



Newsletter

Week 1 Term 2

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 4 May – Friday 8 May	Book Fair – Library
Thursday 7 May	ACT Swimming – AIS Pool
Friday 8 May	Assembly – Year 3 – Hall 2pm – 3pm (note change of time)
Friday 8 May	Mother's Day Stall
Friday 15 May	Miles Franklin Athletics Carnival Charnwood Fields Years 3-6 9:15am – 2.45pm Years K-2 11:00am – 2.30pm
NOTES HOME Tuesday 28 April	Sullivan Shield Rugby League Training Permission Note
Tuesday 28 April	ICT Consent Form – Year 4
Thursday 30 April	Miles Franklin Athletics Carnival Kindy – Year 6

Attachments

- Term 2 Calendar
- Book Fair Flyer
- Mother's Day Stall Flyer
- School Banking Term 2 Flyer
- ACT Oztag Junior Rep Team Flyer
- Homework Help
- Music Scheme Flyer

Message from the Principal

We hope you all had a wonderful break with your children over the last couple of weeks. Our teachers were in over the holidays preparing for the term ahead and we all went to the Principals as Literacy Leaders (PALLS) Reading Institute at the ANU and listened to renowned international literacy experts such as David Hornsby, Debbie Miller, Anne Bayetto and Doug Buehl. It was a great day where we heard many ideas for improving literacy in our classes and are discussing where they fit into our whole-school literacy learning framework. We also worked on our Indigenous Garden and a huge debt of gratitude is owed to Gye, dad of Elizabeth in Preschool who gave up the entire day to get the garden how it is now. It isn't finished yet (the rain came just as the gravel went down creating a quagmire!) but we will be having a working bee in a few weeks' time to finish the landscaping and plant our native plants. More information will follow but your help will be greatly appreciated. If anyone is aware of any old railway sleepers that are not wanted, and can get them to the school!, that would be wonderful.

IB Verification

After our consultant visit last term, we were approached by the IB regional office to apply for verification (authorisation) this year instead of early next. After consultation as an Executive, with staff and the School Board we have made the decision to apply this year. Our application will be in before the end of August which will allow us to receive a verification visit towards the end of October or the start of November. Our intention is to start 2016 as an authorised IB school! We are firmly committed to this intent, keeping our promise of being an IB World School and bringing a world class education for our children. Our consultant, who visits many different schools across the country and the IB regional office in Singapore who see all the consultancy reports across the Asia Pacific region told us to revise the timetable, such is their confidence in what we have achieved since 2013. As a school, that makes us feel very proud! There is still a lot to do but we are moving into a very bright new future for the school. We will continue to keep you updated on our progress.

Uniform reminder

We would like to remind you that we expect children to be in full school uniform at all times. This is important so that children get a sense of being part of 'our team', that there is equality between children, for safety reasons so we know children at a distance are 'ours' and to reduce the issues you might face in the morning when decisions have to be made about what children are wearing to school that day! We suggest that as we move into the cooler months, now might be a good opportunity to ensure that school fleeces (please no hoods, children are not allowed to wear them up) and tracksuit bottoms are checked for size and replaced as necessary.

Jane Black

We welcome Jane Black to Miles this week who is taking over from Jenni Troxell as she goes on maternity leave for the remainder of the year. We know Jane will be a wonderful addition to the team, bringing a wealth of experience from Victoria.



Preschool Enrolments reminder

Enrolments for preschools commenced on Tuesday this week. This year all enrolment applications have to be made online. The link is on the following web

page: http://www.det.act.gov.au/school_education/enrolling_in_an_act_public_school

We will have some computers available for those families who do not have easy access to the internet at home. Please note that the school needs to sight originals of the birth certificate, immunisation and proof of residency following the online enrolment application: the process cannot be completed and a place cannot be formally offered until that has occurred.

Can I please stress that each year we offer almost half of our places to families who are new to the school and who live outside of our PEA. However, each year we also are unable to fully accommodate the demand for places in our school. If you are looking to enrol your child into preschool next year, or have a friend who is considering to, please do so as soon as possible.

ANZAC Day Assembly

Our Year Three to Six children attended Melba Copland Secondary School for the combined schools ANZAC Day memorial service on the last day of term. Our children were wonderful ambassadors for the school- polite, respectful and they spoke wonderfully. As the presenting school there was a lot of pressure on our Year Six children but they were just amazing and are an absolute credit to the school and everyone there.

