

MILBRODALE MATTERS

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Milbrodale Public School



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

National Parks doing big things for our small school.

On behalf of Milbrodale Public School, we would like to express our sincere thanks to the National Parks Office in Bulga. Going back a few years, the National Parks office has been donating their recycling cans and bottles to Milbrodale Public School to help us raise much needed funds for our students. Recently, we took everything they had down to Newcastle and to our amazement we raised **\$252.80**. A substantial amount that will help the P&C support the school in projects that will directly benefit the students. It is no small donation, especially since they do it each year and we benefit greatly from it. From our students and community, we would all like to thank them for everything they do for our students.

Malabar Resources visiting our Assembly

This Thursday, Malabar energy will be visiting our school to present us with four iPads as a donation and recognition of our growth over the past year. As we attract more students we need more resources and Malabar have come to the rescue donating \$3,800 worth of iPads to the school for use in the Kindergarten to Year 2 classroom.

Glencore, the Cubby Houses and Covered Walkways

Over the past two years, Glencore have consistently donated \$14,000 each year for projects to support our school. Two years ago it was to build the covered walkway between the classroom and the eating area. Last year it was for the purchase of cubbyhouses as outdoor learning areas and play equipment for our students. On Wednesday 10 April, we will be unveiling our new cubbyhouses for the students to play in.

The day before (Tuesday 9 April) we will be inviting all parents to come to the school between 1:30-2:00pm for a free sausage sizzle right before our end of term assembly 2-3pm during which time we will be unveiling the cubbyhouses with our Glencore friends. The students will then be allowed to play on them for a little while for promotional photo purposes.

Yancoal's contributions

In addition, representatives from Yancoal will visit the school when the covered walkway is complete as they helped fund the covered walkway from the front gate to the classroom.

Kind regards,

Mr D. Vaughan, Principal Milbrodale PS

School	Calendar
Date	Event
Wednesdays	Library. Please return all books weekly.
Fridays	Sport—Tennis Term 1 Canteen Scripture Music with Mark
Thurs 28 March	Easter hat parade and assembly. P&C raffle
Fri 29 March	Good Friday
Mon 1 April	Easter Monday
Tuesday 2 April	Cross Country at Rose Point Park Singleton
Mon 8 and Tues 9 March	Tennis lessons at Bulga courts
Tue 9 April	Assembly 2.30pm
Fri 12 April	Last day Term 1 Lunch supplied by the

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 Term 1 Week 9 2024

- ♦ Our Easter raffle will be drawn at the Easter hat parade on Thursday. Thank you to everyone who donated. Our profit is \$224.00 from this raffle.
- ♦ Thank you to the following people for their generosity: Cherie, Sue, Owen and Taycee, Jacqui, Paula, Duptech, and Helen Upward. Our raffle could not go ahead if not for your kind donations.
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ Canteen and treats are now running every FRIDAY. A menu was sent home. If you need another, please see Julie. Payment is by correct cash, or see Lize to make a card payment.
- ♦ 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.

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.
- Pie Drive June 27

Library Day

Every Wednesday is library day. The students have the opportunity to borrow books to take home for the week.

Please return all library books every week. If they are still being enjoyed, they can be reborrowed.

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



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.





Hedweld are running an Easter colouring competition.

An entry will be sent home with each student today.

Prizes are \$50 vouchers.

Email a photo of your child's entry to enquiries@hedweld.com.au

The students have been busy in Mrs. Roser's art class on Fridays, making and decorating Easter hats, as well as completing other Easter themed art.

We will be having a parade of our hats on Thursday from 2.30pm.

If your child would rather wear a hat they have made at home, they certainly can do that.

The P&C will also be drawing the Easter raffle at the assembly.

All families are welcome to attend.

Small Schools Cross Country 2024

Date: Tuesday 2nd April **This is next Tuesday the day after Easter Monday.**

If it is raining, the backup date will be Tuesday 9th April.

Time: 9:30am-2pm

Venue: Rosepoint Park Singleton (Singleton Junior Rugby League Ovals)

Transport: Private transport to and from the event. If you need assistance transporting your child to the event, please let us know and we will try to help.

There will be no staff at school on the day, therefore every child is expected to attend this event.

Cost: NIL.

What to Bring: Packed lunch, snacks, water bottle, hat. There will be no canteen available.

Uniform: School shirt with comfortable running pants/shorts and appropriate running shoes, hat.

Please return permission note by tomorrow.

We understand there has been a lot of absences due to sickness.

Therefore, Mr. Vaughan will have permission notes available at the park on Tuesday.





FREE HOMEWORK HELP

BULGA HALL MONDAYS

4:00PM TO 5:00PM

TO REGISTER CONTACT NICOLE

040 045 6603

NICOLE.ROSER9@GMAIL.COM

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.

School Drive Subsidy

All of our families will be eligible for this subsidy as we currently have no bus service. 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 'Welcome Parent Name' page of the School Drive Subsidy Parent Portal. Red boxes and arrows highlight the following features:

- Update personal details:** A box on the right lists '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'. An arrow points to the 'Update details' button in the 'Parent Name' section.
- Add new journey:** A box on the right lists 'Add new journey to claim additional mini school locations'. An arrow points to the 'Add new journey' button in the 'Your journeys' section.
- Query journey:** A box on the right lists 'Query journey to request a review of the approved kilometres'. An arrow points to the 'Query journey' button in the 'Your journeys' section.
- Payment breakdown:** A box on the left lists 'Select "Change application" to amend the following: Change of address, Change of school, Add additional students, Remove students'. An arrow points to the 'Change application' button in the 'Your journeys' section.
- Payment breakdown:** A box on the left lists 'Select the arrow to view a breakdown of the payment calculation per semester'. An arrow points to the 'View breakdown' button in the 'Payments' section.

Payments

Date	Semester	Status	Payment
2017 Semester 2	Pending School Approval		
2017 Semester 1	Pending School Approval		

School Bus Service

A note went home recently to ask your opinion on pursuing a public school bus service for our school.

Only 7 notes have been returned and the majority consensus is that a bus is not required and you would prefer to keep the Drive Subsidy.

At this stage we will no longer be pursuing a bus service. If you would like to voice an opinion on this please return the note or send an email to the school. Thank you to those families who replied.