**Principal News**

I would like to begin by introducing myself. My name is Samuel (Sam) Williams. I will be in the role of acting/Principal here at Merinda for the first 5 weeks of term 4. I have been teaching Drama, Literacy and English from years 7 through to 12 at Bowen State High School for 3 years. In that time I have taken on the roles of Drama Curriculum Coordinator in 2014, Director of ‘Soundwaves’ (high school musical) in 2014, Inclusive Instructional Coach of teachers in 2015, QCAA District Adviser for the QCIA in 2015, this year I also became a qualified Advanced Classroom Profiler, and was Year-Level Coordinator in charge of transition for the year 6’s in 2014. I am looking forward to speaking with as many of you as possible in the next month and please do not hesitate to give me a call at any time.

As we begin looking towards 2016, it is with sadness that I inform our Merinda community, parents and caregivers that we will be losing a few of our dedicated teachers. Leah Florence, Helena Tully and Jasmine Parnell have all accepted transfers to other areas of our region and state. While Jasmine has already moved on, we still have term 4 with Leah and Helena which is great news. We thank them kindly for their service to Merinda State School and wish them the best of luck in their future journeys. On a personal note, it has been an amazing experience getting to know, and working with these dedicated teachers. I am sure you will join me in thanking these teachers, I am certain they will be missed.

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**Upcoming Event**

**Prep for Prep**
27th October 2015
9:30am – 11:00am

**Halloween Disco**
30th October 2015
6:00pm – 8:00pm

**Prep for Prep**
3rd November 2015
9:30am – 11:00am

**Year 6 to 7 Transition Evening**
4th November 2015
McKenna Hall
6:30pm – 8:00pm

**Prep for Prep**
10th November 2015
9:30am – 11:00am

**Prep for Prep**
17th November 2015
9:30am – 11:00am

**Planet Rhythm Drums**
17th November 2015
Finally, Term 4 is upon us; and what a term it is. We have some fantastic events coming up including our Halloween Disco (week 4), Presentation and Graduation nights (weeks 9 and 10), Prep for Prep (beginning in week 4), and Beach to Bush (week 2). Our teaching and support staff will be engaging in professional development in the Essential Skills of Classroom Management, as well as analyzing and reviewing our 2015 NAPLaN data sets to improve our strategies and structures for the best possible student outcomes in 2016. As the year slowly draws to a close, it is important for all of us to remember to stay resilient. Teachers, students, staff, and parents/caregivers begin to get a little tired and it is vital that we support each other all the way up to the last day of the year. I look forward to working with the students and staff of Merinda State School for the next 4 weeks.

Halloween Disco!
It is with excitement that the P&C announce that the Halloween Disco will kick off at 6pm on the 30th of October. Students, parents/caregivers and staff will all dress up in their best costumes for this wonderful night. The school gates will be locked until 5.45pm when supervision will be available at the disco. Students should not be on school grounds until this time as supervision is not available. We ask that parents remain at the disco with their children during the night, or alternatively, sign the students in at the entrance and sign them out when being collected. We appreciate your understanding with this matter. Looking forward to seeing all students there.

Staff Car Park
To ensure the safety of all the students at Merinda State School the staff car park is to be used for staff parking only. It is not a drop off zone. Please drop your student off in the designated drop of zone at the school gate.
**Student Uniforms**
It has come to our attention that some students have not been wearing the accepted school uniform. Please be aware that students are to wear black leather shoes, black bottoms (Shorts, skorts or skirts) and Merinda Polo Shirt. Please be aware that short shorts and miniskirts are not appropriate, students bottom hem should be longer than the end of their fingertips when arms are straight at their sides.

**Tuckshops New Exciting Menu**

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P/1/2 News
Welcome back to all our families, hope you had a great holiday. This term we are learning about light, sound and movement in science so if your child would like to bring a toy or an object that has light, sound or movement for our display table, they are most welcome. Assessment involves prep making a toy with two moveable parts, year 1 will need to make a toy with light and/or sound components and year 2 will need to make a toy that they can push or pull. We will discuss how toys move and we would greatly appreciate if your child would like a specific material for their toy for you to bring it in. This isn’t required for a couple of weeks. During English this term, we will be exploring and analysing folktales and fractured fairy tales. This unit will correlate with our drama unit in which students will participate in a variety of role plays about their favourite fairy tale. Our technology unit this term involves creating a decoration and greeting card. We have a lot of materials at school; however your child might need to bring in some materials they wish to make their designs. Looking forward to an action packed term with you all. Mrs Hubbert and Miss Florence.