Chris

Parents and carers are encouraged to raise any issues or concerns about our school with their child's teacher, the principal or any staff member. If you would like further assistance you may also contact the Education and Training Directorate's Liaison Unit by phone on [6205 5429](tel:62055429) or via their online contact form: www.det.act.gov.au/contact_us

The Miles Franklin Mobile App

Available for free in the App Store, Google Play and in your web browser at <http://tinyurl.com/kann2tl>



IB Learner Profiles

Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving IB Learner Profile certificates at the assembly on Friday 8 May. Well done!

Classes	Students	
K Farrer	Nora O	Nicolas P
1 Ferdinand	Archie S	
1 Grey	Tyler B	Kai M
2 Conroy	Zainab M	Noah S Tessa E
2 Morris	Jaden A	
2 Troxell	Becky B	Toby S
3 Zuman	Brenton G Kailani O	Rod W
5 Bensley	Cameron S	Mariah B
5 Brennan	Kaide S	Rosa F
6 Green	Thomas I	Imogen W Mark B
6 Weston	Jai A	Caitlin F Jessica L
6 Barry	Daniel M	Alys H

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

The rates for contributions are \$100.00 for one child \$160.00 for two children, and \$210.00 for three or more children.

Account Name: **Miles Franklin Primary School Management Account**

Account Number: **001 666**

BSB Number: **032-777**

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 week's focus: The school develops and promotes international-mindedness and all attributes of the IB learner profile across the school community.

What is the IB Learner Profile?

The Learner Profile is a set of values for an IB school, comprised of 10 attributes (describing words) that we all aspire to demonstrate in our daily lives- as students, teachers, parents and community members. We believe these values can help us become responsible members of local, national and global communities.

Each week this term, the newsletter will highlight 2 of the learner profile attributes and share ways that we can develop these attributes in our students.



At Miles Franklin we are Inquirers:

We are curious about the world. We research and love discovering new things. We learn with enthusiasm and carry this love of learning with us throughout our lives.

How can parents support and develop inquiry at home?

- Encourage your child's interests and help them to explore these topics through books, websites and visiting places of interest.
- Model being an inquirer. Admit when you don't know the answer to a problem or a question and seek out answers in front of your child.

At Miles Franklin we are Open-Minded:

We appreciate our own cultures and personal histories and the traditions of others. We listen to the points of view of others and consider many possibilities before making a decision. We celebrate the difference that makes us all unique.

How can parents support and develop open-mindedness at home?

- Encourage your child to try new things- new foods, games, activities, hobbies, sports, outings with your family.
- Expose your child to different festivals that occur in Canberra- discuss cultural celebrations and traditions.
- Encourage your child to really listen to others when they are speaking to them. Ask them what they have learnt from listening to the opinions of others.

Regular community 'Living the PYP' sessions will be held each term, to explore elements of the Primary Years Programme. We strongly encourage parents and carers to join us at these events. The next event is outlined below.

Nicole Jagers
PYP Coordinator
nicole.jagers@ed.act.edu.au

SAVE THE DATE:
'Living the PYP @ Miles Franklin'- Community Event

Topic: What does assessment look like in a PYP school?

Come along to find out our beliefs on formative and summative assessment and how these are used to guide our teaching and learning programs, to cater for the needs of each student.

Date: Wednesday 27 May 5.30-6.30pm
OR a repeat session on Friday 29 May 9.10-10.10am

Where: Miles Franklin Primary School library.

Presenter: Nicole Jagers, Miles Franklin PYP Coordinator



Sports News

Belconnen Region School Sport teams

Congratulations to the following students who have recently been selected in Belconnen Region teams:

AFL: Ryan R, Matthew R

Rugby League: Kaide S, Kye L

Softball: Macks P

Swimming: Katie I, Zara I, Alys H

Touch Football – boys: Kaide S

Miles Franklin Cross Country

Congratulations to all who took part in our school cross country at the end of last term. Ribbons for place-getters and the announcement of the winning house will be made at the assembly in Week 2 of this term.

Thank you to all members of the school community who supported this event.

Miles Franklin Athletics Carnival

Our school Athletics Carnival will be held at Charnwood Fields on Friday 15 May (Week 3).

As with last year, Years 2-6 will be involved in a middle/senior school carnival, and Kindergarten and Year 1 will participate in a junior carnival.

Parent support and assistance on the day is most welcome and appreciated.

Chris Currie

School Banking News

A big thank you to all the families who are participating in our School Banking Program. The amount of children doing school banking has grown a lot this year. Due to this increase the role of School Banking Co-ordinator will be handed over to Dhana Oakman, Dhana has children in Years 3 & Kindy.

Please continue to hand your books into the front office on a Thursday morning and pick them up from the front office on Friday afternoons. This process will not change.

