Principal's Message
What a start to the term we have had! I hope that everyone was not impacted too badly with the recent natural disaster. As with almost everyone on the Tilligerry Peninsula, we also lost power, phones, internet and mobile coverage. It made it very difficult to keep our community informed about school operation. Our school computer systems rely on internet access to operate and we did not have internet for two weeks. This meant we could not access our computer files, student data, pay bills or print from our computers during this period. For this reason this is our first newsletter for the term.

Our school was lucky that we received no significant damage. However, we did have approximately twenty dangerous trees that had to be removed and countless broken and dangerous branches removed (many of these trees were either leaning on or over classrooms and walkways). Those of you who have been in or around the school in recent weeks will know that these trees and branches are still in the school and have been roped off to ensure student safety. Quotes are being sought by the Department of Education to have these trees removed so we can finalise our clean-up operation.

Thankfully our school has returned to normality and I hope everyone at home has fully recovered and getting back to normal. If you are not already aware, you may be eligible for disaster assistance from the government. Information can be found at www.disasterassit.gov.au.

2014 Annual School Report - The Annual School Report for 2014 is now available on our website. I would like to thank all parents who assisted us by returning surveys to help us evaluate our practices. These surveys have assisted us with the Annual School Report and in the development of our School Plan.

2015 - 2017 School Plan: The School Plan has been uploaded to the schools website. There are three strategic directions that we will be focussing on for the next three years.

Strategic Direction 1: Creating a high performing and dynamic learning school. The school will deliver quality teaching and learning programs to equip students with the necessary literacy and numeracy skills to be successful 21st century learners.

Strategic Direction 2: Systems leadership and collective efficacy. Embedding quality leadership and organisational practices to support leadership design, learning alliances, organisational innovation and leadership sustainability.

Strategic Direction 3: Enhancing Community Engagement and Participation. Continue to develop community trust and strategic support to ensure our students become successful learners, confident and creative individuals, active and informed citizens and future leaders.

NAPLAN: This week our Years 3 & 5 students will sit the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy. NAPLAN is a state wide assessment and our students have performed well in these assessments in recent years. We are confident that our students will perform very well in these assessments again this year.

Congratulations to Miss Colgrave who was recently married and will now be known as Mrs Eather.

Have a lovely weekend.

Stuart Wylie
Principal
**Multiplication – Use Uno!!**

Uno involves players laying down cards based on color or number. When a player has just one card remaining, he calls out, "Uno!" Although little math is involved in playing Uno the traditional way, try variations that teach math principles. When students lay down their Uno card, have them multiply the card's number to the number on the pile. Every time they put down a card, they must announce the product of the cards. Students do not have to multiply special Uno cards, such as Draw Two, Skip and Wild cards. Especially when introducing multiplication, this game works well to keep children interested and engaged.

**Calendar of Events**

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**PARLIAMENT**

Thank you to all the families who were able to attend the ANZAC Day March and ceremony and the Tilligerry RSL. As always the children showed great respect and represented our school beautifully. It was also fabulous to see so many students representing various community organisations.

We were fortunate to have Les Deane and Noel Cartwright attend our school ANZAC Ceremony. Our Ministers did a wonderful job leading the ceremony and commemorating our ANZACS. Thank you to Robyn and the canteen ladies who prepared morning tea for our guests.
Welcome back to all students and families to an exciting Term 2! I do hope everyone had an enjoyable and safe holiday break and that any homes that were damaged are quickly sorted and fixed for affected families. This term we have some exciting events happening in the library to promote literature to our students.

In our library lessons this term all students will be reading, and exploring our book week books that have been short listed for 2015. As well as this Stage 3 are studying the HSIE topic, ‘Identity and Values’. This unit aims to provide opportunities for students to explore the contribution of different cultural groups to Australian identity. The unit focuses on the diversity of Australian life, what has influenced it in the past, present-day influences and the changing nature of these influences. Stage 2 is studying the author Stephen Michael King and Stage 1 and Early Stage 1 are exploring our new library environment and the latest short listed picture books.

**BOOK FAIR**

At school we normally have our book fair, book character parade and book week in Term 3. Due to the many fun and exciting events already booked in Term 3, we have decided to move our book fair and book character parade to this term.

Book Week is traditionally held all over Australia in Term 3 to celebrate Australian Literature and the short listed books. We will still hold book week in Term 3. This will involve students participating in book week activities in library lessons.

THE AMAZING BOOK FAIR AND BOOK CHARACTER PARADE!!!!!!

**When:** Book Fair all week!! Monday 8th June until Friday 12th June, 2015. (Week 8)

Book Character Parade, Friday 12th June, 2015

Books can be purchased in school time, and our library will stay open until 4.30pm each day.

A CREATIVE AND INSPIRING SPACE!!!

Our library has seen many changes over the years and this term is no exception. We have been lucky enough to purchase colourful new desks for the students to utilise for their literature based activities and a new circulation counter. The students have been very excited about the new arrivals and have already put them to good use.

**LIBRARY MONITORS**

Our library monitors have been working exceptionally hard throughout all of Term 1. All monitors have been punctual, hard-working, thoughtful and friendly to their fellow peers. I look forward to working with the monitors in Term 2!!

Happy Reading everyone and I look forward to seeing everyone at our fun and exciting book fair.

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Stewart House Fundraiser

I would like to say a very big thank you to all of our wonderful Kindergarten parents for the amazing cakes that were donated for the Cake Stall for Stewart House Day. The children loved the delicious treats and we raised over $700.00 for a very worthy cause. Thank you to all parents for supporting this
activity. There are still about 70 torch keyrings left to sell and students will be able to purchase these outside the library at lunchtimes until they are all sold. Keyrings are $3.00 each.

