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Welcome back! I hope you all had a great holiday over the Christmas and New Year period and are excited about the year ahead. We are! I hope you have all received the welcome letters from your class teachers and have a little more insight into our staff.

Newsletters
Our preferred method of distributing newsletters is via email. This newsletter is being printed; further newsletters will be emailed unless you do not wish that to be the case. We are always trying to save paper but if you do not have ready access to the internet please let us know and we will print one and distribute it to your child. If you are new to the school, supplied your email address and do not receive a newsletter next week, please let us know so we can rectify this.

Information Night
Our Information Night is next Thursday, 12th February, from 5.30pm to 7.00pm. There will be a 30 minute presentation from each team in their area (Year Two in Yellow, Year Three in Blue) at 5.30pm which is repeated again at 6.30pm and at 6.00pm there will be a whole school presentation and welcome. You will, or possibly already have, received invitations from your teachers in regards to this as we urge you to attend and hear our goals for this year.

Getting to Know You Interviews
Please check your child’s bag next Monday for the booking details to arrange a Getting to Know You Interview with your child’s teacher, Cynthia Harris (French) and Chris Currie (PE). Bookings are made online but if you do not have online access you can contact the front office and they will make the booking for you. Interviews can also be arranged through the front office with Jill Goodwin and Luned Scholfield (Reading support) and Jenny Hudson (English as an Additional language or Dialect). These meetings are really important as we work with you and your child to set challenging and attainable goals for the year. Please remember also if you ever need to speak to Sandra, Nicole, Sylvia, Will or myself we are always available.

Lost property
Each year we acquire thousands of dollars’ worth of lost clothing. Please label your child’s clothing and check each term that it hasn’t washed off so that we can regularly return it to its rightful owner.

Car parking
Please remember that there are many alternatives to parking in and around the school carpark that might be a longer walk (which is healthy!) but on balance might be quicker to leave the school vicinity from at the end of the school day. Your patience and diligence around the school when driving is also much appreciated by everyone in our community, especially our children.
Playground rules

This year we have discussed as a staff how we can improve the playground areas as sometimes children feel unsafe. We have grown by nearly 100 children since 2011 and have taken the step of having separate playgrounds for the juniors and seniors so the seniors can play the games they like without worrying about squashing a younger child by accident. The seniors (Years Three to Six) are only allowed to play on the oval when on grassed areas. The juniors (Kindergarten to Year Two) are only allowed to play on the grass going down from the playground equipment. Seniors are allowed on the basketball court at lunchtime, juniors at recess. The two main playground areas have been separated for the same reason with the smaller yellow playground open to all. The library is still open for all before school and at lunchtime and children are not allowed to play on any equipment before school. After school any age child can play on any equipment provided they are supervised by an adult. For the first two weeks (as we have done in previous years) only Kindergarten can play on the junior equipment and they are not allowed down on the field. From week three, they can move more freely and the junior equipment becomes available for the Year Ones and Twos. I hope you will understand the need for these changes as we ensure, now that we have grown, the safety of our children.

Chris

Living the PYP @ Miles Franklin

A key practice that all PYP schools needs to model is that: The school community demonstrates an understanding of the, and commitment to, the Primary Years Programme (PYP). These weekly newsletter articles are written to inform and involve the school community in our journey at Miles Franklin towards authorisation as an International Baccalaureate World School.

This edition is focussed on addressing the following PYP practices:

The school promotes all attributes of the IB Learner Profile across the school community.

The school promotes open communication based on understanding and respect.

This week’s question:

How do we build a culture of understanding and respect at Miles Franklin?

At the start of each year, each class establishes a set of agreed statements to build a community of learners in our classrooms. Over the next week, teachers will be engaging their class in discussions centered on building a community of learners, by creating class Essential Agreements.
We have essential agreements at Miles Franklin so that:

- Everyone feels comfortable and safe
- Everyone has a chance to learn
- The classroom is fair for everyone
- We live the values of the PYP Learner Profile in our school

Class essential agreements consist of a set of statements that refer to how classrooms will function and are written in a positive tone, using the language of the PYP Learner Profile (see below). All students in the class have input through collaborative discussions, and once finalised, it is agreed upon by all and is binding for all members of the class.

Discussion starters for parents and carers this week: Ask your child/children......

- What is the most important thing you need in order to feel safe in your classroom so that you can focus on learning?
- What has your class agreed upon so that everyone feels comfortable and safe to learn?
- Which learner profile attribute do you think is the most important one for you further develop as a personal goal this year? (see below)
- What are some of the ways you can develop this learner profile attribute?

