



Newsletter

Week 1 Term 2

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 28 April	ANZAC Assembly
Monday 1 May	12&U Swimming – ACT
Monday 1 – Thursday 4 May	Book Fair
Wednesday 3 May	Combined Band Practice – Year 6
Thursday 4 May	National Museum of Australia - Year 5
Friday 5 May	Assembly Year 3
Friday 5 May	Kenny Koala
Monday 8 May	Oztag Clinics - Years 4-6
Friday 12 May	School Athletics Carnival
Monday 15 May	Oztag Clinics - Years 4-6
Friday 19 May	Assembly Year 4
Friday 19 May	Walk Safely to School Day
Monday 22 May	Oztag Clinics - Years 4-6
Tuesday 23 May	School Photos – Whole School & Pre
Tuesday 23 May	ICAS – Digital Technologies
Wednesday 24 May	National Simultaneous Storytime
Thursday 25 May	School Photos - Preschool
Thursday 25 May	Year 5/6 AFL Gala Day
Monday 29 May	School Photos
Tuesday 30 May	Belconnen Region Cross Country
Tuesday 30 May	ICAS – Science
Wednesday 31 May	Year 3/4 Rugby League – Sullivan Shield
Friday 2 June	Assembly Year 5
Monday 12 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
12-16 June	ICAS – Writing

Recent Notes

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Boys Club

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Mother's Day

Message from the Principal

Welcome back

We hope you had a lovely Easter, a reflective ANZAC Day earlier this week and are looking forward to the Term ahead! Staff have had a good break. We participated in two days of professional learning on concept-based learning to improve our teaching skills in this area and then over the next two weeks staff will spend time planning for the term.

Playground equipment after school

Please be aware that the After School Care Program respectfully ask that families move on from the playground equipment after 3.30pm. Due to the licencing arrangements children not in the After School Care program should not be on the equipment after school; if children are and there is a spot check, the After School Care team could be in breach of their licence. Your understanding on this is appreciated.

Staffing

I am excited to announce that we have a new Kindergarten teacher, Mikko Agil. Mikko comes to us from South Australia and is experienced in the Montessori approach which has many similarities to our approach. I know you will join with me in welcoming her to our school!

Preschool and Kindergarten enrolment applications

Please be aware that Preschool enrolment applications for 2018 opened this Wednesday. If you have a child that you would like to attend Preschool next year my recommendation is to apply early.

If your child currently attends Preschool you are already enrolled in the school and you do not need to do anything further, your child's place in Kindergarten is guaranteed!

Chris

Canteen News

Flexischools - Canteen Lunches orders close 8.45am.

Children buying items for other children – Could we please ask that if parents are sending money into school with their child/ren that they only buy for themselves and not for other children or hand money on to other children. (More important for Junior school children) We have some children with allergies and dietary issues that can make them sick if they have a friend allow them to have something from the canteen that their parent hasn't approved of. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Second hand uniforms - Please donate any unwanted uniforms as we would like to have another sale early next term.

Contact details Ph: 62071775 (please not between 9am and 11am) or mfpcanteen@gmail.com

ACT Health News

Do not touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms!

Death Cap mushrooms are one of the world's deadliest mushrooms and can be currently be found across the Canberra region. Since 2002, there have been four deaths and many poisonings in the ACT due to Death Cap mushrooms.

In Canberra, Death Cap mushrooms often grow near established oak trees in mild, moist weather. Death Cap mushrooms have previously been found growing on school grounds in the ACT. Parents and teachers are asked to remind children not to touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms.

As the Death Cap mushroom can easily be confused with edible varieties, adults are also strongly advised not to touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms. It is difficult, even for experienced collectors, to tell the difference between the Death Cap mushroom and edible wild mushrooms.

All parts of the Death Cap mushroom are poisonous and eating part of a mushroom can be fatal. Cooking the Death Cap mushroom does not make it safe. If you suspect that you or one of your family members might have eaten Death Cap mushrooms, you should seek urgent medical attention at a hospital emergency department.

If you believe you have spotted a Death Cap mushroom, do not touch the mushroom with your bare skin. If it is in your own yard, the best option is to leave it be and make sure others stay away from the area. The mushroom will die in a few days.

If you believe you have spotted a Death Cap mushroom growing in a public area, please contact Access Canberra on 13 22 81.

For further information on Death Cap mushrooms, download the fact sheet online at <http://www.health.act.gov.au/datapublications/fact-sheets/environmental-health>.

Library News



Our Book Fair will be held next week on Monday 1 - Thursday 4 May at 8:30-9am and 2:45-3:15pm 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 window.

[For the Students- BOOK FAIR CONTEST \(Preschool- Yr6\)](#)

[Theme- Where books are the treasure!](#)

Design an item to promote the Book Fair in Week 2. Some ideas you could use:

- design a bookmark
- make a puppet
- create a mask
- design a poster to advertise the book fair
- write a poem or story
- use your imagination to create any pirate/treasure item of your choice.

Prizes will be awarded for the most creative pieces for each year level from Preschool – Year 6. Prizes include books, posters, pencils, erasers and bookmarks.

DUE DATE: Friday of Week 1

The K-6 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 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. 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 are available.

