**Newsletter**

**Week 1 Term 4**

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**Attachments**

- *Important Excursion & Medical Consent Information*
- Intentions for 2016 letter
- Fete Flyer
- Music Scheme Flyer
- MFPS Concert Flyer
Welcome back- we hope you had a chance to have a rest and spend time with your children with the glorious weather over the last fortnight!

**Miles Franklin Day**
Tomorrow is a significant day in our calendar as we celebrate Miles Franklin through our Brilliant Writers assembly, Market Day and classroom activities from ‘the olden days’! It is wonderful to see the children dressed in clothes from yesteryear (circa 1879-1900) and then enjoy the fun of Market Day later. It is suggested that approximately $5-$10 is suitable for children to enjoy Market Day and all proceeds are donated back to the school through a gift chosen by the Year Six children. I’d like to thank, in advance, the team of staff who have worked on coordinating the Brilliant Writers assembly and Market Day activities.

**Preschool Accreditation**
Next week we are having an assessor in to assess our Preschool against the National Quality Standards. I’m sure anyone involved in early childhood education will understand the rigorous nature of this process and the hard work that is put in place by all the educators in preparation for these visits. I am confident our excellent educators on the Preschool team have the evidence to show the assessor the wonderful education program we have and that we are meeting the prescribed standards. Please understand though if the team are looking a little ‘frazzled’ over the next few weeks!

**Fete Flower sale**
Tomorrow we will be selling flowers for the Fete. This has been brought forward from the day of the fete as November is a little late to plant (I’m told- I have no idea about gardening!). I would like to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers who sorted through the plants on Monday and also the Fete organisers for coordinating this.

**Staffing**
Next week Cathy Wyatt joins us to replace Jacqui Allard/Green on Year Six who is going on maternity leave. Janice Farrer has won the acting Executive Teacher position for this term covering Sylvia Headon who is currently on maternity leave. I am sure you will join with me in welcoming Cathy to the school, congratulating Janice on her appointment and wishing both Sylvia and Jacqui the best of health over the next few weeks!

**Students Excelling**
Last term Anjana M represented the school in the ACT Junior Golf competition. Anjana played amazingly well and came second! Congratulations to Anjana!
Classes for 2016

Whilst nothing is truly finalised until we begin the year (as unexpected changes can happen,) our class model for 2016 will be as follows:

- Preschool: 4 classes, Monday, Tuesday and alternate Wednesday; alternate Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
- Kindy, Years One, Two and Three: 3 classes per year level
- Year’s Four, Five and Six: 2 classes per year level

These will only be straight classes; there will not be a multi-age or ‘composite’ class. Once we have a clearer understanding later this term of where our teachers will be teaching next year (most will remain on their current year group), we will let you know.

As with last year, we will not be seeking parental or student requests for friendship groups for our 2016 classes. This is due to the administrative burden placed on staff but please rest assured their current teacher and Executive will ensure there is a friend with your child in their class. However, if you have a specific request beyond this please email it to me at chris.jones@ed.act.edu.au only under the subject heading ‘2016 classes’ as I receive many emails every day and will give your requests the utmost consideration and under a specific subject line I can ‘sweep’ to make sure I have them all. If you do not have access to email please speak to Kirstie or Meg in the front office and they will email me on your behalf. As in previous years, children in Kindergarten, Preschool and those children who have an Individual Learning Plan will be notified of their teacher before the end of the year whilst all others will be able to find out their teacher when we return in the week before school and ‘meet the teacher’ on Friday 29th January from 8.30-10.30. Please also see the attached ‘Intentions for 2016’ sheet attached with the newsletter for Years K-5. Please fill this in and return if you are unsure or know that you will not be returning to Miles for 2016. If we don’t hear from you, we will assume your child will be continuing up to the next year group with their classmates in 2016.

Chris
Term 4 Calendar – Please check Google calendar for updates.

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Engaging with the IB World Community at Ahmedabad International School, India

During the recent school holiday break, I was very fortunate to be invited to run an IB PYP Workshop at Ahmedabad International School (AIS) in India. The school is an established IB World School, having offered the PYP for students from 3-13 years of age and the IB Diploma Programme in Years 11 and 12 for well over a decade.

