Dear Students, Parents, Caregivers and Community members,

Welcome back to the last term of 2015. Another year has nearly gone, leaving us shaking our heads at how quickly time passes!

**Busy, busy, busy!**

Term 4 is shaping up to be a very busy one. We have school camp, our year 6 students will be visiting the high school in preparation for next year, a visit from the SEAT learning team and a visit to the Life Education unit, swimming, our Prep orientation and Open days, as well as preparation for the graduation and the final week of school, just to list a small part of the activities going on!**Please be sure that you check your newsletter each fortnight to check on what we are up to.**

**Camp Attendance**

Our school camp is being held from the 27th to the 30th of October. Students not attending camp will be attending Monto State School for these days. Mrs Schimke/Bindi will be in attendance at Monto for these days also, to assist with the Mulgildie students. Students who do not attend camp or Monto State School will need a doctor’s certificate to explain their absence as these are mandatory school days.

**School review**

I have attached to this newsletter a copy of the Executive Summary of our Full School review. My apologies for not passing this on last term, but after preparing my section of the newsletter I felt it would be best to give this information to the P&C before distribution. I was extremely pleased last week to receive a letter from Kay Kirkman (Assistant Regional Director) commending our review and its findings. It was affirming for our school to receive this recognition.

**Prep orientation/ Open Days**

Next Thursday will be our first Prep Orientation/ Open Days. On this day the year 2 students will be joining the “big room” for the day in preparation for next year. If you know of any children that are ready for Prep next year, or may be interested in attending our great little school in 2015, please encourage them to come along on these days.

**Mrs Galloway**

In the last two weeks of term 3 Mrs Karla Galloway completed her teaching practice at Mulgildie State School. We had a fabulous time with her here (especially Minion day with all her wonderful ideas!) and we hope that she enjoyed being a teacher at our great little school!! Thank you Karla!

Just a short newsletter this week. I am sure they will get much longer as the term progresses!

Until next term!

Regards,
Kelly Low
CLASSROOM NEWS

PREP - YEAR 2 by Samantha Dow
Welcome Back! Term 4 is already looking busy with school camp, a visit to Harold and swimming lessons. Somewhere in amongst all of this we have quite a bit of work to get through.

This term, we will be looking at poetry and rhyme. Students will choose their favourite rhyme or poem and read it to their classmates at the end of this unit. To prepare for this we will be looking at how to use our voice and actions to make our reading interesting.

Maths: for the next fortnight we will be talking money and fractions.
Science— we are looking at gadgets that make light and sound this unit.
We will consider how we make these sounds or what energy is used to produce the light. This is just a small taste of what is to come this term.

Another big topic we will be looking at is Gadgets and Gizmos, which involves us looking at different sources of energy and how energy is produced, harnessed and used.

Homework goes out again today with a new look homework sheet for the Years 1 & 2. On it you will see that there are activities that should be done each night. There are also one-off tasks for your child to complete each night.

Please ensure that your child brings their home readers in regularly.
Books are changed most days by our lovely Mums. Reading is a bit like riding a bike—a few wobbles and a bit of practice generally ensures that you develop the skills that you need. The more you do, the better you get!

Prep, Year 1 & Year 2 are the years that these skills need to be developed. Unfortunately, we can’t always fit in all the practice that is needed to develop these skills at school. Your help with nightly reading and sight work practice ensures that our kids develop this very necessary life skill.

Things that happen in our room each week:

**Tuesday**— homework is due and swimming bags are a must! (Bring a jumper—the water is “refreshing”!!)

**Wednesday**— new homework goes out. We visit the library and change our books/Library Bags.

**Monday to Friday:** Home readers are changed & Daily Sharing. A new look topic sheet has been glued into our homework books. Your child’s sharing day has been recorded on the bottom of this sheet.

With the days warming up, students have been encouraged to bring a water bottle (not too big) to have in the classroom on their desk.

**YEAR 3 - 6 by Kelly Low**
Again only a short piece this fortnight, as we are only just beginning our units of work for term 4.

In English all the students will be using their “Why We Should Eat Beef” persuasive writing piece from term 2 and turning this into a persuasive speech. Our second unit will involve the study of two books by Emily Rodda, looking at her writing style and comparing these novels.

In maths we are currently looking at Chance and Probability, and will be moving on to look at measurement shortly.

In science we will be looking at Gadgets and Gizmos, which involves us looking at different sources of energy and how energy is produced, harnessed and used.

Mrs Curtis has a wonderful unit prepared for art this term. The students are going to be creating “wearable art” which should make for some very interesting creations.

Mrs Smith’s history units this term focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and culture for years 3/ 4 and the history of migration to Australia for year 5/6.

Our year 5 students are in the spotlight this term as they prepare for their school leaders speeches and election into the role of School Leaders for 2016. We have spoken on parade today about the attributes these students needed to be showing this year to gauge their suitability for these roles.

As I said only a small piece this fortnight. Until next newsletter

**WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN**
Thank you again to everyone that has brought in their Earn & Learn stickers this year. We have been able to collect a whopping 2820 stickers! This is very exciting and we will soon be able to start shopping for our goodies that will arrive at the start of next year!

Again a special mention to Jeff & Robyn Smith, Leonne Vandersee & Alice Kelly for making the special effort in mailing their stickers to our school, with their amazing contribution we were able to collect an extra 400 stickers!

**OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS**

**-BUS LEVY**
We still have two families with outstanding Bus Levy payments for 2015. Please make this payment as soon as possible!

