Today was a great day for our school as we welcomed Jane, Johnny and Lucy to school for a Prep transition day. It is also a trigger for some reflection on how far all our students have come. From those who were having their Prep transition days last year, to those students who are doing transition days for High School, they all remind us that time is precious and we need to make the most of the opportunities that we receive.

**Darling Downs Zoo Visit & Prep Transition Day 2, 18 Nov**

We are very grateful to Steve and Steph for extending an invitation to our school community to attend the Darling Downs Zoo on Friday the 18 Nov. We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful opportunity in our local community and are very pleased to pass on their invitation to all parents and community members of the school to join us for this event. It is also the planned day for our second Prep Transition Day, and we look forward to sharing this experience together.

As in previous years, we will be touring the zoo and planting some trees that will provide the zoo with a food source for koalas.

**Independent Public School Application**

The opportunity for our school to apply for Independent Public School (IPS) status has recently been discussed and approved by both our staff and the school P&C. This is an initiative of the state government, where schools are funded an additional $50,000 per year in order to undertake best-practice schooling that meets the needs of the unique school environment. Our school has demonstrated an independent, initiative-taking culture with the school based-initiatives that we currently undertake, and I strongly believe that we are already engaged in providing the best possible outcome for our students that we can. By undertaking this IPS application, it will be an attempt to formalise our position and allow our school to access a considerable increase in school funding in order to further develop the school’s capability to educate the students of the Pilton community.

I am very keen to discuss this initiative with any interested members of the school community. Please contact me as soon as possible if you have any further queries or have any assistance to offer in ensuring that we are able to secure the best possible outcome for the students at our school.

**School Camp – 9 to 11 Nov**

There has been great excitement this week as we have gathered together to discuss the details of next week’s school camp with the students. We will be departing Pilton SS at 8am on Wednesday 9th November arriving back to Pilton at approximately 5pm on Friday 11th November.

Students will need to be at school by **7.15am** on Wednesday morning to allow time for loading and checking of luggage. Students will be visiting the Botanic Gardens, the Planetarium, the Science-Centre, State Parliament and the Moreton Bay Environmental Education Centre including a trip to the historic St. Helena Island. While we are away please feel free to contact me in the case of any emergent need on my mobile 0439991282, or email me at principal@piltonss.eq.edu.au for non-urgent matters as I will check this email each evening.

Finally, I would like to thank the wonderful staff of our school, and in particular Mrs. Heaton, for their great work while I was away on Military Leave at the beginning of the term. I appreciate the supportive team we have at school, and am very pleased to be back!

All the best,

Jon Robertson
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### WATTLE RODEO

**SAT NOV 12TH ALLORA SHOWGROUNDS**

- **Music & Bar till Late**
- **Junior Rodeo** from 5pm to 6pm
- **Celebrity Rider Auction** from 6pm
- **Main Rodeo** from 6:30pm
- **For the kids... Jumping Castle**

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### Coming Events

- **An Invitation to the PILTON STATE SCHOOL P&C Association**
  - **Darling Downs South West Area Networking Meeting**
    - **12 Nov 2016**
    - **HATTON VALE STATE SCHOOL LIBRARY**
    - **HANNANT ROAD, HATTON VALE**
    - **FROM 9.30AM UNTIL 3.00PM**

  **This session specifically designed for P&C Executives and members**

  **Agenda**
  - 9.15am Registration
  - Welcome from P&C Qld & DET
  - Succession planning, preparing for end of year
  - Meet and mingle over lunch
  - Issues and info session
  - 1.30pm Close

  **Special Guest:**
  - Peter Baker,
  - Assistant Regional Director
  - DISW Region DET

  **We appreciate your feedback and comments. If you would like to:**
  - Host an event at your school;
  - Be informed of future events in your local area;
  - Have any issues addressed at another event or
  - Want to know more about P&C Qld
A HUGE thank you to the families who have paid their Family Subscription and Picnic Day Fees for this year; and for everyone who contributed to our Spring Fling. Working together has proven to be very beneficial for our little school, and we have been able to pay our contribution to school camp and bus expenses for this year.

Also, thank you to Indira and Michael Sternbeck for their donation to the P&C post-sales of their beautiful flowers…. and Thank You to the Clifton Real Estate, for their $100 contribution to our $100’s board on the night of the Spring Fling.

