What a fantastic term we have had at school. It has been full of great learning and memorable experiences. I would like to thank the hard-working staff and students at school that have put so much in to making term three so successful.

Two of our students competing at the Queensland Athletics Championships
On Tuesday, Casee achieved an amazing result at the Darling Downs Athletics Competition finishing 2nd in discus and 6th in shot-put. This means that she is now heading to the state level athletics championships in Townsville next month. Well done Casee, we are very proud of your great achievement!

Shane is also heading to the state athletics championship to compete in the athletes with disabilities competition. To support him in getting to Townsville and competing in this championship the school P&C have agreed to assist by raffling two items. Hush-a-Bye Nursery have kindly donated an extremely life-like doll, and there is also a great BMX bike to win! Raffle tickets will go out to all families, and any tickets sold will assist greatly in allowing Shane to fulfil his potential and compete at the state level.

National Tree Day Lockyer – Primary Photography and School of the Year Finalists
I attended the presentation evening last Saturday for the National Tree Day Lockyer group that had assisted in planting trees earlier in the year at our school and had run a couple of competitions in which we had entries. The Pilton State School was a runner-up out of 40 schools in the ‘School of the Year’ competition based on the schools environmental actions and the student’s knowledge of sustainability. Congratulations to Georgie Bruntflett who also received a runner-up award for her entry into the primary photography competition.

School Chaplaincy Program
The National School Chaplaincy Programme (NSCP) is a four-year program for the employment of chaplains in schools to support the emotional wellbeing of students, by providing pastoral care services and strategies that support the emotional wellbeing of the broader school community. This year we have been asked to apply for funding to continue having a chaplain under the NSCP at Pilton State School. As a part of this application we have to provide evidence of community support for the chaplain in our school and use this evidence to justify why our school should be considered as a school that benefits from being a part of the program. Please complete the survey that has been sent home to families today and return to school by the end of term (Friday 18 September). We will be using the returns from this survey, combined with statements from the school staff and P&C to form the basis of the support we have for our chaplain continuing to provide services within the school and as such, greatly appreciate as many people returning this survey as possible.

Woolworths Earn and Learn
As you know, our school has been participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. The program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school. We're now at the important stage of the program where the Sticker Sheets are collected and lodged as our Earn & Learn claim. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. So this week, please send in your Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheets and any loose Earn & Learn stickers you may have. Every little bit helps. Thanks again for all your support!

School Opinion Survey Results
This week we received the school opinion survey results for 2015. Thanks to all parents who completed the survey and we value your feedback about the way the school educates and caters for your students. It came as no surprise that the staff, student and parental survey results were all well aligned with each other and the results were positive about the way the school functions. As always there are areas we would like to improve based on the results that we had from the survey this year. One area that we have worked very hard in developing is the provision of useful information about the school online. Primarily this is through the school’s webpage, but we also have all our newsletters, contact details, news reports and school calendar dates available through the QSchools application available for all smart phones. Please check out the website or app and let us know if you have any suggestions or feedback on making more useful information available online.

Super Hero Day and Central Downs Ball Games and Sports Development Activities
Thanks to all the staff, parents and community members that helped make the Super Hero Day a great success. We had a great day to finish off our Book Week activities and students were very active in voting for their favourite book which we announced as the Pilton State School ‘Book of the Year’. There were many favourites among the different students but the book ‘Pig the Pug’ ended up with the most votes for the week. Super Hero Day was our fundraising dress up day for Term 3 and students all raised funds for Muscular Dystrophy while having a very enjoyable day. Check out the photos in the kid’s corner for some classic dress-up fun (for the young and old!) Thanks to the parents who came and helped make the Central Downs Ball Games day fun for all the students. I thought it was a great opportunity for students to have a go at a number of different activities and was very proud of the students’ efforts and results.
Jump Rope for Heart Performance
I am looking forward to seeing the students demonstrate their skills at skipping on Friday. Parents are invited to come along on Friday morning and share in the performance from 9:00am. It will only be about a half an hour of skipping and then if everyone would like to bring something to share we will have an early morning tea together. Please return all Jump Rope for Heart forms and money on the day. All the students that have been sponsored by school staff will receive their money on the day also.

