**Principal’s Note**

I would like to thank those families who attended the Welcome BBQ last night. The BBQ was a great opportunity to meet informally our team here at School at the start of what I am sure will be a terrific year. It was also wonderful to see a mixture of established families and families new to our community. I hope you enjoyed the event.

Just a reminder that the P&C Committee are holding their AGM at 7:00pm on Monday 20th February in the Library. This Committee provides invaluable support of our school and students. I encourage you to consider becoming an active contributor to the P&C Committee in 2017. This can be done either as a member or you can nominate for a position on the Executive Committee. I look forward to seeing you there.

Finally, I would like to invite you to our Student Leader Badge ceremony on Monday 20th February at 9.15am. This is a momentous occasion for our new student leaders for 2017. I encourage families to join us as we recognise our elected Captains and student leadership body at this formal parade. In 2017 at Miles State School, there will be a number of expectations and roles for our leaders to engage in. They will be expected to engage as team members with both students and staff and empower other students to participate in activities and learning, communicate in a positive manner at all times and uphold the school’s code of conduct and school creed. As part of their duties in the Student Representative Council our student leaders will become involved in decision making processes to help make this school a better and safer place to be. Through this they will develop their integrity, honesty, and sound work ethics.

Have a great week,

**Steven Bennett**

Principal

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**Date Claimers**

- **Friday, 17 February** - SW Basketball
- **Monday, 20 February** - P&C AGM
- **Wednesday, 15 March** - Prep - Hearing screenings
- **Wednesday, 29 March** - Yr 6 - Hearing screenings
- **Friday, 31 March** - Final day of Term 1, 2017

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**P & C Meeting**

AGM: Monday, 20 Feb 2017
Followed by a general meeting
7:00 pm
Venue: Office Meeting Room

We welcome new members & can’t wait to see you there.

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Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Miles & District swimming carnival last Friday. Well done to Gwynne Wessely for receiving the Daniel Maller Memorial Shield for being Open Swimming Champion for Miles & District and to Tyson Gilmour for qualifying to be in the Miles & District team. Good luck to Tyson when he competes in Charleville next Friday.
News from 5/6A

Year 5/6A have hit the ground running in 2017! I have been over the moon with the efforts of all the students so far. Our attendance has been fantastic too, coming in a close second for the class with the best attendance in Week 3. Thank you for helping your child arrive at school on time each day!

Why are we so excited?

Multiplication Club - Students are loving trying to get to the top of the ladder for multiplication club. It’s fantastic having students rush to me in excitement for knowing a certain tricky times table that might have stumped them the previous day. Ask your child how they are going with their multiplication and take the time to listen to their success stories! All students would love to be at the top of the ladder by the end of Semester One.

Daily 5 – Students are following the CAFÉ model and really enjoy being responsible for achieving their goals. Students are loving the freedom and independence involved and are already demonstrating the necessary steps to feel success with their reading.

Maths Strategies – This week we had some light bulb moments when using the split strategy to efficiently solve addition, subtraction and multiplication. Students are seeing the importance of understanding the place value of digits in a number and are solving equations much more quickly. Here is an example, see if your child can explain the steps at home.

Science - Year Five students have been exploring animal and plant adaptations. It has been interesting exploring camouflage but this week we put our botanist hat on and investigated the dispersal of seeds. We are still learning to work effectively in teams but as we learn how to work to our abilities we are hoping to become excellent scientists!

*By now you should’ve received our class newsletter, please feel free to send me an email if you would like any extra information regarding the adventures in 5/6A!

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Please note that Students who have signed up to compete to go to the Miles & District trial for Soccer will have training on Wednesday, 15 and 22 February as well as Friday, 17 and 24 February during first break lunch. No soccer equipment is required for this. Permission slips will be handed out and need to be returned no later than Tuesday 21 February.

Thank you,

Suzaan Stoltz
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 — Braxton E. — For being a master of Green Level monsters.
😊 Year Prep/1S — Addison N. — For being happy, co-operative and always ready to learn new things.
😊 Year 1/2L — Emily D. — For bringing her reading folder in everyday. Great reading!
😊 Year 1/2SB — Lucas B. — For trying his best to complete set tasks.
😊 Year 2/3F — Brylie E. — For shining in her new class.
😊 Year 3/4G — Finn K. — Putting effort into creating detailed answers to demonstrate his understanding of what he has read.
😊 Year 4J — Selina R. — For consistently and enthusiastically supporting all students to succeed. You are a supportive star!
😊 Year 4/5N — Lincoln K. — For improvement each day to become a fantastic learner.
😊 Year 5/6A — Lucy E. — For having a wonderful attitude towards new challenges.
😊 Year 6M — Ty O. — For having a fantastic start to Year 6 and working hard 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 went home with Prep Students last Wednesday (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

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 commenced using Infoways, a same day notification SMS service. Rolls will continue to be marked at 9:10 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.

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 😊