I look forward to working with the Miles Franklin community in my role as PYP Coordinator, including sharing elements of our program in these weekly articles, meeting and chatting with parents and presenting a range of community information sessions and workshops throughout the year, so that together we can ‘Live the PYP @ Miles Franklin’.

Nicole Jaggers
PYP Coordinator
nicole.jaggers@ed.act.edu.au
What is the Learner Profile?
The IB learner profile represents 10 attributes valued by IB World Schools. We believe these attributes, and others like them, can help people become responsible members of local, national and global communities.

As IB learners, we strive to be:

Inquirers
We nurture our curiosity, developing skills for inquiry and research. We know how to learn independently and with others. We learn with enthusiasm and sustain our love of learning throughout life.

Knowledgeable
We develop and use conceptual understanding, exploring knowledge across a range of disciplines. We engage with issues and ideas that have local and global significance.

Thinkers
We use critical and creative thinking skills to analyse and take responsible action on complex problems. We exercise initiative in making reasoned, ethical decisions.

Communicators
We express ourselves confidently and creatively in more than one language and in many ways. We collaborate effectively, listening carefully to the perspectives of other individuals and groups.

Principled
We act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness and justice, and with respect for the dignity and rights of people everywhere. We take responsibility for our actions and their consequences.

Open minded
We critically appreciate our own cultures and personal histories, as well as the values and traditions of others. We seek and evaluate a range of points of view, and we are willing to grow from the experience.

Caring
We show empathy, compassion and respect. We have a commitment to service, and we act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world around them.

Risk takers / Courageous
We approach uncertainty with forethought and determination; we work independently and cooperatively to explore new ideas and innovative strategies. We are resourceful and resilient in the face of challenges and change.

Balanced
We understand the importance of balancing different aspects of our lives- intellectual, physical, emotional- to achieve wellbeing for ourselves and others. We recognize our interdependence with other people and with the world in which we live.

Reflective
We thoughtfully consider the world and our own ideas and experience. We work to understand our strengths and weaknesses in order to support our learning and personal development.
Achieving Educational Excellence in a Caring Environment

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MILES FRANKLIN PRIMARY SCHOOL
BOARD ELECTIONS

If you’re keen to contribute to Miles Franklin Primary school, you should nominate for a position on the Miles Franklin Primary School Board! No prior experience is necessary.

The following positions are vacant:

Two Parent Positions

You can pick up a nomination form from the Miles Franklin Primary School front office between 9am to 3pm Monday to Friday, or request one be emailed to you. Nominations must be submitted to the front office between

11am, Monday 2 February 2015
And
11am, Monday 16 February 2015

You can submit your nomination by:
- Hand delivery to the front office
- Email to info@mfps.act.edu.au

For more information, contact the Assistant Returning Officer, Meg King on 62051628

ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN!
Canberra Youth Theatre
After School Drama @ Miles Franklin Primary
A fantastic and fun weekly after school drama workshop for kids 7-12yrs! We encourage young people to unlock their imagination using drama games and activities CYT to build confidence and develop fundamental skills in public speaking, creative exploration/problem solving, movement, improvisation, communication, characterisation and theatre making.

At the end of the program the workshop will put on a short performance that implements the skills learnt throughout the workshop to perform for family and friends

Time: Mondays 3:10pm – 4:10pm
Age: 7-12yrs
Dates: 16th February – 3rd July 2015

HURRY - there are only 16 places available in the class!
Visit www.cytc.net or phone 6248 5057 for more information and to start your enrolment!
P&C NEWS

Welcome Miles Franklin Families
Welcome back to all returning families and a big welcome to new parents in the school. As many of you can see we have a fantastic new addition to the school grounds, our fabulous playground for the senior classes. I need to thank the School and whole parent community for making this great piece of equipment possible.

First P&C Meeting of the year – Week 3 Tuesday 17th February 7pm
Our first general meeting of the year will run in Week 3. We will be looking at fundraising/event plans for Term 1 & 2 and putting time aside to discuss the Canteen and Uniform shop. The Canteen has some changes to implement this year and we would like the wider parent community to come and have input into the types of food and frequency they would like to see the Canteen provide.

Annual General Meetings – Week 4 Tuesday 24th February
All subcommittees and the main P&C will be holding their AGM’s in Week 4. It is expected that there will be a large turnover of long standing volunteers in each of these committees this year and new members are needed. If you are interested in getting involved, please come along to a meeting or contact the people listed in the AGM Notice attached to the newsletter.

Just a reminder if we cannot fill the required positions for all the committees the P&C will need to review the services it provides and possibly close them down as they can only function with parent volunteers.

