We have had a great couple of weeks with students making leaps and bounds in many areas early in the term.

Thank-you to our volunteers!
We have had so many great volunteers working at school! The great work that the volunteer readers do at school is a great help to our students. It has also been so wonderful to have a number of community members coming up to school to support our lessons. Brett Turkington, Colin Bell and Peter Vernon have all been up at school in the last week to provide some great experiences to the students in support of our lessons at school. Check out some of the photos of these events in the ‘Kid’s Corner.’ I also have to thank Mrs. Frahm for sorting through all the new reading books that we have purchased recently and helping out all our students with lessons and book borrowing. It is a great privilege to be part of such a supportive and caring community.

P&C First Meeting for the Year – Tuesday 21 Feb at 6pm
I would like to invite all interested parents and community members to join the P&C for the first meeting of the year on Tuesday 21 Feb at 6pm. This will be the AGM, where positions on the executive for the P&C will be determined, and will be followed by the first general meeting for the year. It is going to be a very exciting time to be a part of the P&C as we are in an excellent position to build on the wonderful work that has happened in the school, and look at the new opportunities that 2017 brings. Thanks for your ongoing support in making the education of our students the best it can be.

Be a Bucket Filler
We have started the term with a strong emphasis in classrooms and the playground on making good choices about the way we interact at school. We are very fortunate to have students that are able to do this so well, and wanted to reinforce the way that we expect students to behave at our school. We have been consistently teaching and expecting students to be able to talk to each other in the first instance of something making them upset. This could be as simple as saying, “Please stop that, I don’t like it.” In the rare occasion that this doesn’t solve the problem, we have been very encouraging of students telling a teacher straight away so we can ‘nip the problem in the bud.’ I have been very impressed with the way that students at Pilton State School have generally behaved and am confident that the ‘bucket filler’ approach continues to be a powerful motivator. I would like to thank the support we have from parents also in helping make sure that students are well behaved, and keeping the lines of communication between home and school open.

Clifton Show 2017 – Transport in our Region
We have spent some time this week creating some entries from our schoolwork that are able to be entered in the Clifton Show. These include some of the visual art we study during first term, a poster about ‘Transport in our Region’ by the P-2 students and a brochure on this topic by the students from the Year 3-6 class. We have also entered some handwriting entries and have a small display from school for parents to check out if they are attending the show this weekend. I know that a number of students have also expressed interest in entering other items in the show, and I hope we have not caused any dramas for families in trying to arrange exhibits getting made or dropped off.

Language Other Than English (LOTE) - 2017
We have re-advertised the position for a LOTE teacher in the Clifton cluster of schools. As anticipated, we have had to broaden the search for a LOTE teacher to include Japanese, French or Indonesian language teachers as the position has already been advertised twice with no successful applicants. We will be discussing the school’s LOTE program at the first P&C Meeting for the year and are committed to providing students with either a language or cultural studies at school regardless of the outcome from our most recent advertisement.

Central Downs Swimming Trials
Congratulations to Piper, Ani, Millie and Charlie who recently represented our school in the Central Downs Swimming Carnival at the Clifton pool. It was great to have students from the Pilton State School attending these trials with their ‘Strong and Willing’ attitudes! All students are continuing to make good progress in swimming and I am looking forward to many more opportunities for students to swim in these types of competitions in the future.
School Leaders 2017
We have a very promising pair of students as school leaders in 2017. Stewart and Piper are learning the role of school leader and have expressed an interest in making this year a great year for the students at our school. The school leader shirts will be available for the students by the end of term and we will be holding an official morning tea for them once these have arrived. The school leaders have today met with the Mayor and councillors of the Toowoomba Regional Council as a part of the leadership activities that they will undertake this year.

Central Downs Tennis, Rugby League, Netball and Soccer Trials – 9-12 years old students
Please let us know if you would like your student to participate in any of the representative sports trials that are coming up on Fridays in week 5 and 6 this term. These are great opportunities for students to be involved in competitive sport and get a taste of what the level of competitive sport in our area is like. We generally are supportive of any student giving these trials a go, and have a very good record in having students experience success.

Finally, I want to let everyone know that I will be away at a two-day training session for new Independent Public School Principals in Week 6 this term. This training is being run before the state-wide Principal’s conference to try and limit multiple trips away from school.