Any questions concerning banking will be passed onto Dhana through the front office.

Canteen News

Important Notice – We apologise if there has been a little confusion with the canteen this week. The Canteen is open with new days of operation (as of 29th April) Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays only. Families will need to make other arrangements for recess and lunch for Mondays and Tuesdays. This will also affect your child being able to buy food and drinks on Mondays and Tuesdays over the counter, therefore it will be important for them to bring extra food from home on these days. Flexischools will be updated as of this week to reflect these changes to days of service. There will also be small changes to the Canteen Menu for next week to reflect the change to specials on the days. We will attach a copy of the new menu to next week's Newsletter and post it on the school website in the dropbox.

Our school canteen follows the National Healthy School Canteens Guidelines and there has been a recent change/amendment to these guidelines that will impact a few items we are currently selling. As of this now we will no longer be selling confectionery in the canteen. These items have been removed from Flexischools. We know the children will be disappointed, however hope that we can find new items they will enjoy just as much that will meet the Healthy Food guidelines.

VOLUNTEERING - Can you help out? We'd LOVE your help in the Canteen any day of the week for as little or as long as you can spare. Just after 9am to 11am is our busiest time and we could really use extra hands to make this time easier. Please contact the Canteen in person, email mfpcanteen@bigpond.com or phone 62051775 to let us know you'd be interested.

Please feel free to contact us on email mfpcanteen@bigpond.com or phone (02) 62051775 with any feedback or queries.

Uniform Shop

Will be open Wednesdays only 8.40 to 9.15am. Flexischools operates 24/7 online. We sell hats every day from the canteen for \$11. Orders for hats can be via Flexischools or cash at the canteen window.

The Winter Dress is now available. Please place your orders via Flexischools or Cash at the Uniform Shop.

If you have any questions, please email or ask at the Canteen.



MILES FRANKLIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term Two Calendar



ACT
Government

Education and Training

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Apr 27	28	29	30	May 1
Week 2	4 Book Fair	5 Book Fair	6 Book Fair	7 Book Fair ACT Swimming Carnival	8 Book Fair Assembly Year 3
Week 3	11	12 NAPLAN - Years 3 and 5 Language Convention and Writing P and C Meeting	13 NAPLAN - Years 3 and 5 Reading	14 NAPLAN - Years 3 and 5 Mathematics Kinder 2016 Information Evening 5.30-6.30pm	15 Miles Franklin Sports Carnival
Week 4	18	19	20	21 Year 6 Combined Band	22 Assembly Year 4 Belconnen Cross Country
Week 5	25	26	27 IB Parent Information Session- 5.30-6.30pm Library	28 Sullivan Shield Rugby League	29 IB Parent Information Session- 9.10-10.10am Library
Week 6	Jun 1	2 Year 5 Combined Band	3	4	5 Assembly Year 5
Week 7	8 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	9	10 Sullivan Shield Rugby League	11	12
Week 8	15	16	17	18	19 Assembly Kindergarten

Week 9	22	23	24	25	26 Semester One Reports
Week 10	29 Parent Teacher Interviews	30 Parent Teacher Interviews	Jul 1 Parent Teacher Interviews	2 Parent Teacher Interviews	3 Parent Teacher Interviews Assembly Year 6



Our Book Fair will be held next week on Monday 4 - Fri 8 May at 8:30 - 9:30am and 2:30 - 3:30pm in the library.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you can volunteer half an hour of your time to help out at the Book Fair, please write your name on the roster in the library.

For the Students: Preschool – Year 6 **BOOK FAIR POSTER CONTEST**

Theme – Kings, Queens and Castles- Enter the Kingdom of Books!

Design an **A4 poster** (at home) to promote the Book Fair. Posters will be displayed in the Woodman Library. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative posters for each year level from Preschool – Year 6.

POSTER DUE DATE: Friday 1 May

The students have come into the library this week to view the books on sale. They have completed a wish list. Students are reminded that this is a 'wish list', and it is fine if they cannot purchase any books, as the library will get a copy of each book from the fair to put into the library for borrowing.

We look forward to seeing you at our **Book Fair**. Last year we received \$3000 worth of free books from our sales at the Book Fair. All community members are welcome to attend, so spread the word to your neighbours, family and friends. Items for sale include; books, posters, pencils and erasers. Donations of books can be made to the library also. Eftpos/credit card options available.

Luned Scholfield



THE MILES FRANKLIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mother's Day Stall

TUESDAY 5th MAY

(Pre-school Mon-Tue)

FRIDAY 8th MAY

(Pre-school Thu-Fri, K-6)

Lots of great gifts for Mum, Grandma or anyone special!

