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Milbrodale Public School



Dear Parent(s) and Friend(s) of Milbrodale Public School,

A Huge Thank You to the Entire Community.

Milbrodale Public School success is everyone's success and already this year we have a lot to celebrate from increasing student numbers to increases in staff. The school is prospering which is down to the hard work and dedication of everyone associated with the school. I would like to wholeheartedly thank everyone for everything they do to make this school great.

Number of Students on the Rise.

Everyone who enters our school at the moment has noted the increasing number of students we have at our school. We are becoming a hive of activity. It is wonderful to see the increasing number of students. When we started the year we rolled over 9 students and at the moment we sit at 24 which is an additional 15 students enrolled since the beginning of the year. The future outlook for the school is for further increases in student numbers building on our already stellar reputation.

Bee Hives have Arrived.

This year Milbrodale Public School partnered with The Humble Hive Collective to get bees hives at our school. Under the guidance of Mrs Roser, the students have been learning about the importance of bees and the significant role they play in our environment. As the students have finally named their Queen Bee, Ben the Bee Man, visited our school to drop off our hive so that the students could make it. The students are all very excited to be setting up a real beehive that they can collect honey from. When extracted we are looking to cook some fresh damper with the students and cover it with honey from our very own hive onsite at the school. Fun times ahead and a great way for students to learn about bees. For more please go to:

<https://www.thehumblehivecollective.com.au/>

Country Kids have the BEST Life.

It was noted by some passersby that our students were enjoying the new sandstone rocks we have had delivered to the school. On closer inspection they noticed other students digging in the gardens and others collecting bugs and flowers. The comment was, "how wonderful it must be to be a student at a country school." I am proud to be a principal of a school which supports country kids and helps them to access the highest quality education on offer across the state.

Kind regards,

Mr D. Vaughan, Principal Milbrodale PS

School	Calendar
Date	Event
Wednesdays	Library. Please return all books weekly.
Fridays	Sport Canteen Scripture Music with Mark
Fri 12 April	Last day Term 1 FREE lunch supplied by the P&C
Mon 29 April	Staff Development Day No students at school
Tues 30 April	Students return for Term 2
Thurs 2 May	Petting Zoo at school
Tues 7 May	Athletics carnival at Rose Point Park
Fri 10 May	P&C Mothers Day stall
Mon 13 May	Mothers Day morning tea

Term Dates	2024
Term 1	Thurs 1 February to Fri 12 April
Term 2	Tues 30 April to Fri 5 July
Term 3	Tues 23 July to Fri 27 September
Term 4	Mon 14 October to Thurs 19 December

P&C News

- ◆ Orders for winter jackets are due in TODAY. Orders will be taken again the first week back after the holidays.
- ◆ Uniforms are payable by correct cash payment or see Lize to make a Square card payment. Uniforms will not be given until full payment is made.
- ◆ **Lunch and icecreams this Friday are FREE for all our students.**
- ◆ Please give your children's sandwiches for toasting to the teachers each morning. We need to keep our students safe so the canteen is locked when not in use.
- ◆ School fees have been set for this year, in consultation with the P&C. Please pay if you are able to. Thank you to those who have already paid.
- ◆ Our students have been invited to participate at the Bulga Anzac Day commemorations on 25 April. We will meet at the church from 10.15am.
- ◆ The P&C will run a Mothers Day stall next term on Friday 10 May. We will provide all gifts, which can then be purchased for \$5 to \$10.
- ◆ We will need many helpers for the Truckers Memorial on 18 May from 8am to 3pm. This is a major fundraiser for us. We will also need help baking cakes and slices. More info next term. Please mark your calendars.

Upcoming P&C fundraising events

- Truck Drivers Memorial 18 May

A meeting will be held early in Term 2 regarding this large event that is a major fundraiser for our school. Please mark your calendars as we will need many helpers from 8am till 3pm.

- Pie Drive June 27

Library Day

Mrs. Dunn relented and allowed holiday borrowing!

The books will be due for return on the first Wednesday of term 2.

Please talk to your children about being respectful of library books in their care at home. Thank you



Read Books
and be Happy!

New regulations came into force last December regarding school canteens.

If you would like to help in our canteen you must first complete a free course

<https://www.foodauthority.nsw.gov.au/training/food-handler-basics-training#:~:text=Food%20Handler%20Basics%20is%20a,of%20the%20Food%20Standards%20Code>.

Please see Lize for more information

Beginning Big School in 2025

Every Thursday and Friday our school welcomes children who will be starting Kindergarten at Milbrodale in 2025.

If you have a child, or you know of someone who has a child, who will be ready to start school in 2025, please contact us for more information regarding this exciting initiative.

Information and enrolment forms are available from the school.



School Drive Subsidy

All of our families will be eligible for this subsidy as we currently have no bus service yet. Go to the link below to read more information and to register. Payments are in Terms 2 and 4 each year. It is a significant payment.

Families who are already registered should check each term to see that all their children are listed correctly and to update their details if necessary.

