Dear Students, Parents, Caregivers and Community members,

Well hello winter! It has finally arrived but probably a little rudely for the majority of us after last weekend’s beautiful weather! On that note could you please ensure that your child has a jumper or jacket in their bag if they do not wear one to school (Please make sure they are named). We had several children on Monday and Tuesday without jumpers and visibly suffering from the cold by Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning.

Thankyou’s and Welcomes

To open the newsletter this week I would like to say a huge thankyou to Mrs Dow and Mrs Smith for holding the fort while I was away on long service leave. I felt so much better knowing that our school was in their very capable hands for the 5 weeks. Another thank you to Mrs Hutton for all her hard work with our year 3 and 5 students in the lead up to NAPLAN. Also welcome back to Mrs Curtis! I know you have been back since the beginning of the term, but I haven’t officially welcomed you back.

Goodwill Games

Last Saturday saw 11 of our students (and one future student) and their parents attend the Abercorn State School Goodwill Games. What a fabulous day we had!! The weather was beautiful after a very foggy start and our students performed wonderfully. I must commend all of those who attended on their great behaviour, sportsmanship and care of others.

Our older students supported our younger students all day and made me very proud to watch them let our little people join in with the school relay team and our ball games team! We did not win but the attention, consideration and encouragement that was shown by our upper class students was amazing and I am very, very proud of them all!

As a consequence 2 Mulgildie State School students received the Inaugural Goodwill Trophy for 2015. Congratulations Jayden Cowen and Clare Galloway!

Age Champions:
Jayden Cowen (10yrs Boys)
Hayden Galloway (6yrs Boys)
Clay Loudon (4yrs Boys & Under)
Eliza Blue (5yrs Girls)
Runner-Up Age Champion:
Riley Blue (8yrs Boys)
Jayden Cowen also broke a record in both Discus & Long Jump on the day. Well Done everyone that attended. It was a great day!

Bookfair

Our Bookfair was a huge success! A great big thankyou to Mrs Fe for running this highly successful event. We sold enough books to ensure that we receive a 2 for 1 Bookfair towards the end of the year. We were also able to purchase books for our awards and graduation from the rewards we received from our sales.

Thanks you Fe!

Report cards

As you will realise it is coming up to report card time. For a number of reasons, (mainly Mrs Low trying to get back into the swing of things properly!!) we will be handing out our report cards in the first week back after the June holidays, I apologise for the delay and hope that this does not inconvenience anyone!

Full School Review

Mulgildie State School will take part in the new full school review process on the 6th and 7th of August this year. A parent information sheet regarding this process is attached to this newsletter. Please have a read and if you have any questions fell free to see me. Until next newsletter.

Regards, Kelly Low
CLASSROOM NEWS
PREP - YEAR 2 by Samantha Dow

Busy, busy, busy! We have been working hard on a variety of things over the last fortnight. In maths our big push has been on place value and number. Science wise we are getting ready to do our assessment - making mud bricks and looking at the effects of temperature and sunlight in the drying process.

In English, we have been continuing to read stories about our friend the pigeon, and again, we are nearly ready to begin some assessment. Homework – please ensure that your child’s homework comes in each week. Evenings can be a difficult time, tired children who do not want to participate, however, the value of homework can be lost, when the parents do it for their child. If you write down the answers, or scribe for your child, please make a note on their homework that this has happened.

Reading is an important skill, that we have been working hard on. Please take the time to read with your child each night when they have a reader. Over the last week you have probably found a strategy bookmark in your student’s reading folder, this is to help out when solving those “tricky” words that we come across when reading. Practising sight words regularly also helps in this area.

Our Classroom Story
Duckling Finds Some Chocolate
Duckling found something very strange. He read the label on the packet and read that it was called “chocolate”. “what’s chocolate?” asked Duckling.
“Something that is super yummy! Delicious!!” said Pigeon.

Duckling did not want to eat it because he didn’t believe Pigeon and he’d never had chocolate before. “Why should I eat the chocolate Pigeon?”

The blue pigeon smiled at Duckling.
“Chocolate is REALLY yummy!” Pigeon said. Duckling shook his head.
“You can eat it with choc-chip ice-cream and you love choc chip icecream.” Said Pigeon.

Duckling shook his head but sniffed at the milky chocolate. “Maybe?!” he said. Pigeon said, “Chocolate is a special, double delicious treat!”

Duckling nibbled at the delicious, milk chocolate.
“Yum! Yum!” Duckling loved the chocolate. He broke it in half and shared it with Pigeon. Duckling and Pigeon both loved the chocolate.

YEAR 3 - 6 by Kelly Low

Well I have been back only a week and a half but it does feel like I never left. The class is settling back into our routine well and cracking on with the work for the last half of term 2.

We are currently completing our maths, science and SOSE units and we have begun work on our last English unit of the Semester. In this unit the students will be using the character they used for their Japanese assessment and producing a comic strip of them to show the characters personal traits and give otherS a sense of who they are. This may be a challenging task for some of our younger students but I am sure they will give it their best shot.

As I am still trying to get back on track myself, I do not have a lot of classroom news this week. I am sure my gift of the gab will be back next newsletter though!

Congratulations to the following students for 100% in their week 5 and 6 spelling and number facts tests.

Spelling:
Week 5: Riley, Prue, Jayden, Ralph, Lachlan, Melissa, Chloe, Matylda, Rohan. (All of year 6 Woohoo!!)
Week 6: Riley, Liam, Jayden, Ralph, Chloe, Rohan

Number Facts:
Week 5: Ralph, Lachlan, Melissa, Week 6: Prue, Liam, Jayden, Ralph, Lachlan, Nickalus, Melissa, Chloe, Matylda.