A great selection of carefully selected gifts and hand-crafted items to choose from.

Individual gifts priced from \$1-\$5

Bring along some money and treat Mum, you know she deserves it!

Fancy helping out or provide a donation?

We're always looking for volunteers. If you like wrapping, taping, packaging, cutting or pasting then I'd love to hear from you. I'm planning a working bee, all welcome and the more the merrier.

Or if crafting is not your thing, but you'd still like to help out we need people to help run the stall on the day. If you're interested have a look at our parent roster at <http://tinyurl.com/kgcvrbp>. Please put your name down if you'd like to join us!

Plus we always welcome donations - If you'd like to bake some goodies, or donate gifts or ingredients or if you have a stash of plastic shopping bags lying around please let me know.

For more information about donations or the working bee or anything else please contact **Penny Price** on **0459 33 8080** or pricepoppets@gmail.com.





School Banking is shooting for the stars.

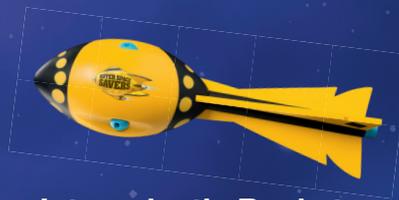
At the beginning of 2015, the School Banking program launched students on a mission to save by making regular deposits into their Youthsaver account. In just one term, over 958,000 School Banking deposits were made around Australia. It's a fantastic result that's seen thousands of Australian children begin their savings mission.

Rewarding good savings behaviour with two new items

To help keep students on track with their savings mission in Term 2, we've released two new awesome reward items from our Outer Space Savers range. Students just need to make 10 School Banking deposits to be able to redeem a reward item.



Invisible Ink Martian Pen



Intergalactic Rocket

You could win a 5 nights' family trip to California's Disneyland

Don't forget, students who consistently display stellar savings behaviour by making 25 or more School Banking deposits in 2015 will automatically go into the draw at the end of the year to win a family trip to California's Disneyland.

For more information visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking



Things to know before you Can: Conditions apply. Promotion starts 9.00am AEDT 27/1/15 and ends 11.59pm AEDT 18/12/15. Entry is open to all Youthsaver account holders aged 5–13 years who participate in CommBank's School Banking program. Entrants under 18 must have parent/guardian consent. The draw will take place at 12.30pm AEDT on 12/1/16 at the Promoter's office. The first valid entry drawn will win a family trip to California's Disneyland valued at \$22,245. The winner's name will be published in the public notices section of *The Australian* on 26/1/16. Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124 of Level 2, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Full terms and conditions available at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking NSW Permit No LTPS/14/09857; ACT Permit No TP14/04345; VIC Permit No 14/5966; SA Permit No T14/2327.



ACT OZTAG TRIALS



WHEN: SATURDAY 13TH &
20TH JUNE

WHERE: CURTIN FIELDS
CARRUTHERS ST

**JUNIOR NATIONALS
COFFS HARBOUR
OCTOBER 2015**

TRIAL TIMES

17 BOYS & GIRLS 8:30AM

16 BOYS & GIRLS 9:30AM

15 BOYS & GIRLS 10:30AM

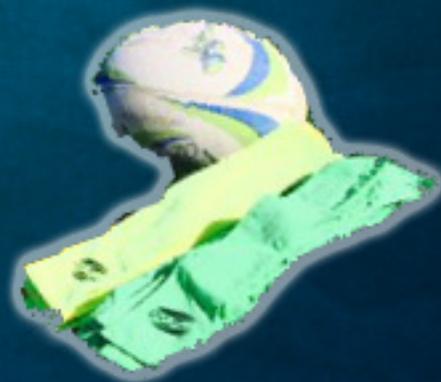
14 BOYS & GIRLS 11:30AM

13 BOYS & GIRLS 12:30PM

12 BOYS & GIRLS 1:30PM

11 BOYS, 11 GIRLS & 10 GIRLS 2:30PM

10 BOYS, 9 BOYS & 9 GIRLS 3:30PM



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HOMWORK HELPER: WEEKS 1-2, TERM 2

Suggestions for parents/carers at home this fortnight:

Year Level	Three strategies for home this fortnight:
Preschool	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily reading to your child• Please return your parent feedback form
Kinder	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read with your child every day.• Use household items (such as toys) to practise addition to 10.• Try writing simple words by sounding out each letter (such as cat, toy, mat)
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Share your own experience of school with your child. What is different to their education today?• Explore Mathletics together. Addition and 2D shapes activities have been set for children to attempt at home.• Look at some information books and discuss how these books are different to a story book.
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read non-fiction (information books) together and look common features, eg: title page, index, glossary, page layout, subtitles, diagrams. How is this different to a story book?• Explore Mathletics together- work through addition and subtraction tasks.• Try some science experiments at home! Here is a link with some ideas http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/
Year 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss the recent earthquake event in Nepal with your child (Unit of Inquiry)• Watch the weather report and discuss the chance of rain each day (Mathematics - Chance and Data)• Encourage your child to write a creative story to share with you (English)
Year 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practise narrative writing• Practise multiplication 1 to 6 times tables.• Practise reading each night focusing on predicting what the text is about.
Year 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading each night focusing on new and interesting vocabulary• Discuss the different perspectives of characters in the stories they are reading• Searching for 3D shapes in your kitchen cupboard, pantry and fridge - discuss their different/similar features

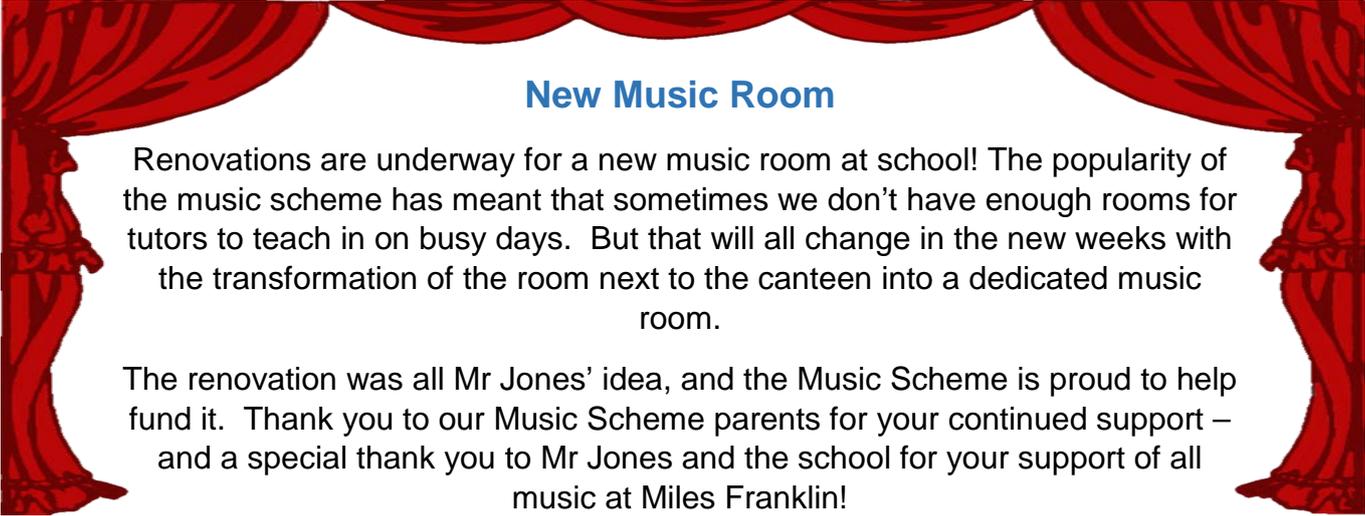
Year 6

- Discuss any migration stories within your family, to link to our current unit of inquiry.
- Revise multiplication strategies that are being covered in class, such as grid method.
- Read a story with your child and discuss the characters in the story, as we are looking at narratives in class.

MILES FRANKLIN MUSIC SCHEME

The Music Scheme at Miles Franklin offers students the opportunity to take lessons on guitar, piano, flute, recorder and stringed instruments. Enrol now for Term 2 – contact enrolments officer Debbie at MFPandC@outlook.com to enquire or enrol.

SPOTLIGHT ON:



New Music Room

Renovations are underway for a new music room at school! The popularity of the music scheme has meant that sometimes we don't have enough rooms for tutors to teach in on busy days. But that will all change in the new weeks with the transformation of the room next to the canteen into a dedicated music room.

The renovation was all Mr Jones' idea, and the Music Scheme is proud to help fund it. Thank you to our Music Scheme parents for your continued support – and a special thank you to Mr Jones and the school for your support of all music at Miles Franklin!

CHOIR

School Choir is starting in Term 2! Choir is open to all students from K-6 and will take place on Friday afternoons in school hours. Singing in a choir is fun and a great introduction to the joy of making music. Contact the front office to enrol (fees apply).

MUSIC NEWS ON FACEBOOK

For more music updates visit the [Miles Franklin Primary P&C Facebook page](#).