Principal’s Note

We’ve had a great start to the 2017 school year at Miles State School these past few days. Classes have been organised and are already busy establishing routines and outlining expectations. It has been great to walk around and see smiles on faces over the last week. It has been especially pleasing to see how quickly students have settled, particularly our Preps who with support from their families have shown they are ready for school.

I want to again extend a very warm welcome to all of our new students and families, as well as our existing students and parents. Once again I encourage parents to initiate conversations with classroom teachers to ensure they are well informed with regards to their child’s education. We are making preparations for a welcome BBQ on Tuesday 14th February. We hope all of the wider school community are able to attend and connect with the school.

I would like to congratulate all of those involved in the Miles State School swimming carnival last Friday. It was another fantastic display of Students ‘Striving to Achieve’. Congratulations to the overall winning Sporting House for 2017, Binbian.

At Miles State School our team works hard to provide a safe and productive environment for all our students. My role as Principal is to ensure our school values of;

- Building a community of lifelong learners;
- Sharing experiences and responsibilities;
- Creating opportunities; and
- Caring for ourselves, our school, our community, our environment;

are embedded in this school for all.

This means establishing clear boundaries and expectations of student behaviour both within the classroom and in the playground. We do this through education about tolerance and respect and also through supervision (including in the online environment).

The staff and I take a very active role in helping students to work through challenging situations. We place a strong emphasis on students owning their actions and taking personal responsibility for their behaviour. It is very common for me to see that more than one student has contributed the escalation of a conflict and we need to acknowledge this in resolving the conflict.

We seek to work in partnership with parents, families and our students. I am particularly cognisant of the diversity of families that we have in our community and I acknowledge the different approaches to life that we hold. This can sometimes lead to unforeseen interactions between students which, with education and guidance, can be resolved. To this end, I see our role at School as recognising our diversity as a community and finding a shared path to walk together with our students and families. Children learn from responses of their families to challenging situations and we seek your assistance in remaining open and composed when working with us as a school team. This sets a great example for our students and will hopefully provide them with valuable life skills.

As always, I encourage you to engage with our staff or myself should you wish to discuss any aspects of your child’s education.

Have a great week,

Steven Bennett
Principal
6M have started the year by setting goals and expectations for their last year at Miles State School.

Maddy – This year I want to be a better role model.
Courtney – In grade 6 I want to be challenged in all subjects.
Elyse – I want to be a good role model to younger students.
Tyrann – My goal is to finish all my poems.
Calvin – This year I want to do all my work.
Ethan – I want year 6 to be my best year at primary school.
Emily – I would like year 6 to be the best year.
Isaiah – I want to learn all the times tables by the end of the year.
Gwynne – I would like my last year of primary school to be completely positive.
Hugh – I want year 6 at Miles to be the best year ever.
James – I want year 6 to be awesome.
Harper – I want to enjoy my last year of primary school.
Lillian – I want year 6 to be my best year of primary school.
Noah – I want year 6 to be my best year of primary school.
Charlotte – I want year 6 to be challenging in Maths.
Rosie – I want this year to be the best year of primary school life
Senna – I want to hand in my reading log every week.
Kaleb – I think 2017 will the best year ever.
Lewis – I want to enjoy my last year at primary school.
Bre – 2017, my last year at primary school, I hope it is challenging and I hope to be the best sports captain ever.
Ty – I want to learn my times tables and stay on green.

Tuckshop News

Our Price List from the end of 2016 will remain in place. Copies can be found on the Miles State School website on the front page in Quick Links or in the documents section. Alternatively, copies are available at the front office.

- Forest Fruit flavour slushy - $2.20
- Cheeseburger - Beef patty with cheese and tomato sauce - $3.00

Both the new Slushy flavour and Cheeseburger will be available for Term 1.

We look forward to your support this year!

Instrumental Music - Mrs Kathryn Taylor

Hi everyone!

On Tuesday I handed out a large number of instrumental forms to students who are interested in joining this year’s program. As there were so many forms handed out it will have to be whoever has paid and returned their forms first, so that students can get their first choice of instrument. As always students are more than welcome to use their own instruments.

