Wishing you and your family a safe and happy holiday season

Attachments

😀 Board nomination form
Message from the Principal

We have achieved IB World School Authorisation!

We can truly say we are offering a world-class education as assessed by the largest and most respected organisation able to qualify this- the International Baccalaureate. It should be noted we did not ‘just’ pass. There are 112 standards and practices, 29 of which have to be in place at the time of verification, leaving 83 which have to be started and a plan developed for when they are assessed again in five years time for evaluation. If a particular standard is not commented on in the report it is because we are meeting the standard and a ‘recommendation’ is one of the 83 that is desirable to be in place at the moment but does not have to be for another five years.

We have six recommendations. Only six. We are meeting 106 of the 112 standards and practices. Another way to look at it is 77 of those 83 elements which are only considered desirable now are in place five years ahead of when they are due. This is an amazing achievement supplemented by the fact we also received four commendations in the report. I am so proud of the team at Miles Franklin and the amazing work they do. Special mention goes to Nicole Jaggers for being able to synthesise what we were doing and putting it comprehensively into an IB context; I am certain the report would not have been so positive without Nicole’s involvement. I would like to thank all staff, parents, the Board and P&C and children for your invaluable support over the last few years; one of the commendations is how committed the whole school community is to the IB!

Fun Day

Whilst our original plan did not quite work out the end result was extremely positive- everyone who has given feedback (canteen volunteers, children, staff and parents) have all said it was much better for being at school. I had a great day and I think most children did too- which is the whole point of the Fun Day! Thanks for all your support and help last week.

Wrap-up for the year

It has been an eventful year! With a large number of new staff at the school I know there were some concerns in the community but what a team we have built! Teachers have been promoted or moved on during the year and the strength of the school is shown in the amazing replacements we have selected. Whilst I could easily write pages, notable high points have been the IB consultant visit and our authorisation notification, the Fun Day, Preschool accreditation result, close working relationship with our parents and our satisfaction results which highlighted the progress we have made. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mercy Woodman again for her contribution to the school since the 1980s and remember Chrissy, our former canteen manager who passed away earlier this year but will forever be remembered in our hearts.
Generosity
Thank you for your cards and gifts that you are sending in to the staff. I would also like to acknowledge the incredible generosity of a Year Six family who are leaving Miles this year. They have donated a 3D printer to the school, valued at almost $1700, to assist us with our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) work so children will be able to design, make and appraise and be able to replicate their designs for display. We are awed by this generosity and the humbleness in which it was given.

Year Six
It is with a tear in our eye that we farewell our Year Sixes this week. Without question they have had an excellent education and are ready for High School and any challenges that may arise. To all of our families who are farewelling the school community now that their youngest is leaving I would like to thank you for all your help and support over the last five years- it is amazing to think I first met your children in Year Two and I have enjoyed every minute with them (yes, even those difficult moments- that’s part of the job and I love my job!).

Talent Show
Talent show letters came out this week for children who have consistently come to our practises and have repeatedly demonstrated they have a rehearsed act. The Talent Show is on Friday from 12.00pm and all are welcome to join us for this final assembly of the year.

Thank you once again for entrusting us with your child’s education. It is an important responsibility and one we take seriously. It is an honour to be the Principal of our wonderful school, working with gorgeous children, amazing staff and supportive parents. I am incredibly proud and look forward to another exciting year ahead in our IB World School. On behalf of the staff at Miles Franklin I would like to wish you all a happy Christmas and a joyful New Year!

Chris

Canteen News

2016 – We will open again Wednesday 3 February.

Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop News
2016 - ++Uniform Shop will be open on Meet the Teacher day 29 January 2016 8:30am to 10:30am++ You will be able to collect your pre-ordered T-Shirts and other uniform requirements on this day. Uniform Shop on Flexischools is available again as of 18 January 2016.
Year 6 News

Our last newsletter ever. Year 6 has had a very busy term 4. At the beginning of the term there was market day. Their first unit of inquiry this term was about the physical and emotional changes everyone goes through and their second was about electrical circuits and renewable energy. They were also learnt how electric cars work when Ms D’Costa brought an electric car to the school.

Many students are sad to be leaving but they will have fond memories of their time at primary school.

French Café
Last week year 6 students attended the French Café where they ate French pastries.

Fun Day
Last week the whole school attended a fun day that was held at the school. All students enjoyed spraying students, and teachers, with water. They enjoyed going down the water slide and the activities set in each rotation.
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 position is vacant:
One Parent Position

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 1 February 2016
And
11am, Monday 15 February 2016

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 6205 7530
General School Board Elections

Nomination Form

Please use this form to nominate for a position on your school board.

Details:

School Name: _____________________________________________________________

Assistant Returning Officer: _________________________________________________

Phone: ___________________________________________________________________

Nominee Details:

Position: Staff members (A member of the staff of the school)

Number of vacancies: _______________________________________________________

Position: Parents and citizens members (A member of the school community)

Number of vacancies: _______________________________________________________

Position: Student members (A student at the school who attends classes for at least 12 hours per week)

Number of vacancies: _______________________________________________________
Nomination:

I, ____________________________________________ am nominating for the position of ____________________________ on the school board.

If elected I will undertake the duties of the position.

Signature: _______________________________________________

Date: ___________________________________________________

The Education and Training Directorate (the Directorate) is collecting the information on this form to enable it to conduct elections for school boards. This is authorised by section 41 of the Education Act 2004. This information will be disclosed to the school community to enable eligible voters to elect a nominee of their choice.

Lodgement Information:

Nominations are to be submitted to the school’s front office between 11 am, 1 February 2016 and 11 am, 15 February 2016. Nominations must be submitted during school business hours: 9:00am to 3:00pm, Monday to Friday.

You can submit your nomination by:

- hand delivery to the name of school front office
- email to
- fax to
- mail to ARO, c/- school name front office

The names of all nominees will be announced on 16 February 2016.

If an election is required, the voting period will be from 11 am 22 February 2016 to 11 am 29 February 2016.