Hello parents and carers - welcome back for semester two!

I hope you and your family have had a great break - I've bumped into a few parents over the past couple of weeks and all have been telling me how much their children have been looking forward to coming back to school after the long break! I'm pleased to say that yesterday was a very smooth start back for our students, with lots of happy faces and the quick settling back into normal learning routines.

The start of any semester invariably brings about a few changes and we are no different this time around - read on for a few exciting developments for Millner from the commencement of term three:

- Our new class has made a fantastic start! Several teachers have already commented upon how settled and happy Ms. Miller’s year 1/2s are.
- Ms. Judy Miller and Ms. Tina Trudgen have made terrific starts as new teachers to our school. Both ladies have already put in a lot of work over the holiday period to start getting their classrooms and programs organised. Please say ‘hello’ and introduce yourself if you see them around!
- Noela Heron has joined the ‘Dream Team’ at Preschool! Noela will be another assistant for Ms. Varn, joining Ms. Sam and Mr. Giovanni - the addition of Noela will allow us to continue accepting new enrolments into our fast-growing Preschool.

Although our students commenced on Tuesday, our staff all officially started back on Monday. We had a busy day that was full of Professional Learning activity, focusing upon topics such as engaging students with their own learning data, how to help students be clear about what and how they are learning, analysing how well individual students are learning in different areas of the curriculum, differentiating learning for the range of abilities prevalent in each classroom, as well as student goal setting.

Finally - and perhaps most exciting of all - there has been some significant ‘brightening up’ of our T/1 space and our Preschool. The T/1 space has a range of funky, modern furniture that has our students wide-eyed and fascinated, whilst our Preschool has had some bright and vibrant painting done around the entrance area, including the alphabet and some early numbers to give our preschoolers some fun, daily interaction with letters and numbers. Be sure to pop in for a look when you get a chance!

Warwick Peter-Budge
Principal
Darwin Festival is just around the corner! From August 4-21 the city will come to life with a massive program of theatre, comedy, circus, cabaret, music, art and workshops. This year’s Festival program is bursting with family activities, with something for every age – and many events are FREE. Festival favourites SANTOS Opening Night Concert and People’s Choice Teddy Bears’ Picnic return, with fantastic new shows by Circus Oz, Terrapin Puppet Theatre, Polyglot Theatre and Polarbear rounding out the program for families.

Head down to Festival Park to soak up the party atmosphere and get the kids involved with free workshops; take the whole mob along to a world-class family show; and join in on any number of free events over the 21 days.

Check out the full program at www.darwinfestival.org.au

Location: Millner Primary School Oval
Start Date: Thursday 18th August 3:00pm-4:00pm (for 6 weeks)

Sign up: Online or at first session
Program Cost: $100
Age Group: 4-12 years

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Sports News!!

Athletics interschool challenge - **Thursday 28th July Week 1.** Students will leave school at 8.25am to participate in the athletics carnival. Please make sure your child has lunch, recess, running shoes, hat, sunscreen and water bottle. There is a BBQ lunch available, however we recommend students do not bring anymore then $5.00 to spend.

**AFL Schools Challenge** – **Wednesdays Week 2-6, after school.** Millner Bombers will participate against other schools, games start at 330 and your child is to be picked up at 4pm. You child will have brought a note home regarding the venue and other important information. If you have not received this letter, please contact the front office.

**Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser- Week 3 – 6,** with our jump off being at the end of the program in week 6. We are raising money for our Nutrition Program which is run by Aunty Theresa and offers fruit to our sports participants on the day of their sports as well as breakfast, recess and lunch for any of our students. Information on this program will be handed out in week 2 this term.

**Cooking at Millner**

Is your child good at or particularly interested in **cooking**?

**Millner on the Move** is a Gifted and Talented-type program, which aims to give our students more opportunity to learn about and develop in areas that they are particularly good at or passionate about. Our first component of this program will be a cooking class!

So, let us know if your child has a knack in the kitchen, or simply really enjoys cooking and working with food!

We are aiming for these sessions to run on a Friday, during the middle session of the day.

Thanks, Warwick Peter-Budge
Happy Birthday!!

BERNIE STIDWORTHY
VIDALE MUGABE
LARA ANDERSON
LIAM O’CONNOR    JEFFREY LLOREN

Weekly Lunch Specials

Monday— PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday— Mongolian Chicken & Rice
Wednesday— Green Chicken Curry & Rice
Thursday— Spaghetti Bolognese
Friday— Satay Chicken & Rice

All orders must be placed into the box at the Front Office by 8.30am. Please supply your own bags and the correct amount.