All the best,
Jon Robertson

WARWICK & DISTRICT JUNIOR NETBALL
Come & Join us in 2017
Netball is a fantastic team sport for girls and boys. Ages born 2012 – 2003
Fixtures & Training Saturday afternoons
Sign-on day Saturday 11th Feb 10am – 1pm
Season commences 18th February 2017

Four Age Divisions
NetSetGo Netters 5-7yrs
NetSetGo Setters 8 & 9yrs
Junior B 10 & 13yrs
Junior A 12 – 14yrs

Please visit our Facebook page for full details, https://www.facebook.com/warwicknetball/
Or ring Linda Bunch 0407 734 380

Netball is a wonderful team sport (no individual pressures). We promoting learning and skill building with fellow players in a positive sportsmanship and an enjoyable environment. Our focus at Junior Fixtures level is assisting the players to develop their skills whilst gaining an understanding of all positions on the court and the overall game of netball.

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This Term the prep students in History are learning about their family tree. They have identified who is in their family and how this is related directly to them. It is great to hear the stories they tell about different people connected to them. The year 1 & 2 students are digging up history on Dinosaurs. They are looking at the timeline associated with dinosaurs and its overall effect on today’s living. They have explored carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. As the weeks go by they will study a dinosaur a week. This week was the Tyrannosaurus Rex {his silly little arms had the students in stitches}. Did you know that his teeth were 30cm long and shaped like a cone?

Prep -2 in science are exploring the world of matter. What properties make up matter, how it can look, feel and react. The students can describe the particle make up and how that in turn effects its use. This week we investigated water resistance in products.

YEAR 3-6
Science this term is the Properties within Matter. Students will understand how a change of state between a solid and a liquid can be caused by adding or removing heat. They will also identify how science is involved in making decisions and how it helps people to understand the effect of their actions.

History allows our Year 3 & 4 students to investigate how and why people choose to remember significant events of the past. They also investigate how different groups and individuals in the community and globally contribute to celebrations and commemorations. This unit enables them to explore a range of perspectives and points of view.

Year 6 students will recognise key figures and events in the development of Australia as a nation. They will examine sources to investigate Australia’s path to Federation from the late 1800s to 1901. They will also examine British and American influences on Australia’s system of law and government.

Students will describe the experiences of Australian democracy and citizenship for a range of groups, including Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples, migrants, women and children. They will investigate the changing status and rights of these groups throughout the 20th century.

Geography
Year 3&4 students will build on their mental map of the world and their understanding of place with a focus on Africa and South America. Students will investigate the types of natural vegetation and native animals on both these continents. Students will learn to identify and describe the relative location of places at a national scale and to complete maps using cartographic conventions.

Year 6 Students will learn about the location of major countries in Asia, particularly the sub-regions of North-east Asia and South-east Asia and the differences in economic, demographic and social characteristics between countries in these sub-regions and global trends. Data is interpreted for trends and patterns. Data analysis focuses on the diversity of the Asia region and relationships between phenomena.

Mrs. Bazley

FREE MICROSOFT OFFICE 2016 FOR STUDENTS AND SCHOOL STAFF
All Queensland state school staff and students can now download multiple free copies of the latest Microsoft Office to their personal home computers and mobile devices.
Students and staff will need to use their school email address to sign in. Students who don’t have a school login, school email account and password should contact their school's Managed Internet Service (MIS) administrator or class teacher. The administrator will help students activate their school login.
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Your Office subscription lasts for as long as you’re a Queensland state school student or school-based staff member.
For tablets and smartphones, download from your app store and sign in with your school email address.
Tenders Invited

The agreement for the removal of school rubbish, presently being done by the P&C, must be renewed annually. Therefore the school is now calling for tenders to provide this service. Rubbish would need to be taken to the dump twice weekly during term time. Tenders should be sealed in an envelope and should arrive at the school office by:

9am Friday 24th February, 2017

Address:

Private and Confidential - Tender Enclosed
The Principal
Pilton State School
24 Pilton Valley Road
PILTON QLD 4361

For further information, please contact the school office.
The lowest, or any tender may not necessarily be accepted.

Thank you,

Madonna.

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Small School Social

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Greenmount SS | Emu Creek SS | Backplains SS | Pilton SS
Prep - Year 6

Friday 10th March | 5:30pm - 8:30pm | @ Greenmount Memorial Hall

$7 per child and parents are invited

Entry fee includes dinner meal deal. Please complete meal deal order form and pre-pay money to your school by Friday 3rd March.

Parents are invited to the Greenmount Hotel for the Greenmount SS P&C Friday Night Meat Tray raffles, while the kids dance the night away!

Proudly supporting our local chaplaincy program & hosted by Greenmount State School P&C

For any enquiries, please contact Shannon Priebbenow on 0421 736 959
Mrs Vernon brought along a possum he rescued during the recent heatwave.

Piper and Stewart attended the Mayoral Morning Tea.

Mr Turkington’s Truck

Charlie, Millie, Ani and Piper at the Central Downs Swimming Carnival

Transport in our Region; Then and Now