Dear Students, Parents, Caregivers and Community members,

Welcome back everyone!

To open our newsletter I would like to give you all a very exciting piece of news. On the 27th of January Mark and Amy Curtis were blessed with the arrival of a son, Nate Anthony Curtis. Even though Nate was a little early both mum and bub are doing really well. Congratulations to the Curtis family.

We need to welcome to Mulgildie some new students and their families. Firstly our Preppies:- Rhylie Messer, MacKenzie Keiler, Ava Curtis, Dana Grubb, Emily-Rose Kerle, Tara Dixon. Thank you for joining our great little school and we look forward to you continuing your education with us. A big welcome to our six new students. This year we have been joined by Ella and Jayden Cowen, Lylaan Crous, Chloe Dent, Keshon Anum and Safiyah Jones. We know you will have a fabulous time here at Mulgildie!

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Next Monday the 3rd of February we will be receiving a visit from the Brisbane Broncos as part of their One Community program. Our visit will be from 12.30pm until 1.00pm. Unfortunately we do not know which Broncos players will be coming to visit us at this point in time. The players will be conducting a session at the Monto Sports Grounds that afternoon from 3.30 pm to 4.30pm.

As this year is the final year that grade 7 students will attend primary school it was decided that our current year 6 students would be part of our school leaders program. Next Monday on parade we will be hearing speeches from the year 6 and 7 students and then voting for our 2014 school leaders. Parents are welcome to attend parade on Monday to listen to these speeches.

Next month (the 14th of February) I will be attending my first Principal’s Business Meeting for the year. Each term a Principal’s Business Meeting is held for Principal’s in our region to attend, to help us to keep up to date and in line with regional information and policies regarding our school.

So again welcome back everyone, new and old, and I am looking forward to another great year at our great little school.

Regards,

Kelly Low
Principal

Week 10 Awards, Term 4, 2013
CLASSROOM NEWS
Year 5-7 by Mrs. Kelly Low
There is only a little to report from our upper classroom this newsletter as we are just getting into the swing of things.

We welcome our year 4 and 5 student to the “big room” as well as our new students Jayden, Lylaan, Chloe and Safi. I hope you have a wonderful time with us!

We will be beginning homework next week. For the year 4-7 class, homework goes out on Tuesday and is due back in on Monday the following week. These days are also our pre and post spelling test days.

A note will be sent home with homework next week explaining what is required each week. Also included with this note will be our term assessment calendar so that you have a heads up on what assessment pieces we are doing and when.

Today your child will be bringing home a letter from the ABC Reading Eggs program. We have registered the whole school for this program and the children can access it from home also. I have not as yet been through the program with the class but will be doing so tomorrow, so they will know what to do themselves.

Just before I sign off please ask your child about their Data booklet. This is a new initiative we have introduced to help students see where they are sitting with their performance and to track how far they travel during the year.

Until next fortnight!

Prep - Year 4 by Mrs. Katherine Vriesema
Hi everyone,

Welcome to the 2014 school year!! I hope you all had a lovely and relaxing holiday. Since I sent home a rather large pile of information with the P-3 parents yesterday, I will keep my newsletter brief.

We are very excited to welcome 8 new students and their families into the Prep – 3 class. Welcome to Ava, Dana, Emily-Rose, Mackenzie, Tara, Rhylie, Ella and Keshon. We hope you have a fantastic time at Mulgildie School and in the P-3 class.

This term we will be doing a SOSE/Geography unit which is based on the Flat Stanley books. It will involve each student having their own pen pal of sorts in another country. We have started to read the Flat Stanley story in preparation for our exchanges. I will send home more information about this very shortly.

After the students last year enjoyed the Reading Eggs/Eggspress program last year, the decision was made that we would continue with it this year. It is used to introduce and reinforce learning to read, as well as reading to learn (for the older year levels). It is able to be accessed from home very easily. I will send home login details with the students soon.

Have a great fortnight!

Kind regards,
Kate

CONSENT FORMS
Each year every family is sent home a package of consent forms relating to the current year. Attached with this newsletter is the following forms to be filled out appropriately and returned to the school office ASAP:

- Medical Details Form
- Media Consent Form
- Internet Agreement Form
- Contacts Details & Technology Form
- Religious Instruction Form
- Project Consent Form (Year 4-7)
- Raffle/Excursion Permission Form

Families that are new to the school may not receive these forms as they most likely have already been filled out for 2014. If anyone has any concerns about these forms please contact Tara or Kelly in the office.

SCHOOL CAMP
This year we have decided to attend the Frederick Marsden Youth Centre in Brisbane for our annual school camp. We have chosen to hold this camp during Term 3, this year for 5 days and 4 nights, leaving on Monday the 8th and returning on Friday the 12th of September. This Camp will be a great opportunity for our students to discover new things and participate in activities that they can not frequently experience.