PE and Sport News

Belconnen Region School Sport Representatives

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected in Belconnen Region School sport representative teams:

- Katie I, Sarah W – Touch Football

ACT Swimming

Best of luck to Katie I, Lily M and Darcy M who will compete at the ACT Swimming Championships next Monday.

Belconnen Region and ACT Representative Team Trials

Trial details for Belconnen Region and ACT school sport representative teams for these and all other sports are available on the School Sport ACT website – www.schoolsportact.asn.au

Miles Franklin Cross Country

Below are the results from our school cross country event in week 10 last term. Ribbons will be presented for the first 4 places at the assembly in week 2.

Our first 5 runners in each event will qualify for the Belconnen region cross country event in week 6 this term (Tuesday 30 June). Permission notes will be sent home in the coming weeks.

8 years	Girls		Boys		8 years
1st	Poppy S	Jennings	Riley M	Jennings	1st
2nd	Abby R	Klein	Gabriel C	Jennings	2nd
3rd	Poppy D	Jennings	Angus O	Jennings	3rd
4th	Talea D	Klein	Max N	Jennings	4th
5th	Tilly M	Jennings	Sam B	Jennings	5th
9 years	Girls		Boys		9 years
1st	Claudia T	Gibbs	Dallas S	Jennings	1st
2nd	Elisa W	Jennings	Kai M	Klein	2nd
3rd	Sophia M	Klein	Leo C	Jennings	3rd
4th	Selena E	Gibbs	Charlie Y	Gibbs	4th
5th	Trinity M	Gibbs	Oliver W	Jennings	5th
10 years	Girls		Boys		10 years
1st	Ella V	Klein	Cody W	Jennings	1st
2nd	Sopfia O	Klein	Billy H	Gibbs	2nd
3rd	Grace H	Jennings	Aiden M	Jennings	3rd
4th	Reese P	Jennings	James J	Klein	4th
5th	Lily M	Gibbs	Jaden A	Klein	5th
11 years	Girls		Boys		11 years
1st	Sarah W	Jennings	Jesse S	Jennings	1st
2nd	Jayla M	Klein	Brayden W	Jennings	2nd
3rd	Katie I	Gibbs	Diego E	Gibbs	3rd
4th	Lilyana O	Gibbs	Isaiah Z	Klein	4th
5 th	Kelly L	Jennings	Jayden P	Gibbs	5th

12 years	Girls		Boys		12 years
1st	Jessica B	Jennings	Hayden T	Gibbs	1st
2nd	Aimee H	Gibbs	Jake S	Jennings	2nd
3rd	Caprice B	Gibbs	Finn O	Klein	3rd
4th	Dakota M	Jennings	Hamish H	Gibbs	4th
5th	Tyanna W	Gibbs	Jono S	Gibbs	5th

Chris Currie



Expression of Interest

We are excited to announce that Wakakirri is here for 2017! Miles Franklin has entered Australia’s Biggest Performing Arts Festival and are seeking students from grade 3-6 to help create and perform a dance story spectacular!

Rehearsal dates are to be confirmed.

Rehearsals for Wakakirri will be held at Miles Franklin on:

- Monday and Tuesday lunchtimes in the hall
- Thursday after school from 3.15pm – 4.15pm everyone meeting outside the hall.

A new permission note will be handed out to students today (Friday 28 April). This information sheet is a commitment to Wakakirri participation and must be signed by the parent/carer.

No money is required at this stage, but by signing the form is a commitment to participation and payment will be required after student numbers are confirmed.

For any further information please contact Megan Beit at Megan.Frame@ed.act.edu.au

P and C News

The Mother's Day stall is coming up! **** **NB: It's on a Thursday this year** **** Thursday 11th May (which is end of week 3, plus a mini-stall for the Mon/Tues preschoolers held on Tuesday 9th May). The stall is a fun event for the kids and they really look forward to buying something to say thank you to Mum, Nanna or any special person who lights up their lives. All proceeds go toward P&C projects in the school such as the shade sails in the playground, or the new PA system for the hall.

Every year **YOU** make the stall a success! You can help by:

- Donating a low-cost gift – you can leave it in the tub in your child's classroom. See the flyer your child brings home this week for gift suggestions. The kids love the variety your donations create!
- Help with wrapping gifts for sale – we have over 1000 gifts to wrap! Email wamberal@hotmail.com and we can make you a small package of gifts and wrapping materials. You can collect from the front office on Friday 5th May and return on Monday 8th May.
- Put your name on the roster at the front office and help out on the day. We always need helpers and your time is very much appreciated. An hour is fine or whatever you can spare. **Dads welcome! Always great to see Dads on the Mothers day stall** 😊

Thanks and any questions please email Ahna on wamberal@hotmail.com or Leesa on leesa.chris@bigpond.com

THE MOTHER'S DAY STALL IS NEAR!

DONATIONS WELCOME

(LOW-COST ITEMS \$5 OR LESS)

LEAVE IT IN THE TUB IN YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM

BY FRIDAY 5 MAY

ALL PROCEEDS

HELP THE P&C

IMPROVE OUR

FANTASTIC SCHOOL!

ON THE FLYER YOUR CHILD

BRINGS HOME THIS WEEK

YOU'LL SEE ITEM SUGGESTIONS FOR EACH YEAR GROUP.