<https://transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/ticket-eligibility-concessions/school-student-travel/apply-for-school-drive->

School Drive Subsidy - Parent Portal Handy Information Guide

The screenshot shows the NSW Government Parent Portal interface for the School Drive Subsidy. The page is titled "Welcome Parent Name" and includes a navigation menu with "Parent Menu" and "My Profile". The main content area is divided into three sections: "Your journeys", "Your application (PWC 12029) is complete", and "Payments".

- Your journeys:** Displays a list of journeys with columns for "Journey ID", "Start Date/Time", "End Date/Time", "Start/End Loc", "Mode", "Status", and "View Journey". A red arrow points to the "Add Journey" button.
- Your application (PWC 12029) is complete:** Shows the application status and a "Query Journey" button. A red arrow points to this button.
- Payments:** Displays a table of payments with columns for "Date", "Semester", "Status", and "Payment". A red arrow points to the "View Payment Breakdown" button.

Callout boxes provide instructions for each section:

- Update personal details:** Select 'Update personal details' to amend the following:
 - Spelling corrections for parent/guardian details
 - Email address
 - Postal address
 - Banking Details
 - Spelling corrections for student details
 - Students date of birth
- Add new journey:** Select 'Add new journey' to claim additional mini school locations
- Query Journey:** Select 'Query Journey' to request a review of the approved kilometres
- Amend details:** Select 'Change application' to amend the following:
 - Change of address
 - Change of school
 - Add additional students
 - Remove students
- Payment Breakdown:** Select the arrow to view a breakdown of the payment calculation per semester

School resumes for Term 2
for all students on Tuesday
30th April.

The school will be open for
enquiries on Monday
29th April.

All Absences must be explained

Please let us know about any planned or unexpected absences before or straight after the day it occurs. It can be easily forgotten.

You can send your explanation easily through the School Bytes app, or you can send an email, or give us a call.

If your child is absent from school for 3 days and we have not received an explanation, we will contact you to follow this up, as is the Department regulation.

School Fees 2024

In consultation with the P&C, school fees have been set for the year and a statement has been sent home. Your statement is also available on the School Bytes app.

This year we have simplified the school contribution you pay. There is now just the one fee, which is then 50% less for the second child and 75% less for the third child.

The fee is a little more than previous years as there has been no increase for many years. This has been approved by the P&C.

All school contributions charged in NSW government schools are voluntary.

However, our school is small, as is our budget, so your contribution enhances the resources we can make available to our students.

Your contribution covers all consumables such as pencils, markers, paper, craft and art supplies, glue etc.

We also try to cover any local excursions so that your family is not continually asked to pay for things. The 3-6 camp, however, will always be charged to you.

Thank you for paying your school fees if you are able to.

It is easy to pay online through your School Bytes Parent Portal. If you haven't as yet downloaded the app, please do so.

We can also accept cash at the office but the above method is preferred by the Education Dept.



We have 2 major forms of communication between the school and the families.

Please download the School Bytes Parent Portal app if you are yet to do so.

Also please join the Facebook Milbrodale Public School Parents and Carers Group. This is a private group for our families only.

Please also read your newsletter each fortnight.

Hunter Wetlands Centre SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Hunter Wetlands Challenge

Complete the challenge and go into the draw for a prize from our Gift Shop!
Free with Entry

Critters & Craft

10am-12pm
Wed 17th April
Wed 24th April
\$5 with Entry

Reptile Encounter

11am
Wed 17 & 24 April
Every Sat & Sun
\$5 with Entry

Canoeing

Explore the Wetlands by Water

2 hrs
Kayaks \$20
Canoes \$30

There are many free family activities available these school holidays.

Try googling Free Holiday Activities Hunter Valley.

Singleton library always has a lot of activities, as does Maitland art gallery.

Steamfest is on in Maitland this weekend, and there is a big truck show on next Saturday in Denman, called Diesel, Rust and Dust.

get closer in APRIL

Kids GO Free APRIL at Hunter Valley Wildlife Park

WILDLIFE ADVENTURE TRAIL

<https://huntermvalleywildlifepark.com.au/event/kids-go-free-april/>

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/regional-nsw/holiday-fun-for-regional-youth/hunter-holiday-break-activities>

If you can, please join us at Bulga war memorial on Anzac day.

We will meet at the church from 10.15am.

Our staff and students have been invited to march, lay a wreath and read a poem. We are also invited to the light lunch afterwards.

Mrs. Dunn and Mrs. Roser will be attending, however, as it is not a school day, you must supervise your own children.





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THE HUNTER'S MULTIDISCIPLINARY CHILDREN'S SERVICE

- PSYCHOLOGY
- OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
- SPEECH THERAPY
- DIETITIAN
- PAEDIATRICS



- MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE
- LANGUAGE ASSESSMENTS
- COGNITIVE ASSESSMENTS
- ADHD ASSESSMENTS
- AUTISM ASSESSMENTS



- FROM BIRTH TO EARLY ADULTHOOD
- APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE WITH ALL ALLIED HEALTH THERAPISTS



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FREE!!!!!!

Lunch and ice creams are free tomorrow (Friday)

Just send fruit or vegies for fruit break, and a water bottle as usual.