From Week 2 nomination forms will be available from the front office, downloadable from the school’s website in the Dropbox folder under the directory P&C AGM and a copy will be sent out to families next week.

The AGM agenda and 2014 Minutes for review will also shortly be available in the dropbox folder.

Fete volunteer gathering & a chance for newbies to come and meet parents involved in the fete
Friday February 20th 2015, 4 – 7 pm @ Belconnen Soccer Club
A casual gathering is being held to celebrate our special fete volunteers for 2014 who made it such a successful day. Anyone interested in wanting to be involved for 2015 is also welcome to come along to meet the network of fete helpers. Kids are welcome to attend. More news for the planning of the 2015 fete will be coming in future newsletters.

Contact Us
Please email our team at MFPandC@outlook.com for more information on any of the services we provide and let us know if you would like to receive email notices of events and information the P&C conduct.

We also have a Facebook group (closed to members of the Miles Franklin school community) called the “Miles Franklin Primary P&C” which is used as a message board for general school issue discussion and notification of events happening at the school which you can join.

Looking forward to a great 2015,

Allison Reid
P&C President
Sports News

Swimming Carnival
The Miles Franklin PS Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday of Week 3, 19 February, at CISAC for years 3-6. Any year 2 students who turn 8 this year and wish to compete in an event may also attend.
As well as the races there will also be an opportunity for all who attend to spend time in the water for novelty activities and on the slide.
Any members of the community who are able to volunteer to assist with timing etc. would be most appreciated.

Years 3-6 Sports Survey
We have created an online survey for parents of students in years 3-6 to let us know what sports your students are playing already and what sports they might be interested in trying out.
We will use this information to make sure parents receive information about sports that your child/ren might be interested in (including Belconnen School Sport Region trials for years 5/6). This will also help us determine what sort of sports/teams we might look at offering at the school during the year.
You can access the survey by visiting: http://goo.gl/forms/IN74BnWFW8

Chris Currie
Miles Franklin Parents & Citizens Association
Notice of Annual General Meeting
Week 4 - Tuesday 24th February 2015

Subcommittees

Canteen and Uniform shop: 6:30 – 7:15 - School staff room
Positions to be filled: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Uniform Shop coordinator
Contact: Allison Reid at MFPandC@Outlook.com

Out of School Hours Care: 6:30 – 7:15 pm - OSHC room
Positions to be filled: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer
Contact: Joanna Price-Murray at jofprice@grapevine.com.au

Music Scheme: 6:00 – 7:00 pm – School meeting room
Positions to be filled: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and enrolment officer
Contact: Sarah Power at powies@iinet.net.au

Preschool: 6:30 – 7:15 pm – Preschool class room
Positions to be filled: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Fun day coordinator
Contact: Leanne Hayes at leannelobo@hotmail.com

Main P and C Committee: 7:30 – 8:30 pm - School meeting room
Office bearer positions to be filled: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer
General member positions to be filled: Fete Coordinator, Fundraising Coordinator and ACT P&C Council Delegate.

Contact: P&C President Allison Reid at MFPandC@Outlook.com

Nomination forms for positions available from front office or School website DropBox (P&C AGM Folder)
What we do

The P&C and its subcommittees provide valuable services to the school, fundraises for extra resources and provides the parent community the opportunity to have a say in everything from traffic safety problems, student support services, libraries & IT, bullying & enrolment issues just to name a few. Our P&C is made up of the main P&C Association committee and four subcommittees outlined below.

Main P and C Committee

Would you like to meet other parents from the school, find out more about how the school works, raise issues of concern and be involved in deciding where our fundraising dollars go? The main P&C committee runs the association and oversees the subcommittees and what services they provide to the school. We are also a member of the ACT Council of P&C Associations which can provide assistance in helping us deal with many common issues and concerns faced by parents with primary school aged children.

Subcommittee: Canteen and Uniform shop

The Canteen and Uniform Shop Subcommittee provides support to the Canteen and operates the Uniform Shop. The aim is to promote services, encourage healthy eating, offer convenience and manage funds to maintain the operation of the canteen and uniform shop. If you would like a say in the type of food and activities the Canteen and Uniform Shop provide come to the AGM to find out more.

Subcommittee: Out of School Hours Care (MFOSHC)

The Miles Franklin Out of School Hours Care provides high quality before, after and holiday program care for students of Miles Franklin Primary. The day to day operations are managed by the director and the finances are managed by the book keeper, with the parent management committee providing oversight to the running of the centre. The Out of School Hours Care subcommittee have some exciting projects this year and would welcome parents from the school to get involved.

