



Newsletter

Week 4 Term 1

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 27 February	Reading Night 6pm-7pm in school library
Wednesday 15 March	PandC Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 21 March	Harmony Day
Thursday 23 March	Year 6 MCSS Transition Morning
Thursday 23 March	Years 3 – 5 French Film
Thursday 23 March	Year 5 Band information Session
Monday 27 March – Friday 7 April	Year 2 Swim School
Monday 27 March – Wednesday 29 March	Camp Cooba

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Year 2 Swim School 2017
 Years 5 and 6 Camp Cooba
 Year 5 Band offer of position
 Year 6 MCSS Transition morning
 Years 3 – 5 French Film Festival
 Year 5 Dance

Attachments

- ☺ Junior Rugby League
- ☺ Harmony Day
- ☺ Board voting papers

Message from the Principal

Car Parking

Please be aware of our neighbour's gardens. I was disappointed to see photos of our parents parking on our neighbour's gardens and in their driveways last week. Our neighbours are wonderful and inform us and the police if they have concerns over the holidays when we are away- it helps reduce vandalism, keeps our school beautiful and saves us money in not having to repair damage. Parking in their gardens and blocking their driveways is also illegal.

Can I suggest that you aim to park in other areas near the school such as Ligertwood and MacDowell Streets? Often these roads are closer to the senior and junior sides of the school and parking is easier and with less cars around, safer too.

Newsletters

Next week we will be trialling a rotation of the information we put in newsletters. Next week will be a 'full' newsletter with adverts, information, my message, those who are getting awards, news from the classrooms, homework helpers etc. The following week (week six) will be a one page information and reminders newsletter. Feedback we have been receiving for some time is that the newsletter is so big, parents are not accessing it or are missing information within it. Parents have given us feedback of how high schools are sending out their newsletters and how it is making it easier for them to access important information. On odd weeks (weeks 1, 3 etc.) the newsletter will be comprehensive, on even week s(weeks 2, 4 etc.- assembly weeks) it will be a one page dot point format. This is only a trial until the end of term and your feedback is always welcome- please send me an email or chat to me on the playground.

Board elections

Last week we sent you information on the three parent nominees for the Board. Please be aware voting ends next Monday at 11.00 and election forms are available from the front office. We have included a Word version of the voting form if coming in to the school is difficult for you- please scan and email or print and give to your child to return to Kirstie.

Chris

Reading Night

Research from Macquarie University shows that students who read every day using the *Reinforced Reading* model with a parent or more capable other improve their reading significantly quicker than students who don't. This is where we need your help!

To help your child continue with their reading growth and set them up for success in 2017 we are holding a reading information session in Week 5. This reading session will cover what you can do at home to assist your child with reading including using the *Reinforced Reading* approach at home and how to help them choose an appropriate book.

Date: February 27
Time: 6pm- 7pm
Location: Library

P and C

Hi everyone

The notice of annual general meeting for the P&C is set out below. The meeting will be held on Wednesday 15 March 2017 at 7 pm in the school meeting room. This year we are going to have one combined meeting for the P&C and its sub-committees, where we elect our office bearers, general members and sub-committee members.

I want to thank all the parents and school representatives that have volunteered their time to assist with the running of the P&C and its operations over the last year. I also want to acknowledge the many other parents who have volunteered their time in other ways to help build our school community.

We know that family and work come first, so P&C roles are designed to fit around your other important obligations. If you are considering joining one of our committees and would like further information about what is involved, please use the contact details below or call me directly to discuss on 0423128395. The three subcommittees (the Music Scheme, Out of Hours and Pre-school) are all looking for new parents to get involved this year.

If you can't make it to the meeting but would still like to be involved please hand your nomination form to Chris Jones or scan and email it to mfpandc@outlook.com. Please also include your contact details so we can be in touch.

