Dear Students, Parents, Caregivers and Community members,

Welcome back to term 2 of the 2014 school year. This term promises to be a busy one with many things going on in our great little school.

Tomorrow all our students will be attending the combined school ANZAC Day parade at the Monto high School. As a staff we felt that it was important for our school to join in with the other school in our community to recognise this important day. Alex and Ethan will be presenting a reading and placing our wreaths during this ceremony. As you will have seen in our recent note we are hoping to only do one bus trip and have the remainder of the students ferried into the high school in staff vehicles. Parents are most welcome to attend this ceremony which starts at approximately 9.30am.

On Friday we will be marching in the Monto ANZAC Day parade. We will be gathering together in front of the RSL at 9.15am to prepare to march at 9.30am to the cenotaph in Memorial Park. For those who can stay an ANZAC day service will be held in the hall at about 10.00am. We encourage as many students and parent as possible to attend this march and support our service men and women both past and present. Last year we had 12 students who attended and I would love to have a larger contingent from Mulgildie participating this year. Students need to be in full school uniform, and have their hat and water bottle for the event. For those who wish to attend the Dawn Service it will be conducted at 6.00am at Memorial Park. I hope to see many of you there.

I wish you all a lovely long weekend and hope to see you on Friday at the March.

Regards,

Kelly Low
Principal

**BOOKFAIR**

Dates: Monday 12 May to Friday 15 May
Time: 9:00am - 3:30pm

Come in and have a look at the variety of books on offer for such great prices! We hope to see you there!
CLASSROOM NEWS
Year 4-7 by Mrs. Kelly Low
Dragons, Dragons, Dragons.
This term the upper class are working on English and Art units both based on Dragons. In English we will be reading the book Dragon hunter and then, through guided reading and writing, constructing our own narrative in the style of the book. Our visual arts unit is titled Dragon Dreams and fits in very well with our English unit. We will become Wildlife warriors for science and SOSE will see us looking at Working Together.

The Upper Class will not be having homework this week due to the short week but we will be back into next week with homework coming out on Tuesday along with our Assessment calendar for term 2.

As I close I would just like to let parents know about one of our assessment items from last term. During the holidays I was marking these pieces and can I say how impressed I was with the writing that the students submitted. Well done guys!!

Prep - Year 3 by Mrs. Katherine Vriesema
Welcome back to Term 2, I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Easter break. I will try to keep this newsletter item brief as there is a note coming home today regarding homework changes for the term.

Homework resumes this week and home readers will continue on as per usual. If you have any questions or concerns regarding homework, please let me know and I will go through it with you and your child.

An assessment calendar for the P-3 class will come out in the next week or so to ensure that students and parents know what is going on and when in our classroom.

Have a great fortnight!

PHONE SYSTEM
As of tomorrow, Thursday the 24th of April. We will no longer be answering phone calls during school hours. Our school hours are between 9am & 3:10pm. If any phone calls are received within these times, callers will be asked to leave a message on our answering machine to be followed up at a later time. Staff members will endeavour to follow up any phone calls at either Morning Tea, Lunch or after school hours.

If any parents are ringing up in regards to student transport to or from school, please ensure you leave a message. These messages will then be passed on to the appropriate person.

Our duty of care is to the students at this school and their educational outcomes. As we are often disturbed in prime teaching time with non urgent phone calls we feel that these calls can be answered or followed up in other than class time.

Please note that any days (Tuesday/Wednesday) that Tara is present in the office the phone will be answered as per normal.

ABSENCES
Please see attached with this newsletter any Unexplained Absences your child/ren may have had during Term 1, please fill this form out and return it to the school ASAP. Please note only families with UNEXPLAINED Absences will receive this note.

Please don’t forget to contact the school if your child is away due to an illness or another reason. 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.

BOOKLIST 2014
Reminder only for families that haven’t paid their booklist payment. Please see the attached FIRST & FINAL NOTICE’s. This payment was due on Wednesday the 2nd of April and is now OVERDUE. If anyone has any enquiries please contact Tara at the school.

STUDENT COUNCIL
On the last Thursday of Term 1 we held a I Want To Be Free Dress Day. This day was a success for the school in raising $39 For the Kids Cancer Project.

We are currently in the process and organising a Community Disco. More information about this event will be sent home in the coming weeks.
Thanks to everyone that attended our last P&C meeting in Term 1. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday the 6th of May. We hope to see you all there.

**Bus Levy**
Reminders will be sent out next Tuesday to those families that have not paid their Bus Levies! This payment was due by the end of last Term and is now overdue. If you have not paid your bus levy please do so ASAP. Prep - Year 3: $40, Year 4 - 7: $50. Parents can either pay by Cash of Cheque (Cheque’s payable to the Mulgildie S.S P&C)

**Meal Deal**
Our next Meal Deal is Monday the 28th of April. The menu for this day is: Pizza, Garlic Bread with a juice for Lunch. With Cakes, Fruit & Chicken Nuggets for afternoon tea. Please see the attached Order Form is you wish for your child to participate in the Meal Deal. Please return this to the school office by tomorrow.

**Food works BBQ**
Thank you to Karla Galloway, Michelle Kerle, Sam Dow, Angela Smith & Fe & Leo Domingo for helping out at our P&C BBQ at Foodworks on Saturday the 12th of April. It was a great success with the P&C raising over $200. Thank you to Ross & Michelle at Foodworks for this great opportunity to raise money for our small school.

**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.