

## MILBRODALE MATTERS

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Milbrodale Public School



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

### Thank you to everyone who has helped.

I would like to start by wholeheartedly thanking everyone who has contributed to making this year great for our students. The school could not perform to such a high standard if it was not for the amazing contributions of many of our volunteers who often do not seek reward but rather are just happy to see the student's smiling faces.

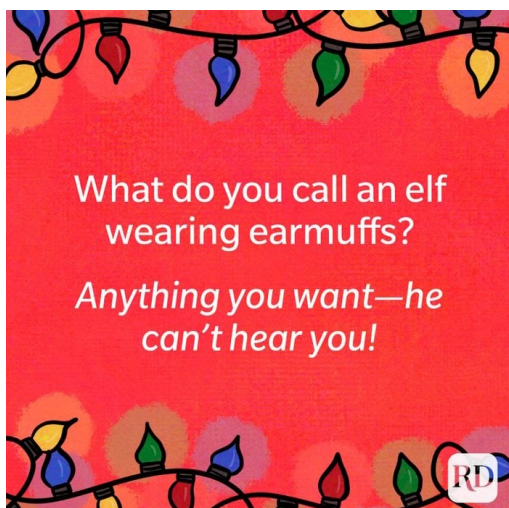
### A thank you to our staff.

At Milbrodale Public School we have an extraordinary team of individuals that come together every day and support the school to provide the highest quality in educational outcomes for our students. Their tireless efforts this year have lead to amazing outcomes in learning, but we will always aim high and seek to improve every year.

### Currently first in the state for attendance.

I am proud to announce that as of the data I have just received we are currently ranked first (Number 1) in NSW for attendance for Statistically Similar School Group and Schools for Special Purpose with an attendance rate of 95.42%. However, this comes as no surprise to our school or staff as we all know how much the students love being at our school.

Kind regards,  
Mr D. Vaughan  
Rel. Principal Milbrodale PS



School	Calendar
Date	Event
Wednesdays	Library Please bring all library books back to school for stocktake
Thursdays	Beginning Big School Canteen and treats
Every Fri from Week 2 till Week 9	Swimming at Singleton Gym and Swim.
27 Nov to 1 Dec	Intensive swimming at Singleton Gym and Swim
<b><u>Thurs 30 Nov</u></b>	<b><u>No Beginning Big School today due to Intensive Swimming</u></b>
Thurs 7 Dec	Crazy hair day at school Lunch provided by the P&C
Thurs 14 Dec	Presentation morning Uniform shop open Lunch provided by the P&C Year 6 Farewell Dinner at Bulga Hall
Fri 15 Dec	Final day of school for 2023. Slime day at Jerrys Public School
Sat 16 Dec	Bulga Christmas Party Students to perform
Thurs 1 Feb	All students return for 2024

## **P&C News Term 4 Week 8 2023**

**Canteen and Treats will be supplied free of charge for the last 2 Thursdays of school. This Thursday (tomorrow) there will be no canteen due to intensive swimming.**

- ♦ We have no more fundraisers planned until next year. Thank you to all the folks who regularly give their time, money, and abilities to our fundraising efforts.
- ♦ We are a very small P&C but boy we are awesome!
- ♦ Please see Lize for all your 2024 uniform requirements. A message will go out on the parents' Facebook group advising the times you can purchase just before school returns for 2024. If you are not a member of our parents' Facebook group please see Julie in the office.
- ♦ **The uniform shop will be open after the Presentation Day morning tea on Thursday 14 December.**

## **Upcoming P&C fundraising events**

Have a well deserved rest and come back refreshed for 2024.



Our combined small schools excursion to Canberra last week was a wonderful success. Our students were highly praised for their good behaviour .

Dom was our only student attending this year.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$90.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs.

The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.





We are now taking enrolments for next year. Enrolling is easy:

Open up the school website at <https://milbrodale-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>

Click on ENROLMENT in the **blue ribbon** at the top, and follow on from there.

### Swimming

Intensive swimming continues this week.

Please pack long winter PJs this coming Friday for life saving lessons.

Next Friday, 8th December will be our final Friday swimming lesson for this term.

**On Thursday 30 November, there will be no Beginning Big School class due to Intensive Swimming lessons for the other students.**



The students have been completing some dash and dot robotics work this week. These are used to teach students the basics of robotics and coding.





**School Bytes**

**Dan Repacholi MP**

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR HUNTER

**Standing up for Hunter**



**Our federal Member of parliament, Mr. Dan Repacholi will be joining us for our presentation morning on Thursday 14th of December.**

**He has also generously donated \$100 towards our end of year awards.**

**Please make him feel welcome at our school.**



**Crazy Hair Day at school**

**Thursday 7th December**

***Come as crazy as can be and let your hair down for a fun day at school.***

We have started to use the School Bytes system of management at our school and it is working very well.

It is simple and easy to use, as well as time saving.

**From Term 1 next year we will start to phase out Skoolloop in preference for a School Bytes Parent Portal for parent payments, reporting absences, notices to parents and other things.**

On the following page is a flyer about the parent app and a simple how-to guide for setting up the parent portal.

**It would be really helpful if you could have your portal set up ready for the new year.**

Once you are set up you are able to access guides on how to use and manage your own parent portal.

Give me a call at school if you have any questions.

Julie



We have had a generous donation from Malabar Resources in Muswellbrook towards our end of year celebrations.

We will use this donation to pay for our Year 6 farewell dinner and our trip, including lunch for everyone, to Jerrys Plains Public School for a slime day party on the last day of school.

Malabar Resources will visit us next Thursday at 11am with a big cheque, which we think the students will love.



