From the Principal

Thank you to all of our wonderful families and communities members who have supported our school for the first half of the year, we really appreciate all of your efforts. It has been fantastic to see the growth of our students both academically and socially. The school has a very nice positive feel to it and we look forward to the remainder of the school year. Just a reminder that next term starts on **Monday the 11th of July**; there are no public holidays or pupil free days next term. Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday the 9th of August from 3:30 to 6:30pm in the Prep/1 room. You will be able to book your meeting time slot Week 1 Term 3 through the office. Also we will be launching our QSchools app; this will be our sole social media communication platform. If you have any questions or would like help with loading the app onto your smartphone please contact the office. Wishing you all a happy, healthy, safe and relaxing mid-year break and we can’t wait to see all of your smiling faces for Term 3.

Quote of the Week

“A creative person is motivated by the desire to achieve, not by the desire to beat others” – Aynd Rand

P/1 Super Stars News

What a busy term prep/1 has endured! We are so lucky to have had such an exciting ending to term. We had a special visit from Gudjuda Reference Group Aboriginal Corporation where we learnt all about turtles and the importance of keeping our oceans clean. We also got to decorate a plastic turtle shell which was moulded off a real turtle! Last week our Under the Sea morning with the Save the Children Australia playgroup was so much fun! Students participated beautifully and were such awesome role models for the younger children visiting. The athletics carnival was also another highlight of the term. Prep/1 gave it their best in all activities and particularly enjoyed high jump! They were so exhausted that some of them fell asleep in the afternoon. Thank you everyone for your ongoing support this term. Reminder that nest term reading groups are not from 9am -10:15am and prep/1 and I would appreciate anyone who is able to help out.

Left: Eli, Juru & Jayden having fun at the Under the Sea day.

Right: Learning lots of awesome things about keeping our oceans clean and healthy.

Far Right: All tuckered out after a big day of competing at Athletics Carnival.
News from 2/3 Smarty Pants Owls
A big thank you again to all parents with your support and effort to attend our BFG performance. A BIG THANK YOU to our wonderful Mary-Anne Cowan for making her ‘gullumptious’ cakes and slices and serving tea and coffee on our performance day. You are a SUPER STAR! Hope you all have a safe and relaxing time with your family and friends these holidays. Looking forward to next term with you all.

A Blast from 3/4 Class!
Congratulations to all of the year ¾ students who participated in the BFG play on Wednesday and Thursday, you all did a fantabulous job! Congratulations to all of my ¾ students who earned their age champion medals. I am very proud of my class and all the wonderfully hard work they have put into their assessment, you all deserve a big pat on the back. Have a safe, fun and relaxing mid-year break and be ready to jump back into it for Term 3.

What’s Happening in 5/6?
Thank you to all the people that have come in and supported us this term. We have worked super hard over the last 11 weeks and welcome the holiday. We would like to continue our positive self-talk; please keep helping us on our quest. See you all soon!

Guidance News
I will be coming in next term every week for half a day on Wednesdays, if you would like to speak with me please contact the school to make an appointment. I hope everyone has a relaxing and rejuvenating holiday. Looking forward to Term 3 with you all.

Premiers Reading Challenge
Remember to keep reading over the holidays. Please bring all completed forms into Mrs Conway next term. Good job to all of our little book worms who have brought their forms back already.

Age Champions 2016
7 Years Boy – Joseph Reid
7 Years Girl – Trixie-Grace Prior

8 Years Boy – Gideon Prior
8 Years Girl – Lana Moorhead

9 Years Boy – Darcy McLeod
9 Years Girl – Lillian Bond & Tia Bunn

10 Years Boy – Ethan McClintock
10 Years Girl – Emi-lee Denyer

11 Years Boy – Bohdi Lawrence
11 Years Girl – Chelsey McLeod

12 Years Boy – Jasiah Maher
12 Years Girl – Zion Prior

Winning House 2016 - PRING
**Jump Rope for Heart**
Mrs Conway will be running Jump Rope next term to get our Merinda Magic Team ready for Jump Rope for Heart in Term 4. Please fill in the permission form below if your child would like to be involved in the Merinda Magic Skipping Team this year. Merinda Magic Team is year 3 to 6 only. Jump Rope fundraising in Term 4 is open for all year levels.

I ____________________ give permission for my child ____________________ to participate in Merinda Magic Skipping Team. I understand that practise will be held Monday and Tuesdays at first break.

**Save the Children Playgroup News**
Play 2 Learn would like to say a huge thankyou to Miss Jessie and all the children from Prep/1. The kids from playgroup just had the best time visiting last week. It was so much fun. The big kids took such nice care of their little visitors, including them in all the activities at the Under the Sea day. It was exciting to see how much fun and learning is happening at Merinda State School and a privilege for us to be part of the school community. Days like this are going to make coming to school so much easier for both kids and parents. It was wonderful to meet and make some new friends and we learnt some new dance moves too.

I hope we can have another special sharing and caring day. Have a wonderful school break. During the holidays the Play 2 Learn program will be running for 0-5yr olds. Our group will hold our Thursday group at the Catalina Display at the Town Beach, and all families with that age are welcome to come see what it’s all about and learn why Play is essential for our children's growth and development. Siblings are welcome to join in on the holidays. We will have a sausage sizzle, and would love to see any dads who have time to help out.

**School Watch**
Can we ask that all families who live close to the school to keep an eye and ear out after hours, especially over the school holidays. If you see anything suspicious, remember to call the School Watch Number: 13 17 88. The school watch program is a partnership between Department of Education and Training, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

**Tuckshop News**
We are still seeking volunteers to help us with the markets and tuckshop at school. Please contact Aleisha or Sam in regard to helping with the markets or if you would like to help in the tuckshop at school please contact Mary-Anne. We are also still needing fruit donations for fruit break. Thank you to the parents who have been contributing already this year, your help is much appreciated.
**Term 3 Tuckshop Menu**

### First Break

#### Hot Food
- **Lasagne** $4.00
- **Baked Potato with Beans, Bacon, Cheese & Sour Cream** $5.00
- **Roast Chicken and Vegetables** $6.50
- **Mini Pizza** $1.50
- **Hot Dog with Cheese & Sauce** $4.00
- **Steak Burger** $6.00
- **Flame Grilled Chicken Burger** $6.00
- **Roast Chicken and Gravy Roll** $5.50

#### Sandwiches
- **Ham** $3.50
- **Ham & Salad** $4.50
- **Chicken** $4.00
- **Chicken & Salad** $5.00
- **Egg** $3.00
- **Egg & Lettuce** $3.50
- **Cheese** $2.00
- **Vegemite** $1.50

### Second Break

- **Farm Yard Pie** $1.50
- **Raisin Toast and Butter (2)** $2.00
- **Boiled Egg** $0.50
- **Popcorn** $1.00
- **Sao with Vegemite (2)** $1.00
- **Sao with Cheese & Tomato** $1.50
- **Banana Muffin** $1.50
- **Chocolate Muffin** $1.50
- **Apple Slinky** $1.00
- **Orange** $1.00

### Available Both Breaks

#### Cold Snacks
- **Custard Cup** $1.50
- **Fruit Salad Cup** $1.50
- **Frozen Yoghurt** $2.50
- **Flavoured Milk Ice Cups** $1.50

#### Drinks
- **Water** $1.00
- **Juice Popper (99% Fruit)** $1.50
- **Milk Popper** $2.00
- **Cup of Warm Milo** $1.50
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