Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome Back
I would like to welcome back all our returning students and their families to Milbrodale School. I hope everyone has had an enjoyable and safe break. We are all looking forward to a wonderful and exciting year at Milbrodale with lots of events and activities to enhance the student’s learning.

Interschool Activities
We have been invited to join with Broke Public School for a number of activities this term. This is a great way for the students to interact with others and make social connections with students from other schools. There may be occasions where we visit other schools as well throughout the year.

Harmony Day – Friday 13th February
Cross Country- Wednesday 4th March
Yr3-6 Major Excursion to Canberra- Tuesday 8th to Friday 11th September (Term 3)
More details will follow closer to the dates.

Swimming Carnival
The small schools swimming carnival will be held Friday 6th February at Singleton Gym and Swim. A permission note will be sent home later this week. The backup date is Tuesday 10th February.

Permission Notes
In the coming weeks we will be sending home permission notes for various activities. Please fill in these forms and return to school as soon as possible.
Thank you.

Song Room
At this stage I have not heard about our involvement in Song Room this year. We will however continue to use the lessons learnt throughout this program over the past few years to complement our creative arts program at school.

Canteen
Canteen will operate again this year on a Monday. Please let Narelle or Margaret know if you are able to help in the canteen throughout the term.

Please Note
In the classroom we will continue to focus on healthy eating habits and Crunch and Sip will be a component of this program. Please ensure your child has a piece of fruit or vegetable they can eat for this program each day. The students will also be able to access their drink bottle throughout the day if it has water only. Cordial in the classroom becomes sticky and messy.
As part of this healthy lifestyle program it would be great if we could limit the amount of confectionary and lollies that come to school in the students’ lunchboxes. These do not provide the students with long lasting energy to help them remain focused in the classroom. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.
I look forward to working with you all again throughout the year.
Regards
Kristen Kime

School Calendar

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Canteen

Many thanks to the helpers who keep the canteen open on Mondays. The students and staff appreciate your help.

Please let Margaret or Narelle know which days you can help out in Term 1.

Normal hours for the Canteen are from 9.30am to 11.40am.

P&C News

Stay tuned for the next P&C meeting.

Women’s Course at TAFE – Certificate II in Skills for Work & Training

Aimed at women who’ve been out of the workforce for a while or never worked outside the home, this a great course for women thinking of returning to the workforce or pursuing further education. Only 3 days per week from 9.30 – 2pm this semester at Singleton TAFE, you’ll build confidence, make friends and learn new skills in a supportive, fun atmosphere. You’ll develop computing and job seeking skills as well as brush up on communication, maths and green science. The course also includes 1 week of work experience and the opportunity to gain a First Aid Certificate. Please phone Maree on 65 787 128 for more information and to ensure you don’t miss out.

2015 – a year for learning!