Thanks

Simon Richards

**Miles Franklin Parents & Citizens Association Incorporated Annual General Meeting
15 March 2017**

Nomination Form for AGM advertised positions

I wish to nominate _____ as a candidate for the
Candidate's name
position of _____ in the

Position name *Committee 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.
- Signed Nomination forms can be handed to Chris Jones or scanned & emailed to MFPandC@outlook.com before 15 March 12 noon 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, Canteen Coordinator and ACT P&C Council Delegate.

Music Scheme Subcommittee positions to be filled: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Enrolment Officer

Out of School Hours Care (MFOSHC) Subcommittee positions to be filled: Chair, Secretary and at least 1 General Member

Preschool Subcommittee positions to be filled: Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Fun Day Co-ordinator



Tuesday 21st March is **Harmony Day**

On Tuesday 21st March we will be having some special events at school and preschool to celebrate Harmony Day.

Children can come to school dressed up in a costume from another country or they can wear a piece of **orange** coloured clothing. Parents do not need to purchase elaborate costumes. Dressing up could be as simple as (but not limited to) a beret, a grass skirt and a lei, a Mexican hat, a Hawaiian shirt, a karate uniform or a cheongsam. Children may like to bring a flag from their country of origin.

At **9.15 a.m.**, children from both the preschool and the primary school will attend a special Harmony Day Assembly on the blacktop. The assembly will finish with a parade where all the children will be able to show off their multicultural costumes. Parents are welcome to stay and watch the assembly and the parade.

On Harmony Day, children are invited to bring a plate of food to share with their class mates at the afternoon recess break. Pupils may bring a sweet or savoury afternoon tea snack which reflects their heritage. Cakes, biscuits, breads, crackers, sweets or tropical fruits will work well. For example: gingerbread, croissants, papaya, Turkish delight.

All foods will need to be nut-free and not require refrigeration. Also, we are unable to heat up food.

The Harmony Day Team

Jenny Hudson, Cynthia Harris, Natalie Collis & Cara Tink-Evans



School Board Elections

Instructions for completing ballot paper



School

Name of school: Miles Franklin Primary School

Please read the following instructions carefully. Failure to complete a valid ballot paper may result in your vote not being counted.

Process for election:

Voters may select **one** person on the ballot paper by placing a tick or cross in the space beside the preferred nominee.

The Assistant Returning Officer will count the votes of each nominee. The nominee/s receiving the greatest number of votes is elected. In the event of equal votes the Assistant Returning Officer will determine the issue by lot.

The voting system being used in this election is the 'first past the post' system.

Submitting your vote

Once you have completed the ballot paper, place your ballot paper in the envelope provided and return it to the Assistant Returning Officer at Miles Franklin Primary School by no later than **11am Monday 27 February**. Any ballot paper received before or after the declared voting period will not be counted.

Ballot Paper



School Board Elections 2017

School Name:

Miles Franklin Primary School

Election of parent and citizen representatives

Please vote for your preferred candidate from the following list in the space provided:

Candidate 1 **Nicole Spencer**_____

Candidate 2 **Belinda Lum**_____

Candidate 3 **Erin Selmes**_____

Candidate 4

Candidate 5

Candidate 6



School Board Elections

Information to be included on the ballot paper envelope

1. Complete your ballot paper.
2. Place the ballot paper inside this envelope and seal it.
3. Sign the declaration in the space provided.
4. Return this envelope to the Assistant Returning Officer at your school's front office.

You must sign this declaration or your vote will not be counted.

I declare that I am eligible to vote and have not voted previously in this election.

Sign here: _____

Play Junior Rugby League with the Sharkies in 2017



COME ALONG TO OUR CLUB INFORMATION DAY
AT THE MELBA DISTRICT PLAYING FIELDS
SATURDAY 4TH MARCH 11AM-2PM

At the Belconnen United Sharks, your child will have fun, make friends and learn the skills to enable them to play the game of rugby league in a safe environment. We celebrated our 30th Anniversary in 2016. We are a club built on friendship, values and everybody getting a run. Enjoy being part of a team, and our club. We have experienced coaches to help develop your child's ability and allow them to enjoy the greatest game of all.

Club fees are \$130 per child, \$200 for 2, \$250 for 3+
Register online at playnrl.com/register

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