During School Camp we are planning to participate in the following activities:
- A half day visit to the Queensland Museum at Southbank.
- A day visit to Australia Zoo
- Program of Activities at the Frederick Marsden Youth Centre

Possible activities:
- Cinema Screening of a recently released movie
- Ice Skating
- Ten Pin Bowling

Attached to the newsletter is an expressions of interest form. As we are a small school and there is a minimum requirement of numbers to attend this centre the result of the expression of interest forms will determine whether we can attend this camp. Please fill this form out appropriately and return to the school office ASAP.

We will let families know the outcome of these forms in the next newsletter along with additional information if your child will be attending school camp this year.

JUST A NOTE
IF ANY STUDENTS HAVE TAKEN THEIR SCISSORS HOME AT THE END OF 2013 CAN THEY PLEASE BRING THEM BACK TO SCHOOL!
BOOKLIST
Welcome Back! Thank you to everyone for picking up their booklists prior to school beginning. If anyone has any concerns about their child’s booklist please contact Tara at the school.

Each family should have received a letter late last year regarding the remaining amount owing to the school for their child’s booklist. If any parents did not receive this letter or need another copy please let Tara know ASAP. Just a reminder that this money is due by Wednesday the 2nd of April.

SCHOOL LEADERS
Next Monday the 3rd of February we will be holding our Leadership Parade. During this morning students in both Year 6 & 7 will be presenting their captaincy speeches in the hope of gaining a role as either School Captain or House Captain (Archer or McKay) of Mulgildie State School.

After all speeches have been presented the school will then vote for their School Captain then for their House Captains for 2014.

Parents are encouraged to attend this parade to support our future leaders of Mulgildie State School. This parade will begin after our normal parade at 9:15am.

TERM 1 SWIMMING
Swimming will begin next Friday the 7th of February at the Monto Public Swimming Pool. Attached to the newsletter is a permission form allowing your child to participate in these swimming lessons. Please fill out this form and return it to the school office by next Wednesday.

The school will again be covering the costs of our swimming Instructor, we only ask that parents please pay for their child’s entry into the pool. This will cost $1.50 each week, if any families have a season pass to the pool please provide this to the school (to photocopy) as students with this pass will not need to pay the entry fee.

Swimming Times are as follows: Prep-Year 3: 10 - 10:45am. Year 4-7: 9:15 - 10am.

Please ensure your child remembers to bring their Swimming Togs (including a sun shirt), a Towel, Water Bottle and their entrance fee (if required). Thanks.

GRIP LEADERSHIP
Each year our Year 7 students attend a Leadership Conference to help them prepare for their role of school leaders at Mulgildie State School. As we will be farewelling both our Year 6 & Year 7 students at the end of this year both grades will be attending this conference.

The conference will be held on Tuesday the 18th of February at the Brothers Sport Club Bundaberg. Beginning at 9am and concluding at 2:30pm. If any parents have any concerns or questions about this conference please contact Kelly at the school otherwise you can visit the Grip Leadership website on: www.gripleadership.com.au

ABSENCES
If your child is away from school due to an illness or another reason. Please ensure you contact the school to advise them of this absence.

There are three ways you can contact the school to advise us of an absence.
1. Ring the school on the day of your child’s absence.
2. Send a note into your child’s teacher the next day your child attends school with the date and reason your child was absent along with a parent or caregiver signature.
3. Email Kelly & Tara on admin@mulgildiss.eq.edu.au again with the date and reason why your child was absent.

Thank you for your co-operation.

OFFICE HOURS
Office hours are as follows: Tuesday: 8:15am - 4:45pm
Wednesday: 8:15am - 4:45pm
If you would like to contact us about a non-urgent matter you can email Tara & Kelly on: admin@mulgildiss.eq.edu.au

P&C NEWS
Welcome to another school year! Next Tuesday the 4th of February is our first P&C Meeting for 2014. Beginning at 7pm everyone is encouraged to attend. We hope to see everyone there.

School Uniforms
Our new order of school uniforms has arrived just in the nick of time! If any families require any School Shirts or Hats please contact Tara in the office.

Uniform prices are as follows:
Shirts: $32.00 each
Hats: $10.00 each

Meal Deal
As Amanda Wolff is no longer at our school to carry on Meal Deals (until our March AGM), a decision will be made as to whether we will be holding any Meal Deals in Term 1 next Tuesday at our P&C meeting. Please see the next newsletter for more information.

Battery Drive
Don’t Forget our battery drive. Keep bringing in those batteries!!! We have quite a few here at the moment so keep up the good work! If anyone has any vehicle batteries that they would like to dispose of please bring them into the school and dump them in our battery bin in the school car park. You will be helping the P&C raise valuable money for our small school.

If anyone has any questions or would like more information about the items listed above please ring Tara at the school on 4167 2154.

Regards,
Tara Adams
P&C Secretary

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