Invoices will be created tomorrow for Students who have returned their forms, with students receiving their invoices on Friday. bPay is our preferred method of payment.

Don’t forget all students need the Tradition of Excellence book as soon as possible. Lessons will begin in week 4 as next week I will be attending an instrumental teacher’s conference in Toowoomba for the week. If your child missed out on a form or you have any questions please email me at kmulc6@eq.edu.au.

Mrs Taylor
BUILDING, CARING, CREATING, SHARING

Visitors to the School - For the safety of our students, could all Parents and Visitors who come to the school between 9:00 am and 2:50 pm please come to the Office and sign in. Thank you.

Student of the Week

Prep — Dometic G. — For being a puzzle champion!
Year Prep/1S — Jake V. — For making a great effort to get on with work this week.
Year 1/2L — Silus R. — For being organised and ready to start every lesson.
Year 1/2SB — Dettaynee L. — For developing confidence from the start of the year.
Year 2/3F — Levi N. — For modelling such a positive attitude towards the start of this year. Keep up the great work!
Year 3/4G — Rahnee L. — Great start to the new year. A great role model in 3/4G.
Year 4J — Jacob C. — For using his growth mindset to inspire 4J to be positive learners.
Year 4/5N — Cooper P. — For a positive start and demonstrating confidence in his work. Excellent Job!
Year 5/6A — Ellawouise L. — For approaching the first week back with enthusiasm and pride.
Year 6M — Ethan S. — For working diligently on completing all his work.

2017 Miles State School Swimming Carnival

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Open Age Champions: Gwynne Wessely & Tyson Gilmour
Broken Records: Congratulations Annabella Erwin for breaking the 10yr old female 25m backstroke record by swimming a 25.41, beating the old time of 26.73. Also congratulations to Yolanda Trace for beating the 11yr old 25m breastroke by swimming a time of 25.95, beating the old record of 27.35.

House Overall Points: Binbian: 428 Cameby: 297

Swimming Carnival - Thank you to all volunteers that assisted on Friday through the heat! The day would not have been such a success without you.

Sports Sign-Up - Students aged 10-12 years who wish to compete in South West Basketball need to advise Miss Stoltz by Thursday 9th of February

South-West Basketball (Roma - 17 February)
Guluguba Beer & Wurst Tasting Evening
Friday 3rd February, 2017
Guluguba School- 6.00pm

On behalf of the Guluguba P&C Sausage Sizzle/ baked potatoes available
$40.00 (entry, inc beer & wurst tasting ) $15.00 (entry inc wurst tasting & nibbles)
$5.00 (child entry Inc: 1 x drink & snack)
Please let us know if you are coming! RSVP is ESSENTIAL (Limited numbers)
EMAIL: gavandis@skymesh.com.au
Children are not allowed in tasting area but can watch a movie upstairs under supervision.
Parents are responsible for their own children.

Same day absence notification & emergency contacts

It has become policy, that we are required to advise parents if their child is absent from school, and we have not received a notification of that absence prior to 9:00 am on the morning thereof. We have this week commenced using Infoways, a same day notification SMS service. Rolls will continue to be marked at 9:00 am in the classroom, and any absences (including late arrivals) which are unexplained, will trigger a SMS to be delivered - in the first instance the message will be forwarded to the mother’s mobile contact number, or the father’s mobile contact number in the instance of a sole parent.

If you receive an absence notification, please advise us as soon as possible either by return SMS, emailing admin@milesss.eq.edu.au or calling 4628 0333 to let us know where your child is.

If your child is unable to attend school, please advise by email - admin@milesss.eq.edu.au as soon as possible prior to school commencing for the day.

With the beginning of the year, if your contact details or address details have changed, please advise us as a matter of urgency. If you are unsure, contact us regardless, as it is of the utmost importance that we are able to contact you in the case of an emergency.

The easiest way to advise us is by email - admin@milesss.eq.edu.au by phone - 4628 0333 or in person.

Thank you 😊