SCHOOL CAMP
Thank you to parents that have already returned there child’s expression of interest form to attend our school camp this year at the PCYC Capricorn Coast Leadership Development Centre in Yeppoon along with Abercorn State School.

Could all other families please return there forms to the school office immediately so that we can finalise our camp attendance numbers we will be unable to let parents know an exact cost for this years school camp!

DROP OFF/PICK UP TIMES
As of late we have noticed some students have been arriving at school prior to 8:30am. We would like to ask that parents do not drop there child/ren off at school before 8:30am as we cannot guarantee that a staff member will be available at the school to supervise any students at the time.

Please note a nominated staff member is on Bus Duty every afternoon and will be at the school until 3:30pm every afternoon. If parents are not available to pick their child/ren up before 3:30pm they will need to ring the school and try to organise other arrangements.

HEARING & EAR SCREENING
Don’t forget IWC (Improving the Health and Wellbeing of Communities) will be here next Tuesday the 9th of June, IWC (Improving the Health of Wellbeing of Communities) to conduct Hearing & Ear Screening at our school. If you have not yet returned your child’s permission form to the school please do this as soon as possible.

TERM 2 TUCKSHOP
Wednesday 10th June (orders due back Tuesday 9th June)
Please remember that orders need to be placed onto a paper bag, one bag per order! Please make sure all orders are handed in on Tuesday morning otherwise we cannot guarantee that orders will be fulfilled. Please see the P&C News for our last Tuckshop in Term 2.
P&C NEWS
Thank you to Martin, Tracy, Kelly & Tara for attending our P&C meeting last night. The following topics were discussed:

Mulgildie Campdraft
Thank you to everyone that attended the Campdraft last weekend and helped out in the canteen/bar. For your efforts we have been given a donation of $300 for the P&C.

Working Bee
We will be holding a working bee on Sunday the 14th of June beginning at 10am to get our grounds ready for our annual interhouse athletics carnival. Our two main jobs will be checking the running track and redoing the line marking. If anyone is available to come in for a few hours to help out it would be greatly appreciated.

Athletics Day Tuckshop
The P&C will again be holding a BBQ on Athletics Day. Thank you to Brett & Jocelyn Miller who have kindly donated the Meat for this BBQ to help raise some funds for this year’s School Camp. As per previous years we are asking parents to bring in a plate to share for Morning Tea. An order form will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Stubby Coolers
The P&C now have school Stubby coolers available for sale - $5 each and will be available upon contact of Karla Galloway.

Advanced Life Fundraiser
Unfortunately we had to cancel this fundraiser as we did not receive enough interest to hold the event. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused. A big thank you to Christine Grubb for volunteering her time to hand out flyers during Under 8’s day, in the attempt to gather more bookings.

Fundraising Event
Please keep your eyes out for an upcoming fundraiser in the coming weeks. Details are still being finalised, so until then we’ll keep you in suspense - but it will be fun.

Next meeting
Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th August at 7pm in the school staff room. We hope to see you there!

Eliza, Mackenzle, James, Riley M, Riley B
Awarded for 25 nights of reading. Great Job!

Ralph
Awarded for 75 nights of reading. Great Job!

Tara
Awarded for 50 nights of reading. Great Job!

Melissa, Chloe, Ralph, Prue, Jack & Rohan
Awarded for moving up within their comprehension box. Great Work!

Kobl-Jaye & Clay
Students of the Week!

James & Matylda
Certificate of Recognition for Great Book Work! Well Done!
School Performance Assessment Framework
Queensland state schools

School reviews

To help Queensland state schools continue to lift their performance and improve outcomes for students, tailored school reviews have been introduced in 2015. The reviews replace the teaching and learning audits and will ensure every school gets the support it needs.

Every state school, including independent public schools, will be reviewed at least every four years. This is the same frequency as the teaching and learning audits but it's no longer a one-size-fits-all approach.

The new reviews are tailored to the individual needs and context of schools. For example, high-performing schools will be given autonomy and some funding to organise their own reviews and appoint reviewers. Schools needing extra support will receive it as a priority.

The reviews are administered by the School Improvement Unit (SIU), which has been established as an independent monitor of state school performance.

Differentiated reviews
Based on their performance and the level of support they require, schools are designated for one of three review types:

- Self-determined reviews for high-performing schools
- Priority support reviews for schools needing extra support
- Full school reviews for all other schools.

The SIU determines the type of review based on the school's performance data and context, and in further consultation with regional office staff.

More than 300 reviews are conducted each year, with the majority of schools being reviewed in the fourth year of their internal quadrennial review cycle.

The SIU consults with the Director General or their delegate with regards to independent public schools.

To ensure independence and rigour, review teams include a mix of experienced state school principals and reviewers from outside the department.

The SIU teams and accredit its reviewers for quality and consistency.

Review process
Reviews are conducted in a professional manner by teams of three to four reviewers appointed by the SIU or, in the case of self-determined reviews, in consultation with the SIU.

Depending on the type of review, reviewers may spend between three and six days in a school looking at its operations and speaking with staff, parents, students and other community members. Principals and school leadership teams are involved and kept informed throughout the process.

At the completion of the review, the review team presents its findings to the school's leadership team. A written report follows that identifies areas for future improvement.

Following the review, schools work closely with their regional office to develop an appropriate response and improvement strategies. The school also shares the findings with their school community and publishes the final report on their website.

Schools continue to be supported following a review. In the case of priority support reviews, the SIU checks back in with the school at three and six months after a review. It then revisits the school at 12 months.

More information
For more information please visit our website www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/school-performance-assessment-framework or talk to your principal or regional office.