3/4 News
As many of you would be aware, I am teaching the year 3/4 class for the rest of the year. Please come and see me if you have any questions about the class or if there is anything troubling you or your child. We both want the same thing – for your child to be successful and happy. English – this term the students will be examining many forms of literature to develop empathy with characters and to see things from another’s perspective. For their assessment they will write and present a persuasive speech to an audience on an issue or topic of personal interest. Math – students will be covering math topics such as multiplication of 2 and 3 digit numbers; fractions and decimals; mapping; measurement; data analysis and money. Quite a range and opportunities will present themselves in your everyday life to show students how what they are learning benefits them when they are older. History – we are looking at change and continuity and the effects colonisation had on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Students will be required to pose questions that explore the past, the changes that have occurred and the consequences of these changes. The Arts – we will be concluding our claymation and beginning work on our drama unit. The students will be learning the skills of performance which will culminate in a presentation at the end of the year, possibly to the school and parents. Science – for term four we are looking at Force. The students will be working their way through a workbook and conducting experiments. Technology – we are conducting an investigation which requires the students to plan, monitor and evaluate the planting and growing of a
seedling with a specific focus in mind. The students are very keen on this activity! Class awards and certificates – as I know I will not always remember to phone about awards and certificates, I intend to send a standard letter home with the student on a Thursday that will advise you they are receiving an award. I am looking forward to a positive and busy term four with you and your child.

5/6 News
The 5/6 class are looking forward to a fantastic term. Merinda Students held our "Merinda's got Talent" and "Jump rope” for heart day. Both events happened on our rewards day. We also held the biggest morning tea and a big thank you goes to all of the mums/dads who helped and Lily Horspool who organised the event with precision. Our student of the week for week ten was Kalen Morton and for week one was Haley Lammon. Congratulations!

This term we will be learning about persuasion in English; Chance and Data, number factors and Mass - in Maths; the gold rush period in History; physics in science and slideshow/property design in Technology. It is going to be a busy term! Don't forget to view our awesome blog for great work and regular information- [http://tullycrew.edublogs.org](http://tullycrew.edublogs.org).

Global Read Aloud – 2015
This year we are participating (with 500 000 other children around the world) in the Global Read Aloud. The Global Read Aloud is a chance for students to read and discuss a novel and to learn about cultures in the world. This year we will read “Fish in a tree” by Linda Mullaly Hunt. To access information on the group that we are working collaboratively with and to view some of responses follow the link on the blog or go to [http://globalreaders.edublogs.org](http://globalreaders.edublogs.org).
Pictured Left: Congratulations to Lily Horspool who represented Merinda State School in the National Equestrian Championships. Lily came fourth in Led Phase with Tungurra Toyboy (Buzz). Overall in the Primary Show Hunter he came 13th. Bordershow Toyboy (Sugar) came 9th overall in the Primary Show Hack. We are so proud to have a competitor that placed so well in a NATIONAL championship! Congratulations Lily!

Blog It!
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3/4  http://merinda3and4.edublogs.org/
5/6  http://tullycrew.edublogs.org/
Girudala News
On the 3rd of August 2015 – Girudala, Busy at Work, NEATO, Max Employment and Community Solutions developed a partnership to recycle used pallets into items of use. We have named this “Pallets 4 Life”. This partnership is part of the Work for the Dole Program (Career Advancement Program) and works with local employment agencies who supply participants who in return are upskilled to be job ready. The community will have an outlet that specializes in re-purposing pallets to live another day. These items are gaining popularity for being environmentally friendly. The outlet has the potential to develop into a small business that could eventually provide employment opportunities. We would like to thank our supervisor Anthony Nicholls for his expertise and enthusiasm with this project. Also a big thank you to our many local businesses that have supported this project by donating many pallets and their continuous support will be invaluable. Thank you to Pilchers, Bowen Paint and Tiles, Bill Dreger Glass and Aluminum, Rugby Farms, Freight Companies and Bowen Home Hardware for all your support.

Call into our showroom today to view and purchase our wonderful re-purposed pallet creations. Let us inspire your home and garden while supporting our local community and the environment.

Show Room Hours
Girudala Community Co-operative Society Ltd
Lot 2, Leichhardt Street, Bowen Qld 4805
**Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00am to 3:00pm**
For an Appointment outside hours
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C&K Queens Beach Community Kindergarten
C&K are taking enrolments for 2016, for more information please contact: Kerry Cockrem (Director)
39 Tracey Street, Queens Beach
Phone: 07 4785 1231
Email: queensbeach@candk.asn.au
C&K Open Day

Come and join us at the C&K Queens Beach Community Kindy

Open Day

LOTS OF FUN ACTIVITIES

Saturday 17 October 2015
9.00am – 11.00am
39 Tracey Street Queens Beach
queensbeach@candk.asn.au
47 851 231

Fun kids wanted
Where children come first
Walk to School Day – Term 3
Excellent effort to our Merinda Super Heroes who put on their walking shoes and walked to school. Miss Laidlow, Mrs Conway and Leanne and Luke from Girudala walked to school with 28 of our fantastic students. Thumbs up for getting outside and being healthy!
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