After School Sport has finished for the term
Thanks to Nicole and Sarah for their efforts in getting our students active after school this term. The program for term 3 has now finished so please arrange for normal pick-up times for parents next Tuesday. We will be offering further sporting options in term 4 and these will commence in week 2 with all the details in the next newsletter.

3-6 Classroom News
Can I ask that all the students in my 3-6 Classroom bring a USB stick to school next week in order for them to download a file in which they will create a design portfolio for our technology lessons for this term. If this is a problem for anyone please let me know and we will find an alternative solution here at school. Thanks for your help with this.

Finally, thanks very much to Mrs. Debbie Bruntflett for seamlessly transitioning into the school office for the term while Mrs. Bell has been on leave. It has been greatly beneficial to have someone experienced in this roll step in for the term and keep things working so well in the school administration.

All the best,
Jon Robertson

REMINDER
Queensland Museum Visit
Next Thursday 17th September.
*Bus departs Pilton SS at 7.50am and returns at approximately 4.30pm.*
Students will need morning tea, lunch and a water bottle.

OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE, MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND IMPROVE THEIR LANGUAGE STUDIES AT HOME
In January 2016 we will be receiving exchange students from Argentina, Bolivia, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, Sweden and the USA.
Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 3, 5 or 10 months. As we plan for their arrival, we are keen to hear from suitable families who might be interested to host a student.
Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit organisation that is registered with all state and territory Departments of Education around Australia and with the Ministry of Education in NZ. We are the first and only secondary exchange organisation in Australia and New Zealand to be certified to ISO 9001 (Quality Management System) and we ensure the highest standards of care and support to our participants. You can find out more about our organisation by visiting www.studentexchange.org.au.
Sandra Harders
Hosting Coordinator

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!
Riley 12th, Shane 13th and Georgie 15th of September with Charlie 6th October
### Coming Events

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**Pilton State School**

**Jump Rope for Heart Performance**

**Friday 11th September**

9am to 10.30am

Come along and celebrate the time and effort that your children have put in to creating their skipping performance. Please bring along a plate to share for morning tea.
Thanks to everyone who has purchased an Entertainment Book. We have only got 3 more to sell and we make a profit for the P&C. (At the moment it is cost neutral, but it would be great to make some $$’s to add to our fundraising this year!) $65 per book, filled with great cost savings. Remember they make great gifts! Contact Rebekah if you are interested in purchasing one.

Congratulations to Trevor Ward #39 and Luke Statham #13, our two lucky winners in the past fortnight’s Pilton Lottery. We will have another round after the school holidays, so let us know if you are willing to participate again. $10 for a five week draw. We have another 3 weeks left in our current draw. Good Luck everyone.

Brooke is taking names for our Bunning’s BBQ Fundraiser on Sunday the 11th October. If you can help out with the fundraising on this day….selling soft drinks and food; and/or cooking the sausages and onions; for a few hours, please let Brooke know. Many hands make light work!

We have a P&C Meeting the first week back. **Wednesday 7th October, at 6pm.**

Rebekah Turkington

1. Brady Family
2. Bek Turkington
3. Robert Parkinson
4. Duggan Family
5. Amy Tait
6. Simon Gill
7. John Beard
8. Janette Frahm
9. Sternbeck Family
10. Adam Summers
11. Jon Robertson
12. Robbie Dewar
14. Duggan Family
15. Sarah Turner
16. Cameron Cooke
17. Sally Shine
18. Jan Ward
19. Leanne Heaton
20. Duggan Family
21. Ken Gill
22. Brady Family
23. Russell Turkington
24. Trevor and Jan Ward
25. Brooke Stepanoff
26. Sternbeck Family
27. Brett Turkington
28. Deb Stewart
29. Caldwell Family
30. Des Dessaix
31. Robyn Flavell
32. John Heaton
33. Stuart Fuller
34. Beverley Turkington
35. Duggan Family
36. Madonna Bell
37. Sarah Summers
38. Cathy
39. Trevor Ward
40. Gary Wormington
41. Duggan Family
42. Maureen Gill
43. Peter Cooke
44. Jacqui Gill
45. Alex Heaton

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

For EFT payments:
BSB: 084 610
Account Name: Pilton State School P&C
Account Number: 508 683 666
Super Hero Day

Casee was successful in discus at Darling Downs and is off to the States Titles in Townsville.

Central Downs Ball Games and Sport Development Day

Georgie was awarded the Runner Up Prize for her photography entry.