Principal’s Note

I would like to congratulate the broad majority of students who have had a terrific start back to school. Already I am seeing new gains in their learning. It is great to see our students ready to learn each day. Many of you will have met our new teachers Miss Jones our year 4 teacher and Miss Stoltz who will be taking PE this year. We welcome them to our Miles State School team.

On Tuesday 14th February a Welcome BBQ will be held at the new play area from 5:00 pm – 6.30pm. The BBQ will provide the opportunity for our school community to come together and mark the start of the 2017 school year. All our staff will be attending the event and I warmly encourage all families (new and continuing!) to come along and meet your child’s teacher for the year. This is an opportunity to put a face to a name and connect in an informal setting with our team here at School. I look forward to seeing you there!

Our first few weeks back at School have been busy with our School Council reconvening for the first time this year. The draft of our 4 year plan for Miles State School was tabled. This plan has been developed based on the 2016 school review findings and it charts the course forward for Miles State School until the end of 2020. I will continue to work proactively with Council on this in the coming months. As part of the rotation of members on the Council, we farewelled Mrs Anne Hoffmann from the Chamber of Commerce who has so ably lead the Council in the position of Chairperson. I would like to thank Anne for her contribution over the past two years. We welcome Kay Taylor as the Chamber of Commerce representative moving forward. I also congratulate Lavinia Tyrrell who was elected Chairperson and once again thank our continuing Council members for their time and contribution. I look forward to working closely with our School Council team in 2017.

The P&C Committee are holding their first normal meeting of the year on Monday 20 February at 7:00pm in the library. This meeting has a dual purpose of being a normal meeting and the AGM for the Committee. Nominations for all executive positions are now being called and the committee will be elected on the night. Our P&C provide a vital function at our School and offer considerable support for our students. I encourage you to consider nominating and becoming an active member of the Committee.

Have a great week,

Steven Bennett

Principal
“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 ☺

Instrumental Music - Mrs Kathryn Taylor

Hi everyone!

Instrumental Forms were handed out last Tuesday and invoices have been handed to Students that have returned their forms. As there are only a limited number of instruments available, whoever has paid and returned their forms first, will receive their first choice of instrument. As always students are more than welcome to use their own instruments.

Don’t forget all students need the Tradition of Excellence book as soon as possible. Lessons will begin in week 4 - Tuesday, 14 February. If your child missed out on a form or you have any questions please email me at kmulc6@eq.edu.au.

Mrs Taylor

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PE: Miss Suzaan Stoltz

A reminder about South West Basketball. Nominations must be in tomorrow (Thurs 9 Feb) for competition on Friday, 17 February in Roma.

Good Luck!

Best of luck to our students that will be representing Miles State School at the Miles & District Swimming Trials on Friday!

One Million Stars To End Violence

We need you help to weave one million stars by July 2017. All stars will appear as part of a major installation for the Outback Spirit Festival in Carnarvon. Let’s show that the Western Desert region is focused on supporting peaceful and safe spaces to foster harmonious and vibrant communities.

Organise and register your own Star Jam now — or bring some crushed tin foil to a Star Jam at a library, gallery or museum near you.

Become a #starweaver onemillionstars.net

Year 2/3F: Mrs Jessica Flett

This term our class is exploring narratives. We have started looking at narratives as anything that tells a story, whether it’s from real life or made up. We have just started looking at text features we can add into our writing to make it more interesting. Some of these features are also used in poetry. They include Onomatopoeia, Similes and Alliteration.

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Music News

It is exciting to begin a new year of music at Miles State School. As always it will be a busy year for students who choose to be part of our musical groups. Following is a timetable for all groups. If your child would like to be a member of these groups please help them by reminding them when they are to have their rehearsals.

Senior Choir
Grade 3 to Grade 6
Thursday First Break

Junior Choir
Grade 1 and Grade 2
Thursday Second Break
Term 1 and term 3 only

Year 4 Boys Choir
Grade 4 Boys
Time to be advised
This is a compulsory choir for all boys in grade 4

Miles State School Singers
Selected Students
Thursday 3.00pm – 3-30pm

Recorder Band
Selected Students

Senior Recorder
Grades 3 to 6
Wednesday First Break

Junior Recorder
Grades 1 and 2
Wednesday Second Break
Term 2 and 4 only

I look forward to working with your children.

Thank you

Roxy Bidgood

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!

Student of the Week

😊 Prep — Harvey B. — For working enthusiastically and cleverly to make words!
😊 Year Prep/1S — Hannah P. — For a wonderful attitude to learning new things.
😊 Year 1/2L — Summa S. — For always being engaged with the learning task and having her hand up to answer questions!
😊 Year 1/2SB — Lacey B. — For being a kind and pleasant student towards all staff and peers.
😊 Year 2/3F — Josh F. — For his enthusiasm towards coming to school and its activities.
😊 Year 3/4G — Toby T. — Striving hard to do his very best every day.
😊 Year 4J — Tyler C. — For being a supportive star, handy helper and outstanding organiser!
😊 Year 4/5N — Chelsea M. — For her enthusiastic approach to learning and applying herself to all tasks!
😊 Year 5/6A — Annabella E. — For being proactive in the classroom.
😊 Year 6M — Calvin H. — For trying his hardest to finish all his work.
Students at Miles State School are being offered dental care through the Miles Dental Clinic, located at Miles Hospital, Colamba St.

Students will be offered treatment in family groups from Prep to Year 6. This allows for children in the one family to be treated together, increased parental involvement and a more informed consent.

Places are now being offered for new students to Prep, and new families in our area. If you would like your child/ren to participate in the free dental program please complete a registration form - forms are available at the Office and will go home with Prep Students today (Please check ports if you haven’t received one!).

For more information, please contact Natalie Brown - A/Senior Oral Health Therapist, Darling Downs Hospital and Health Services - 0407 575 622.

We ask that you please return these forms to the box on the Office front counter by Friday 10th February.

Thank you, Oral Health Staff

Hello from Chappy!

It’s wonderful to see so many new families come into our area. I thought I’d let you know that your school has a chaplain. My name is Lesley van der Vlugt (also known as “Chappy”) and I work at Miles Primary on Mondays and Tuesdays, Miles High on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and Dulacca, Condamine and Drillham on Fridays. My role is to support staff, students and their families.

Socially and Emotionally - Empowering students through group programs like Rock and Water, Drumbeat, Vital, Fun Friends, Peer Skills and craft and chatting one-on-one.

Educationally - Helping in classrooms and with extracurricular activities like camps and excursions.

Spiritually - Praying at school ceremonies.

Community Development - Speaking at churches, visiting P & C Meetings, attending school welcoming barbeques and ceremonies.

Fundraising - Whilst the government provides most of the funding for the program, a substantial amount is supplemented through local fundraising activities and donations.

If I can assist your family then please ring your school or email me on lesleyvan@gmail.com