***Read Books  
and be Happy!***

**Please return all library books this or next week so we can stocktake for the year. There will be no more borrowing this year.**



Dear Parents/Carers

School Bytes provides a parent portal to help your school communicate with you. This is accessible via a website and an App, available for both Apple and Android devices.

**Milbrodale Public School** uses the parent portal for various things, including **online permission notes, attendance, and payments**, which can be accessed via a secure link. The School Bytes parent portal enables you to view all your children in one portal and process payments for multiple siblings in one transaction, even if they attend different schools (assuming all of the schools use School Bytes!).



**IMPORTANT** – To ensure that the registration process works smoothly and you can link your account to your child(ren), make sure that you use the same email address that you have provided to the school or if using a different email address, an SMS verification code will be sent to the mobile phone number on record for you at the school.

### **Detailed steps**

1. Open the parent portal link – <https://portal.schoolbytes.education/auth/login>
2. Select the create a new account link.
3. Enter your first name as it appears on your student's profile at the school.
4. Enter your last name as it appears on your student's profile at the school.
5. Enter the email address that you use for school communication.
6. Enter a password.
7. Confirm the password.
8. Select create account.

An email will be sent to the email address nominated so that you can verify your access to the email address.

Once you have created your account, log in to the School Bytes parent portal.

*You can now link your account to all students in schools that use the School Bytes platform.*

1. Select link other student.
2. Search for the school's name.
3. Enter the student's first name.
4. Enter the student's last name.
5. Select the student's current grade.
6. Enter the student's date of birth.
7. Select search.

If all student information matches with parent information according to the student's official enrolment stored at the school, the system will add the student to the parent account automatically.

### **Activating the Parent App**

1. Access the app store on your phone and search for School Bytes.

If you can't find it, here are the direct links:

**Apple:** <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=education.schoolbytes>

**Android:** <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=education.schoolbytes>

2. Download the School Bytes App.
3. Use your username and password created previously to log on.
4. If prompted, allow notifications.

You are all set to go!

**This term and 2023 will be over before we know it! Only 2 and a half weeks to go!**

- ♦ Our end of year Presentation Morning will be held on Thursday 14th of December from 9am. All extended families are welcome to attend.
- ♦ This will be the final day for Beginning Big School. They will enjoy a party day after the Presentation morning.
- ♦ All families are invited to a morning tea after the Presentation assembly to thank you for all your support this year.
- ♦ The uniform shop will be open after morning tea.
- ♦ The Year 6 farewell dinner will be held from 6pm to 8pm on the same day.

This will be held at Bulga Hall. We will enjoy dinner from Bulga Tavern and games and music.

Parents can drop off their children at 6pm and enjoy a couple of hours to themselves before coming back to collect them at 8pm.

- ♦ **The Beginning Big School students are also welcome to attend this dinner however their parents will have to stay with them. Please let Julie know if you will be attending so their dinner can be ordered.**
- ♦ Friday the 15th of December is the final day for students for the year. We will be travelling to Jerrys Plains Public School for a morning of slimy fun with their students before a BBQ lunch. We will then return to school for movies and party food.
- ♦ Saturday 16th of December is the Bulga Christmas Party at Bulga Hall. Our students have been invited to perform at 6pm. Our P&C will be paying the door entry for all families. **Please bring a wrapped and named gift for Santa to give to your child/ren.**

**OUR P&C WILL BE PROVIDING A FREE LUNCH AND ICE CREAMS FOR ALL THE STUDENTS ON THURSDAY 7TH AND THURSDAY 14TH OF DECEMBER.**

We are collecting goods for the Singleton Neighbourhood Centre's Christmas Hamper Appeal.

Please drop your donations into the front office any time up until next Wednesday 6th December.

Thank you to those who have already given so generously.

# SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

6 DECEMBER - 7 FEBRUARY

Would you like a chance to win prizes  
for reading this summer?

Join the Summer Reading Challenge!



## HOW IT WORKS

Sign up to Singleton Beanstack  
and join the Summer Reading  
Challenge.

Log your time reading through  
the app or online. Every hour  
read earns a ticket into the  
prize draw.



## PRIZE DRAWS

**20 December + 17 January +  
7 February.**

Winners will be announced  
on the @SingletonLibrary  
Facebook page.



## PRIZES

20+ Spend in Singleton cards.  
Prizes range from \$50-\$200.

## BEANSTACK APP



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Scan the QR code and follow  
the link to register or visit  
[W singleton.beanstack.org](http://W.singleton.beanstack.org)



\*Visit our website for full details.

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### ONLINE - WEBSITE

- Go to [singleton.beanstack.org](http://singleton.beanstack.org)
- Click Register an Individual or Family
- Click I am registering myself and fill out the form
- Click Next to add additional family members
- Register each reader for their Summer reading challenge
- Log your reading to go into the prize draws
- Click on log reading (top left) enter in what the reader has read (title, minutes, date, etc)
- Note: Amount of time read should be logged as hours (h) and minutes (m); for example, 1h 30m
- Explore other features of the app including reviews and activities

### THE BEANSTACK APP

- Download the beanstack app for your app store
- Select Find Your School or Library.
- Type in "Singleton Public Library"
- Select Sign up!
- Enter your Email, Phone, and Password
- Follow the prompts to complete the Registration for you
- Select add a Reader for additional family members
- Select Challenges at the bottom of the screen and register each reader for their Summer Reading Challenge
- Select the + to log your reading
- Explore other features of the app including reviews and activities

## PRIZE DRAWS

20 DECEMBER 2023

17 JANUARY 2024

7 FEBRUARY 2024

- Winners will be announced on the @SingletonLibrary Facebook page.
- Challenge is open to all age ranges
- Participants must reside or work within the Hunter Valley
- Prizes are awarded in the following age categories pre-school, primary, high school and adult.
- Prizes must be collected from the Singleton Library building.

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