Subcommittee: Music Scheme

The Music Scheme arranges music tuition for students of MFPS. Currently tuition is offered in keyboard, guitar, piano, recorder, flute and violin. The scheme also organises the well regarded Miles Franklin Music Festival which is held at the school in Term 3.

A reminder that your children do not have to be part of the music scheme for parents to become members of the committee - all parent helpers are welcome to help out.

Subcommittee: Preschool

This subcommittee provides preschool parents the opportunity to network with fellow preschool parents, fundraise and discuss issues that are particular to the preschool. They also run an annual fun day at the latter end of the year aiming to bring together the current and future preschool parent community to showcase our amazing preschool facilities.
I wish to nominate ____________________________________________ as a candidate for the position of 
Candidate’s name
_________________________________________ in the _______________________________ committee
Position name Committee/Subcommittee name

Candidate
I accept the nomination for the position of ____________________________________________ in the above 
stated committee.

Name: __________________________ Signature: ________________________________

Moved by:
Name: __________________________ Signature: ________________________________

Seconded by:
Name: __________________________ Signature: ________________________________

Notes:
• The candidate, nominator and seconder must be members of the Association.
• Candidates may nominate themselves.
• “Moved by” and “Seconded by” may be completed before, or at the meeting.
• Additional Officers or General Member positions as determined by the P&C Association are not 
considered part of the P&C Executive Committee
• Signed Nomination forms can be handed into the P&C locked box (located opposite canteen) 
labelled “P&C AGM Nominations” or scanned & emailed to MFPandC@outlook.com before 
Tuesday 24th February 12pm or brought to the meeting.

List of Committees and Positions available:

Main P&C Committee:
Executive (office bearer) positions to be filled: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer

General member positions to be filled: Fete Coordinator, Fundraising Coordinator and ACT P&C Council 
Delegate.

Canteen & Uniform Shop subcommittee:
Positions to be filled: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Uniform Shop coordinator

Out of School Hours care (MSOSHC) Subcommittee:
Positions to be filled: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer

Music Scheme Subcommittee:
Positions to be filled: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and enrolment officer

Preschool Subcommittee:
Positions to be filled: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Fun day coordinator
MILES FRANKLIN AFTER SCHOOL

DRAMA WORKSHOPS
WITH CANBERRA YOUTH THEATRE

PLAY GAMES FUN
CREATIVITY CONFIDENCE PERFORMANCE
ACTING IMAGINATION

7-12yrs | Mondays | 3:10pm
for more information and to enrol visit

WWW.CYTC.NET

STARTS 16 FEBRUARY 2015!!
Creative After School Classes in 2015

Belconnen Community Centre
Swanson Court Belconnen, ACT

We offer creative after school classes for children and young people with mild to moderate mental health issues through the Bungee program.

Bungee is an early intervention and preventative mental health service based on principles of active participation, social inclusion and the therapeutic potential of the arts. Through our recreational activities we promote creativity and social learning as positive ways of enhancing resilience, positive self-images and emotional well-being in children and young people.

Bungee welcomes all participants who would benefit from such programs. The activities are especially tailored to suit children and young people who are going through challenging times in their lives or are experiencing mental health difficulties.

Bungee also offers individual counselling sessions and therapeutic support. Up to 8 sessions per child are available to identify the individual needs of children, and the way that their development can be supported through individual and group work, and through parental support.

For further information:
Please call the Bungee team on 6264 0200 or email to bungee@bcsact.com.au
Creative After School Classes in 2015

Belconnen Community Centre
Swanson Court, Belconnen ACT

EXPRESSIVE ART – PLACES AVAILABLE
Made by Me
Age 7-11
Mondays 4.30 – 5.30 pm
9 February – 6 April
4 May – 29 June
27 July - 21 September
19 October - 7 December

ACTING – PLACES AVAILABLE
Acting Up
Age 8 -13
Tuesdays 4.00 – 5.30 pm
10 February – 7 April
5 May – 30 June
28 July – 22 September
20 October – 8 December

YOUTH ART – PLACES AVAILABLE
Express Yourself
Age 12-18
Wednesdays 4:00 – 5.30 pm
11 February – 8 April
6 May – 1 July
29 July – 23 September
21 October – 9 December

All classes are free and ongoing throughout the year. It is advisable to book early as classes fill quickly.

For enquiries and bookings please contact the Bungee office on 6264 0200 or email to bungee@bcsact.com.au
If classes are fully booked we offer places on waitlists.

We also offer classes at the Tuggeranong Child and Family Centre. Please contact the Bungee team for further information.