, sign and return them to school. If you have any questions about the work in the books, or the curriculum in general, please contact your child’s teacher.

Welcome

to Rebekah Shepherdson on practicum placement for the next 5 weeks.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

On Thursday this week we will again be visited by Kathy Palmer, Mathematician in residence. She will be working with staff on specific areas of the maths curriculum and modelling lessons in classes. The work we have done with Kathy over the last 12 months has been very worthwhile, and made a significant difference to the teaching of mathematics at Miltaburra.

Also in the maths curriculum, teaching staff have finalised our whole school numeracy agreement, which is supported by electronic curriculum maps, resources and assessment strategies. Thanks to Kerri Kelsh for the amount of work that went into this incredibly valuable project.

Staff have now begun a focus on bringing this level of detail and coherence to the literacy curriculum, and specifically writing.

Karen Stokes

from Student Action Voice …

*** CHANGE OF DATE ***

Remember to start getting your teams together for the MAS quiz night Friday 1st July. See advert on page 2 for details.

FOR YOUR DIARY

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PLAYGROUP
10am - 12pm
Keep an eye on the Facebook page:
MILTABURRA PLAYGROUP

We’re taking it our stride
FRIDAY 20th MAY

Well it’s that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine, perhaps walking to the school bus stop is an option.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so join us

TCHARKULDU CROSS COUNTRY RUN
The 40th Commemorative rock run will be hosted by Karcultaby Area School on Wednesday 15th June starting at 11am. There will be an entry fee of $3 per entrant. The course will be 3 - 5km depending on age group. All entrants will receive a 40th Commemorative wrist band and beanies will be on sale for $12. Lunch and presentations take place at the Minnipa Oval after the event.

Age groups:
- Prim boys/girls Years 3-6 3km
- Junior boy/girl Years 7-9 5km
- Senior boy/girl Years 10-12 5km
- Open for parents, staff & local sportspersons

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

WHERE: Miltaburra Area School
WHEN: Friday 1st July
TIME: 7pm for a 7:30pm start
Contact: Erin Miller 0456 311 467
Kathryn McEvoy 0459 706 835
Miltaburra Area 86268088

CANTEEN SPECIAL
Beef Burger with the works
(lettuce, tomato, cheese & tomato sauce)

ONLY $3.00
Valid for Term 2
National Volunteer Week - May 9-15

Dear volunteers,

You are usually busy putting other people’s needs first, but this week it’s your turn. Today marks the start of National Volunteer Week when we recognise and celebrate your contribution to our community - especially to South Australian kids.

South Australians can be proud of our record of volunteering. Despite our busy lives, almost 37 per cent of us still find the time to volunteer in our communities - the second highest rate across the country.

This figure includes thousands of parents, grandparents and others who give their time in our children’s centres, preschools, schools and care and protection services. Thank you for all the roles you take on, including coaching kids’ sport, serving on governing councils, listening to reading, helping out in tuck shops or on camps or excursions, teaching languages in our ethnic schools and helping kids in care with their homework, providing transport so they can visit family members or supporting older kids to learn vital life skills.

You make kids’ lives better in so many ways. You support them to develop a love of reading and to know their heritage and culture, you introduce them to the fun of sports and the value of teamwork and you help to establish safe and settled environments for kids in care. And just by being there and sharing your valuable time with kids, you show them they - and their future - are important.

To all of you, I want to say thank you for giving so much to our communities. This week, the spotlight is on you - enjoy your well-deserved celebration.

Susan Close
Minister for Education and Child Development
CANTEEN ROSTER

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TRADEING TABLE
Saturday 18th June
at the Wirulla
football / netball game
Please support our
PRIMARY camp fundraising
start early - bake and freeze

Happy Birthday to ...
- Riley Pittaway  24th May
- Stephey Hammer  26th May
- Amber Woods     29th May