Our Lotto Draws are nearly at an end…. this Saturday will be our last draw for the year. Congratulations to these lucky winners, so far::

   Week 1: Marie Logan # 39.   Week 2: Duggan Family # 14.
   Week 3: Jon Robertson # 37.   Week 4: Colin Bell # 33.

Attached to this newsletter are 12 tickets for the Garden Day raffle. There may be someone you work with….someone in your family …. a close neighbour…. who would like a chance to win the Sandstone Birdbath (or the Diggers Club membership), which is on display at the Pilton Hall. Tickets are $2 each, or 3 for $5. Please return the tickets sold or unsold, with the money enclosed in the attached envelope. (If you would like more tickets, please let me know and I’ll get them to you.)

Rebekah Turkington

P&C Treasurer.

Please make cheques payable to: Pilton State School P&C

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Book Club orders due 15th November.
Next week before camp, will be the end of our first units of work for English and Maths in the Year 3-6 classroom for the term. The Year 3 English unit was focused on building students’ understanding of the language features and structure of poetry. They have finished off a task of writing an original poem with an ABAB rhyming pattern, a regular rhythm and have used a familiar setting as the theme of their poem. I hope we get the opportunity to share these poems with you at the end of year performance. The Year 5/6 students have been focussed on understanding persuasive texts. They have had to look at informative texts and literary texts that are design to persuade people about a particular topic. An example of this would be a story about a dog being mistreated by its owner, or a website trying to persuade people to stand against cruelty to dogs. The students have been asked to identify which type of texts are more persuasive about their individual topics and what language and text features were used effectively to be persuasive.

In Mathematics, the Year 3 students have been focusing on all the different types of measurement that we use in real life. We have also completed assessing the students understanding of location and directions after having taught these concepts earlier in the term. The final concepts that Year 3 will be learning about for the year are monetary transactions and 3-D shapes. The Year 5/6 maths units for this term, focus on chance and data, and specifically looked at perceptions of ‘fairness.’ Once we get back from school camp the students will undertake one final investigation for the year into the measurement and data that supports the statement that ‘Athletes appear to be getting better.’ The Year 5/6 students have also completed the last of the 160 lessons of the Maths Mastery program that they have been working diligently on since the beginning of 2015!

This term will see us also dedicate time to the Arts strands of Dance and Drama. ‘The Arts’ is an official name for the subject that we teach from the Australian Curriculum and it includes the strands of Visual Arts, Music, Dance, Drama and Media Arts. Over the year we devote time to each of these strands and we will be showcasing some of the work done in these areas at the Pilton Christmas Tree.

Mr Robertson

Prep – 2 Term 4 news
This term in English we are looking at Poetry. The students are listening to, reading and viewing lots of different poems. They are exploring features of poems, sound patterns found in poems and plot, characters and setting. To complete the assessment at the end of the unit, students will be choosing a poem, learning it and reciting it to their classmates.

In Maths this term the students are working on lots of different concepts, including fractions, chance, shapes, giving directions, collecting data and lots of number work. They are trying to use these maths ideas with real world situations that are happening at school and in the community.

Mrs Heaton

This Term in the Prep-2 room we have been discovering the Three States of Matter. Did you know that a solid when mixed with a liquid can make a gas? The students have been experimenting such cases with food and having great fun and results. We also have been looking at the properties in matter and how if changed can produce a new material/outcome. Just this week students were given newspaper and were required to make a chair that would hold their weight. Luckily they all remembered that a cylinder has the best strength and shaped their paper accordingly.

In Geography the students finished up linking people to place. We explored how we can communicate with family and friends that live far away. Apparently letter writing is not even an option for most kids, rather Skype and social media!

The Motley Museum is open! Each student has carefully researched, made and curated a piece for our Middle ages Museum. Please drop in and see their outstanding efforts. We have swords, helmets, medicine and clothing on show. This wraps up our interesting unit for the Semester.

In Science we have been investigating mould. We have grown mould on bread documenting and collating data as we go. We have learnt and strictly followed a scientific practical write up, focussing on variables.

Mrs Bazley
Kids Corner

MusicaViva

P-Y2 Science
Changing the properties of paper to build a stool.