Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Hats
Just a reminder for all children to double check they have their school hat before leaving for school. We are headed for a long, hot summer and those hats are very important.

Library
It is wonderful to see the children borrowing books regularly for the library. The books in our library are very precious and it is important to bring a library bag to school for your library book. The recent donation from the Singleton Diggers Club has allowed us to purchase library bags for each student. Please return the bags to school so the students can decorate them in their library lesson.

Homework Folders
Homework folders are due on Wednesday, October 30th. Please remember to bring in your homework for Miss Adams on this day.

Science
In Science and Technology this term, we are learning about ‘ Liquids and Solids’. You may find your children are coming home talking about green slime and other interesting concoctions. We have been doing experiments to find out if items are liquids and solids. We have discovered that sometimes an item can be both (for example ice/water).

The children have been writing up the experiments in their science books and are enjoying the unit immensely.
If you would like to make green slime yourself or do some other interesting science experiments, you can find out more at http://www.questacon.edu.au/.

Cooking
We have had yet another successful Stephanie Alexander Cooking Day at our school. We used the following items from our amazing school garden: kale, silver beet, oregano, leek, lettuce, beetroot and broad beans!!

Poetry
We had a prize winning Bush Poet visit our school this week to add some inspiration to our current unit on Poetry. Mrs Heather Searles came to the school and recited some poetry for the children and then helped us write some poems of our own.
We are always proud of our Milbrodale children. The students made us particularly proud by displaying beautiful manners and enthusiasm for the subject at hand. Mrs Searles was very impressed with the grown up attitude that the children approached the poetry task.

Kim Barnes

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Bushfire Alert

In line with our school Fire Evacuation Plan, in the event of evacuation from the school, we will take the students in our bus to the local Rural Fire Service at Bulga. If Putty Road is blocked we will take the students to Broke General Store, along Milbrodale Road. We will carry all emergency contact details, and will ring parents/carers as soon as practical. If we are guided by police to a different location, we will also advise you of our whereabouts. For updates: www.rfs.nsw.gov.au
Milbrodale Public School

Canteen roster Term 4 2013

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P&C News

Canteen Roster
Only 2 spots left to fill. If you can help, the roster is on the noticeboard IN the office. All help greatly appreciated.

Next Meeting
The next P&C meeting will be held Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov, at 3.15pm.

Christmas Raffle
A beautiful porcelain doll has been donated for our Christmas raffle, and further donations will be appreciated. Tickets are attached and are to be returned when sold, or by Presentation night.

Book Club
Start your Christmas shopping with a book or two from Scholastic Book Club, handed out with last newsletter. Lots of great presents ideas.

Please return orders and payment by this Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Oct.

Gardening News.

Once again, a big thank you to the people who have been in on the school holidays and given the garden a good watering. We have lettuce, kale, broad beans, just thriving in our little patch. We are really going to have to work at mulching around our fruit trees in the Milbrodale Public School orchard just next to the library. It is going to be a very hot Summer according to weather reports and we need to conserve as much moisture as we can.

In week 4, I intend having a mulching day with the kids where we wet some newspaper and put it down around the trees, then add sugar cane mulch on top. If you have any sheets of cardboard at home that could be wet down and placed around the trees, that would be even better. Any donations of cardboard can be placed flat in the garden shed next to the shaded garden area.

Also in week 5 (dates to come later), I would like to hold a fund raiser for the Kitchen Garden Program. If you or someone you know would like to make their own soap (so much better for you and you get to save money as well!), I am looking at running a soap making course at our farm stay in Branxton. It would cost $25 per person and each person would take home one soap, and a recipe to try making it themselves. Soap making is a really interesting craft but should be taught by someone experienced before you attempt it yourself. I would need to have at least 5 people to make the course worth running, so if you could let me know of any people that are interested when you see me at school, that would be great.