**TUCKSHOP**
Please find attached to the newsletter an updated Menu for Term 4. Due to certain circumstances the Mulgildie Store have asked that our Tuckshop days be changed to Friday’s! With this in mind our Tuckshop days for Term 4 are as follows:
- Friday 20th October (Wk 3)
- Friday 6th November (Wk 5)
- Friday 20th November (Wk 7)
- Friday 4th December (Wk 9)

Please ensure all orders are returned to the school by Thursday morning, the day before Tuckshop! Thank you for your help!
**SWIMMING**

Next Tuesday will be our first Swimming lesson for Term 4 at the Monto Swimming Pool. These lessons run for 30/45 minutes and are held by an accredited instructor. During these lessons students will be taught water safety and stroke development.

Please see below our Term 4 Swimming Lesson dates:
- Tuesday 13th October
- Tuesday 20th October
- Tuesday 3rd November
- Tuesday 10th November
- Tuesday 17th November
- Tuesday 24th November
- Tuesday 1st December
- Tuesday 8th December

Times for these lessons are as follows:
- Year 3 - 6 Students: 9:15 - 10am
- Prep - Year 2 Students: 10 - 10:30am

We ask that all students please bring with them: their togs, a towel, goggles (optional), water bottle and their entrance fee (if required) on these days.

If you haven’t already done so please return your child’s permission form that was sent home last term to the school office ASAP. Without permission students will not be permitted to take part in swimming lessons.

**SCHOOL CAMP**

Thank you to those families that have returned there consent forms and money for camp so far. Don’t forget all forms and money need to be returned to the school by next Wednesday 14th October. If you received an invoice from the school regarding camp and your child will not be attending, please contact us immediately as all students not attending camp will be required to attend Monto State School while we are away.

Please find attached to the newsletter the itinerary, what to bring checklist & medication form. Please ensure all medication forms are returned to the school at your earliest convenience, medication itself does not require to be at school until the morning of camp!

**MEDICATION ON CAMP**

Each family will receive a Request to Administer Medication at School form for each child along with their Itinerary & Gear Checklist attached to the newsletter. Please ensure this form is filled out with both, medication that may be required on camp and also any medication that is regularly administered at home.

If you have listed that your child has any medical problems that may arise during camp you are REQUIRED to provide the proper medication for that condition.

For example: if you have listed that your child has Asthma on their medical form, you must provide a puffer (with the child’s name and dosage on a pharmacy label) along with the medication details filled out on the form provided. Failure to provide this medication with the proper labelling may result in your child not being able to attend camp. Please contact the school if you required anymore information.

**RECYCLING MATERIALS**

We are in desperate need of some recycling materials as the Year 3-6 students are doing a Trash Fashion unit this term for Art with Mrs Curtis. If any families have any recycling materials at home, for example: soft drink bottles, cans etc. Could they please bring them into the school, please no newspaper as we have lots and lots already!

**P&C NEWS**


Our next meeting will be Tuesday 3rd November starting at 7:30pm in the staff room at school. We will be beginning to organise our end of year functions, so come along and have an input!

Our raffle is finished—all tickets have been returned and our raffle has been drawn! Congratulations to the following winners:
- 1st Prize (Pearl Necklace) Lachlan Kerle (Colin Kerle)
- 2nd Prize (Butchered Lamb) Coralie Keiler
- 3rd Prize ($50 Nursery Voucher) S. Grayson
- 4th Prize (Bottle of Rum) Blue Family

We hope you all enjoy your prizes and thank you to everyone for supporting this amazing raffle. Again thank you to Sally & Corey Cowen for organising and donating prizes for this raffle. We have been able to raise just over $400 to put towards camp this year!

Also don’t forget our ongoing battery drive. Keep bringing in those batteries and dropping them off into our battery bin in the school car park!!!

Regards,
Karla Galloway (Secretary)
Mulgildie Hotel’s
Octoberfeast

Saturday 17th October
6.30pm

Konigsberg Meatballs
Kalter Hund
Beer and Pretzels
Brats with Beer Gravy
and much more
Spiced Red Cabbage
Bavarian Cream
Sauerbraten
Sauerkraut

All raffle proceeds plus $2 from each meal donated to the Monto Hospital Auxiliary.

Mulgildie State School
Prep Orientation and School Open Days
Thursday, 15th of October,
Wednesday, 4th of November,
Monday, 16th of November,
Friday, 4th of December.

Come along and enjoy a day at our great little school!
For more information contact us on 07/41572154
MULGILDIE TUCKSHOP MENU - Term 4

**Hot Food:**
Pickies Pies, Sausage Rolls & Buns
- Sausage Roll - $2.90
- Beef Pie - $4.20
- Beef, Cheese & Bacon Pie - $4.35

**Wraps**
Chicken Chilli Tender Wrap - $4.95

**Bowsls**
Fresh Salad Bowl - $6.50
(Please state whether you would like Sweet Caramelised Dressing or not)
- Fresh Fruit Salad Bowl - $6.50

**Buns**
- Cream Bun - $2.50
- Finger Bun - $2.50
- Fruit Bun - $2.50

**Cakes**
- Chocolate Cake - $2.00
- Banana Cake - $2.00

**Toasted Sandwiches**
- Ham & Cheese - $4.00
- Chicken & Cheese - $4.00
- Chicken, Mayo & Cheese - $4.00

**Sandwiches**
- Fresh Salad Sandwich - $4.00

**Drinks**
- Bundy Juice 300mL - $2.10
- Milk Breaka 300mL - $2.40
  (Orange & Passionfruit, Mango & Orange or Orange)
  (Chocolate, Strawberry)