Kind Regards, Anne Burr (Stewart House Fundraising Coordinator)

**Early Stage 1**

Students have come back from holidays ready to take on more learning as they make their way through the second term of big school. The teachers of ES1 have been teaching some interesting and engaging units of work that involve learning about friendships and belonging. Please find the time to look at the ES1 page on the school website for a detailed overview of what ES1 students will be working towards this term. It is great to see that students are completing their homework each week and returning their home readers each day to help them on their way to achieving ES1 benchmarks. Keep an eye out for coloured sight words sheets in your child’s homework book next week. Please help your children to regularly practise their sight words.

ES1 held the Mother’s Day celebration last week. What a great event this was! The ES1 teachers saw lots of funny photos, artworks and craft items being created with all of the special visitors. This event would not have happened without the fabulous organisation by Mr McBain and the assistance given by all of the ES1 teachers that made this event as successful as it was.

**Stage 1**

Wow! What an interesting start to Term 2. Thankfully, school life has settled back into its normal routine, the playgrounds are safe and all of Stage 1 are busy learning, thinking, growing and having fun. This term, the students will be investigating the wonderful world of insects as they engage in a Schoolyard Safari. If any student has a magnifying glass, or bug box, they are welcome to bring it to school to use when exploring the world of insects. Fitness Walks on a Tuesday will no longer be conducted this term, due to the unstable areas around the Boardwalk and the Habitat. Hopefully, as the year progresses, this area will become safe again and the walks can resume.

Students are also busy training for the Athletics Carnival. They are learning new skills such as javelin, hurdles and the hop, skip, jump. We certainly have some budding Olympians amongst the students. Stage 1 Teachers

**3M**

Welcome back parents and students to a busy Term 2. 3M have settled into routines well and have worked particularly hard to demonstrate their excellent literacy and numeracy skills during NAPLAN testing in Week 4. Throughout Term 2 students will be learning about the HSIE unit “Living in Communities” with Ms
Drummond. In Science and Technology 3M will also be learning about the “Living World” with Mrs Eather. Students will be keeping active by participating in the athletics carnival field events trials in the lead up to our carnival in Week 9. I am looking forward to spending a highly productive and enjoyable term with 3M.

Regards,

Tim Marchant

4/5S
Welcome back to Term 2.
It was an unusual beginning to Term 2 this year. I hope all families are safe and sound after the storm. We head into NAPLAN this week for the Year 5 students in 4/5S. They are all prepared and have worked so hard to get to this point. Well Done Year 5.

This Term we are working hard in all areas. In H.S.I.E, this term’s topic is ‘Living Communities’ which looks at different communities within Australia. We have been really enjoying our novel study based on the Margaret Wild book ‘Fox’. We love the beautiful illustrations and interesting storyline in this book. We have created some amazing artworks based around the book.

Please remember:
- Homework is to be returned on Fridays.
- Stage 3 excursion can now be paid at the front office.
- Home readers can be brought back Monday-Friday.

Miss Schofield.

5D
Term 2 has been very busy and the children are working beautifully. We have shown a great deal of improvement in our writing. In Narratives we are working on using extended language to create interest and developing dynamic endings. Everyone is beginning to prepare their science assignment in class. The solar system is such an interesting topic and the children are enjoying it immensely. The children should be actively working on their HSIE take-home assignment over the coming weeks.

In scripture we have such a great time participating in activities with Mr Gentle. Well done to Joe who participated in an impromptu performance last week.

Stage 3
This is just a reminder to keep sending your Milson Island money in regularly.
Year 6 memento shirts are coming very soon and may even be here before this newsletter is out! The University aplogises for the late cancellation of the Uni Day excursion but their reasoning was based on the safety of your children. There will not be another Uni Day excursion planned this year.
Start thinking about our market day and which stall you are going to create with your child. Remember it is the only fundraising event that Stage 3 do each year and the Year 6 Farewell is very dependent on its success. There will be more information early next term.

6K
The term has really taken off after a disrupted start! Our main aims this term are to complete some projects, namely those about ‘Australia’ and the ‘Earth and the Universe.’ We are doing our best because we would like a great report at the end of the term!!! We need to keep sending the money in for Milson Island. It will here before we know it!
The artwork that we are creating on slats of wood is both interesting and challenging and we can’t wait to display them in our room!
P & C

Mother’s Day Stall
Wow! What a fantastic response to our Mother’s Day stall. Thank you to all the families who supported our Mother’s Day stall, we hope that all the Mum’s, Nan’s and Grandma’s loved their surprises on Mother’s Day.
We would also like to thank the Mum’s and Grandma’s who helped run our Mother’s Day stall on both days. Your help was greatly appreciated to ensure the day ran smoothly.

P&C Fun Run Pizza Party Winners
Congratulations 3B for being the class to raise the most money for the P&C Fun Run.
We would like to say a Big Thank you to Portside Takeaway & Pizzeria for supplying the delicious pizzas for the Pizza Party

Uniform Shop
Our uniform shop, located in the AV room is open Mondays 9am – 10am and on Wednesdays 2.30pm – 3pm
Don’t forget if you can’t make it on these days, you can also leave an order at the office and we will put it together for you next time the uniform shop is open and these can be sent home with your child.

Next Meeting
Our meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at 3:20pm in the library. Our next meeting will be Thursday 28th May. All are welcome to attend. We would love to see some new faces.