I would like to thank the students and staff at Pilton State School for a great first term. We have had an enjoyable start to the year, but most importantly, we are seeing the progress in student learning and reward for effort that occurs every day in our classrooms.

Community Support
We have recently been overwhelmed at school with the great community spirit that is evident. It has been great to see the support for the school through continued efforts by parents and volunteers in the ‘Read Every Day’ program, at events like the School Leader’s Morning Tea, the Trash Your Hair for Hospice Care involvement, and today at the Pilton Triathlon Challenge.

It is great to be part of such a wonderful community and all of us that work at school would like to thank you for the privilege of working in such great school. We also raised $73 for the Toowoomba Hospice through the crazy hair day yesterday, which is a wonderful thing to achieve for such a small school!

Reading Levels and Student Assessment
Although we don’t issue a formal report card at the end of term 1, please feel free to book some time with any of us at school to talk about learning progress for your student. With the exception of Prep students who are beginning their learning journeys, all students reading levels have been reviewed at school at the end of term, and there have been a number of assessment tasks conducted recently that we will give students feedback on when we get back to school next term. As always, we are more than happy to talk to parents about what is happening with their students’ learning.

NAPLAN Dates
Next term in week 5 (10-12 May) students in Year 3 & 5 will be completing the National Assessment Program of Literacy and Numeracy. There is no reason for any students to ever feel nervous or anxious about this activity as it is not different to many of the things we regularly do in school. I will make sure that the students are well prepared for the way that we will conduct this assessment and would just encourage parents to talk to me if there are any issues that students mention about this activity as we get closer to the dates.

Central Downs Cross Country
The first Friday back next term is our annual district cross country event. All students up to aged ten will complete a 400m fun run and the students aged 10-12 years will run either 2 or 3 km depending on age. After the triathlon today, I am sure we have some students who will be ready to go for this event! I would like to encourage everyone who can, to assist in the P&C catering for this event as it is one of only a few opportunities that we have people from outside the school community at school to assist in reaching the fundraising target for P&C this year. Please talk to the P&C executives if you can help out on the day, or can provide some baked goods for sale.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Easter holidays. I hope that all families are able to spend some great time together over the break and I look forward to seeing everyone back, ready for a big 11 week term on Monday 11 April.

All the best,
Jon Robertson
# Coming Events

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**Happy Birthday!!**

Stewart on 28th March  
And Natasha on 7th April

The 2016 Central Downs **Cross Country** will be held on Friday 15th April at Pilton State School and the P&C will be selling the following food and drinks for attendees of the event:

- **Steakette Burgers** $4.00
- **Sausage on Bread** $2.50
- **Chicken Skewers** $2.00
- **Baked Goods** $1.00
- **Water** $1.00
- **Poppers** $1.00
- **Tea and Coffee** $1.00
Thanks to the Pilton State School staff for their dedication and efforts this term. We are so appreciative of your efforts and hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable holiday.

First week back to school concludes with the small schools cross country. The P&C cater for this event, and we are requesting that every family provides some baking on the day. We are going to charge $1 per item... Whether it be a biscuit, a piece of slice or cake. Could we also request that you send the items individually wrapped with cling film, and in a container labelled with the ingredients. If you are available to help out on the day, with either serving or on the bbq, please let one of the P&C executive know.

To all our students and their families, enjoy the 2 weeks vacation. We will look forward to seeing you in term 2.

Kind regards,

Jacqui

PILTON LOTTERY:

We are getting closer to the next round of the Pilton Lottery…. Just a reminder that the cost is only $10 for a 5 week draw. This is a great FUNDRAISER for our school, but the benefit is you too could WIN! Each week, $45 is won by someone in our local community. Here are lucky 31 who are waiting for the draw to start….. there are 14 numbers left!!!

Janette Frahm x 2 Betty Murphy
Luke Statham Joan Field
Barry Field Brett Turkington
Rebekah Turkington Brooke Stepanoff
Trevor Ward x 4 Deb Stewart x 2
Gary Wormington Amy Tait
Madonna Bell Sally Shine
Cameron Cooke Gill Family
Simon Gill Jacqui Gill
Duggan Family x 5 Liz Holloway
Charles Holloway Des Stark

SCHOOL SHIRTS:
Thanks to the parents and staff who have paid for their Pilton SS shirts. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or direct deposit…. cash or cheque into a named envelope into the P&C box OR direct bank transfer using the P&C account information below. (if you would like to send me an email after you have done a bank transfer, I’m happy to check and let you know by return email. Rebekah Turkington: rturk5@eq.edu.au

FAMILY SUBSCRIPTION & PICNIC DAY CONTRIBUTIONS:
The invoices for this years subscription and contributions have been sent home. Thanks again to the families who have paid already, receipts are on their way home to you. If anyone is keen to make part payments, please contact me and we can assist with this.

Kind regards,

Rebekah Turkington

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
Young Leaders Day (above) and School Leaders Badge and Shirt Presentation Morning Tea (right).

Enjoying the ‘Women in History’ performance.

Pilton SS winners of the Clifton Show Playgroup and Prep ‘Decorate an Arrowroot Biscuit’ Competition.

Everyone enjoyed participating and learning with the Darling Downs TRAX Tour.

The swim leg of the Pilton SS Triathlon Challenge.

Our first LEGO robot!!