With Week 3 drawing to a close, it is great to see all students engaged in their learning at school. I want to say a big thank-you to the volunteers and parents who have continued to support the ‘Read Every Day’ strategy we employ at school, and was delighted to recently hear volunteers reflecting on how far students have progressed in their reading over the year.

School Camp
I have been very pleased to see all the forms for camp being returned so promptly this week. I must apologise for incorrectly writing the email address on the camp form. For non-urgent contact with us while we are away please use the principal@piltonss.eq.edu.au email as I will be checking this each evening. I would like to remind all families that we need students to be at school by no later than 8:30am on Wednesday 4th Nov and we will be back by 4:30pm on Friday the 6th Nov.

I have received confirmation of small changes to our program for camp. We will still be undertaking some beach activities after our arrival on Wednesday, but the night activity has been amended to provide students with a session of circus skills instead of a dance night. We will be attending Seaworld on Thursday, followed by a ‘Movie Night’ and we will be attempting the Gold Coast Recreation Centre adventure low-ropes course and rock climbing wall on Friday before we return. All these activities will be supervised by all the school staff and, with the exception of Seaworld, these activities are facilitated by the qualified and experienced staff of the Gold Coast Recreation Centre.

We are all looking forward to having a great time on camp and are sure that it will be an enjoyable and memorable experience for all students.

Congratulations Mr. Fuller
I am sure it is with mixed feelings that we wish Mr. Fuller all the best after finding out he has been successful in his application to be made permanent as the Principal at Cherbourg State School. After a long association with Pilton State School and the Pilton community it is a great testament to his leadership that the school has fostered and maintained the wonderful community-feel, and supportive learning environment that everyone involved with the school values so much. We sincerely wish him success in the next chapter of his career. The school and the P&C will be holding a farewell for Mr. Fuller later in the year and I am sure families, both past and present, and many community members will be in attendance to thank Mr. Fuller for his efforts as Principal at Pilton State School.

A selection panel for the role of Principal at Pilton State School has been formed in accordance with Education Queensland procedures, and the intent is to have the successful applicant for the role appointed by the 1 January 2016.

Family Week and Grandparents Day
I would like to let everyone know that this week is Family Week and the theme is ‘Come to the table together.’ I know that the media have been reporting some terrible incidents of family violence recently and we have to acknowledge the appalling statistics that have been made public concerning family violence. In our community we all have the ability to set an example about the way we treat each other, and how we act is seen by our children. During the next few days, I encourage all families to make an effort to ‘Come to the table together’ and enjoy spending time together as a family.

As it is also Grandparents Day on Sunday, for those who are fortunate enough to have Grandparents, it might be an opportunity to get together, or make contact and enjoy some time promoting positive relationships across extended family also.

Casee and Shane at the Queensland Athletics Championships
Casee and Shane have returned from Townsville after successfully competing in their respective events at the state athletics championships. We are very proud of their great achievement to be involved in this event! Thanks to everyone for their support and encouragement of these students. The generosity of the Pilton community was overwhelming, with donations and fundraising of over $900 going to support the endeavours of these students.

Congratulations to Mrs. Bell who won the bike in the ‘Shane 4 QLD’ raffle and Mrs. Julie Parker of Highfields who won the doll.

Play Group and Prep Transition Days
We are looking forward to seeing many families at Play Group tomorrow and Miss Stewart has a special activity for students to do for Grandparents Day. If you have children younger than school age please feel free to come along and enjoy this great time together. It is a chance for children to spend time together, get comfortable with the school environment, and also a great chance for parents to catch-up.

If you have any questions about Play Group please contact us at school.

We will be having our first Prep Transition half-day next Thursday 29th Oct from 9am until 1pm. Anyone looking at enrolling their children for 2016 is welcome to come along and while the children are being treated to the Pilton State School experience, parents are encouraged to talk to staff about any of the questions they have about our school.
The next Prep Transition Day will be on Friday the 13th November. On this day we encourage parents to stay with us for the morning as we will be visiting the Darling Downs Zoo together. This is a chance for the students and pre-Prep students to enjoy a fun excursion together and get a chance to know everyone at school better. A big thanks to the Darling Downs Zoo for supporting us in this way. After we return to school, the pre-Prep students will be staying for the rest of the day and will be involved in the school routine for a Friday.
If anyone has any questions about Prep-Transition please contact me at school when you get the chance.

**Musica Viva**
On Tuesday we travelled to the F.E. Logan Hall at Clifton to participate in the Musica Viva performance showcasing the musical traditions of Senegal. We enjoyed the performance and have been trying to keep the ‘rhythm’ of the performance going throughout the week.

As we line up to come into class we have been practicing some clapping rhythms. Ask your student to have a go at clapping one of the rhythms with you and see what happens!

**Clifton Country Week Winners!**
Finally, I would like to congratulate Miss Stewart and Mrs. Duggan for creating the winning school window display for the Clifton Country Week competition. The entry by the Pilton State School was judged to be the best display for the theme, “Old but not Forgotten,” and is in one of the Jam Factory windows in Clifton if you would like to check it out.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the P&C meeting on Tuesday night.

All the best,
Jon Robertson

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**Family Day**
Come and meet your ABC

- **Kids’ gardening workshop with Costa**
- **Take a selfie with Studio 3’s Tim, James & Grace**
- **See TV and radio being made live**
- **Show Jimmy Giggle your drawing**

**Empire Theatre lawn**
6am to 12pm
Sat 31st Oct
Free

abc.net.au/ontheroad
P&C News

On behalf of the P & C, I would like to congratulate Stuart Fuller on his appointment as Principal at Cherbourg State School. Stuart has contributed so much to our school and community over the past 15 years. His leadership, professionalism and strong sense of community, combined with a great sense of humour and obvious love of teaching children, have been integral in creating the amazing culture that we have at our school today. We wish you well with your new position and know that you will make a huge difference to the lives of the children and the community of Cherbourg, as you have done here at Pilton. A farewell will be held later in the term, open for all the community to attend, details to follow soon.

I would also like to send our well wishes to Brooke for a speedy recovery.

Let's try again to have a meeting!!!

The meeting will be next Tuesday the 27th of October at 6.00pm.

It would be great to see you there as we have some important items to discuss such as the school uniform, the end of year Picnic Celebrations and the recent grant that the P & C have received.

You can always bring the kids and they can do activities in the upstairs classroom.

Thank you

Jacqui

We are selling numbers in the PILTON LOTTERY, if you would like to win $45, you will get 5 chances with a $10 entry fee. Once we have 45 players, we will start again.
This fundraising is going towards school camp in November. To play, please let Rebekah, Jacqui or Brooke know that you are interested and/or send $10/number in an envelope (marked with your name, contact details) to the school’s P&C letterbox. We are also planning on contact the players from last time to see if they would like to play again and keep their last number.

Thanks to all the school community members for helping out at the Bunnings’ BBQ on the 11th October. We have made a profit of $1 260 (after our expenses have been taken out and with the purchase of a new P&C esky). Great effort everyone!

We are also having a stall at the Allora Community Christmas Carols, Saturday 5th December. Selling drinks, treats and glow sticks. If you have an idea to contribute, and can help on the evening, please inform one of the P&C members.

Thank you,

Rebekah

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
Shane and Casee as members of the Darling Downs Track and Field Team

MUSICA VIVA
‘WOW! Senegal’
performed by Teranga.