We have had a great couple of weeks to start Term 3 and it has been very impressive to see the students engage and learn through the variety of experiences that have been happening at school. In the first three weeks, we have been to the theatre, set new standards in Jump Rope for Heart, had a great day of Science with the Push-Pull Rio Olympics Day, planted trees and some of us have also been to the dentist!

Hermitage Awards
It is with great joy, that I can announce that our school has again been successful in its endeavours in the DAF Hermitage Schools Plant Science Competition. The students and staff at our school can be very proud of the results that we have received, and I am confident that everyone who saw the work that was conducted this year will not be surprised to hear that the school’s entries into this competition were judged to be among the very best received out of the 238 entries! Overall, the P-2 Class received ‘Overall First Prize’ for their Plant Science Project and the Year 3-6 Class received ‘Overall Second Prize’ for their entry. In addition to this we have one student who received the highest individual achievement award for the science project in the P-2 age group. In the Art in Agriculture awards for the Pulse Mandala’s we also received a school ‘Highly Commended’ award, and six individual students have won or been highly commended for their entries. We will leave the identity of these winners a surprise until we attend the awards ceremony at the Hermitage Research Station on the 16th of August. Well done to all the students and staff for this great result!

Congratulations Shane!
Recently, Shane competed in the Queensland Cross Country Championships at Maryborough. He placed 4th overall in his race and was first for his classification. This means that he qualified to be a member of the Queensland Team at the National Cross Country Championships in Canberra. We are extremely proud of the great ‘Strong and Willing’ attitude that Shane demonstrates by having a go at all the events that he is involved in. With the athletics competition coming up, Shane will not be attending the national championships and will be having a go at getting to compete in representative athletics instead.

School Opinion Survey
Last week, eldest children in the family were given a letter to parents about the 2016 School Opinion Survey which is an online survey to give feedback to the school about what we are doing at school and what areas we can improve in. Thanks very much to the families that have already responded to this survey. The online survey will close tomorrow for anyone who is still able to complete this.

If anyone needs help with this or didn’t receive their letter please feel free to contact me at school tomorrow and we can arrange for you to have the opportunity to complete the survey. We are genuinely grateful for assistance in making our school the best educational environment that we can for students, and as a small school appreciate the input that we get from the community that assists us in making our school the way that it is.

School Leaders News – Pyjama Day and Tuckshop
Each week I meet with our school leaders to hold a meeting where we discuss a range of issues and initiatives that they help me with at school. Some of the outcomes from our planning for Term 3 has been the charity event for the term being a Pyjama Day on Friday 12th August. This will be a Gold Coin Donation to come in appropriate and warm pyjamas, dressing-gowns and slippers for the day. Can I ask that students also bring their normal school shoes for outdoor use on the day, and we will confine the wearing of slippers and ugg-boots to inside the classrooms.

Also on this day, the School Leader’s will be running a tuckshop for students who wish to purchase their morning tea and lunch from school. The order form for this is attached to this newsletter, and if there is anything that we can do to assist families with this please let me know.

Central Downs Athletics Carnival
On Monday starting at 9am, students born before 2008 will be competing in the 200m heats, 800m races and high jump events. Long jump events will be happening for the students born 2007 only on Monday as well. It is anticipated that Monday’s events at Allora should be concluded by 1pm. All other ages and events will be completed next Friday. Can I ask that all students arrive at Allora State P-10 School oval next Friday by 8:45am in order to be prepared for the schools march past at 9am. I will have the Pilton State School sign and shelter up in an area that we will use to congregate throughout the day. I look forward to seeing all our students having a go on the day and trying their best. I am also really looking forward to the school relay teams getting the chance to compete after all the baton changing we have done on the top oval during Athletics training on Thursday afternoons!

All the best,
Jon Robertson
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Pilton State School P&C welcomes you to the

**Pilton Spring Fling**

*At The Pilton Soldiers Memorial Hall on Friday 7th October from 6pm*

Ticket includes: A Meal Ticket; Dessert Buffet; Live Entertainment - local Warwick talent, “Nash”.
(including a Murder Mystery Activity for the kids, run by our school chaplain, Mr. Karl Pumpa)

**PRE-PURCHASE Tickets:**
- $30 adults
- $15 children
- under-primary school age – FREE

Multi-Draw Raffle on the night.

(Tickets will be available at the door – price $35)

Due to catering, Numbers are Limited, so grab your ticket to join us.

P&C are running a licensed Bar

For Tickets contact Rebekah Turkington 4697 2103, or twinhills07@gmail.com; or Leave an order in a sealed envelope with your name and contact number, in the P&C Box at Pilton SS.
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 the lucky 39 who are waiting for the draw to start….. there are 5 numbers left! If you are keen to participate, send me an email twinhills07@gmail.com and I will add you to the draw. As soon as we have the last 5, we will start our 5 week draw, the following Saturday night. (I will publish the playing numbers on the school noticeboard, and in the next newsletter).


SALE! SALE! SALE!
Mid-Year Winter Sell-Out on our School Jumpers….. $15 each.
Limited numbers available. We will be discussing our next supplier for jumpers at the next P&C meeting.

Join us for our Spring Fling! Tickets are now available…. we are limited to 200 tickets, it looks like a great night is planned. Save the Date with family and friends too! October 7th, 2016. For tickets, either order through our P&C box in the School Office, or email me twinhills07@gmail.com

ALSO, we will be asking for help…. our dessert buffet at the Chaplaincy Dinner was the highlight of the night, could we do it again for our Spring Fling? Donate a Dessert, and we will have a special “dessert raffle draw”. Ask Jacqui, Brooke or myself for more details.

Rebekah Turkington
Pilton SS

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

School Supplies for Vanuatu
One year ago Cyclone Pam devastated the islands of Vanuatu, levelling many buildings and causing widespread loss of essential items and services for many people. Many areas still remained as ravaged as they were after Cyclone Pam. We have the opportunity to help out a school at Vila which was heavily damaged and may have to close. Until the 5th of August there will be a box in the office for donations to the school to help it running.
The items that we can donate are:

- Pencils
- Erasers
- Exercise books
- Shoes (in good condition)

Any donations would help, even a box of pencils per family would make a big difference.

Regards,
Karl Pumpa
School Chaplain
Buddy Reading

Congratulations Shane! Qld Cross Country Team

Practicing our numbers

Science Olympics
### SCHOOL LEADER’S TUCKSHOP

Please return by 9th August, 2016

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