I worked alongside 18 highly passionate early childhood educators to deliver a three day workshop to assist AIS teachers to further develop their understanding of how to implement the PYP in the 3-5 year old age group.

One of the main benefits for all teachers working in IB schools is the opportunity to connect and share ideas with PYP teachers from across the world. My visit to AIS confirmed that the PYP truly is a global framework that is implemented consistently across countries, cultures and age groups.

The AIS teachers had very similar stories to share with regards to the successes and challenges of implementing the PYP at their school. I thank the AIS staff for their generosity and exchange of resources with me to share with Miles Franklin teachers and students. This is what the spirit of the IB community is all about!

I was given tours of classrooms by AIS students and was so impressed with their passion and desire to share their love of learning. The AIS students articulated their learning using the same PYP language used by our Miles Franklin students, such as: learner profiles, central ideas, concepts, tuning in, taking action and summative tasks.
As a result of the workshop, the AIS teachers and students are very keen to establish connections with Miles Franklin Primary School. We look forward to opportunities for our students connect via Skype and Google Docs with students from AIS in the near future in order to share and exchange their knowledge and understandings being explored in units of inquiry. What a great way to develop international mindedness!

I would love to share more stories, artefacts, books and pictures collected on my visit to Ahmedabad with our school community. If you would like to find out more, I have set up a small display in the school library that you are welcome to come and explore, including many photos of cows!

Thank you also to our wonderful Preschool and Kindergarten Miles Franklin teachers for allowing me to photograph your learning environments and student work samples to share with AIS staff. They were most appreciative of the opportunity to view examples of the PYP being implemented in an early year’s Australian setting.

Nicole Jaggers
Kinder and Year 1 Team Leader
PYP Coordinator
IB Learner Profiles

Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving IB Learner Profile certificates at the assembly on Friday 23 October ……. Well done!

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P&C News

Discussion on New School Shirt for 2016

This year our Year 6 students had the opportunity to vote on their commemorative Year 6 shirt and have been very happy with the result of their choice. The children have worn their shirts to school every day and wear their shirt with a sense of pride. The new shirt has sparked conversation in our school community about updating our current school uniform shirt for the rest of the school.

At our last P&C meeting there was discussion on a new school shirt and the benefits around making the change now. Some of the rationale was based around the uniform shop costs by streamlining the colours. Other discussion was on our current uniform look being mixed and not really giving our school a clear identity. It was decided at the meeting to further investigate the options for a new shirt and also choose one colour for our jumpers. Ultimately we would have a clear uniform choice for families.

Our school uniform shop has researched options from suppliers and in consultation with Chris Jones has decided the best option is to design a shirt from our current supplier. This will incorporate our school colours red, white and blue with the school logo embroidered on the shirt and the school name woven into the collar of the shirt. The new shirt would be available to families as of 2016 with pre-orders done in Term 4 2015. The cost of the shirt would be $26. The design of the new shirt would be done in consultation with the uniform shop, the school SRC team and school executives/teachers. It will look great and give our children a sense of belonging and pride in the school and so engender a positive school spirit.

Things we have taken into consideration with this shirt option are:

- Fabric type – having a cotton polyester blend for easy wear and comfort in summer
- Availability for the shirt to be made in long sleeve for winter and cultural needs
- Cost
- Long term availability for the shirt for the uniform shop to stock for families
Making it easy for parents as there is only one option
Year 6 would still have their student designed commemorative shirt but would eliminate the tricolour shirt for future years to reduce costs to parents of 2 styles of shirts.

The aim is to introduce the shirt for 2016 at the time we hopefully become a fully accredited IB school. This will also mean that our new Kindy 2016 parents can access the new shirt through the uniform shop in time for their children starting next year. We recognise that families still have current uniforms in good condition. Our current uniform would still be acceptable to wear but in due course as old uniforms wear out replacement would be in the approved new uniform style.

WHAT’S NEXT? – We will be voting on the shirt in the next P&C meeting Term 4 Week 3 and all parents are welcome to attend for this discussion, view potential designs and vote. If you have any questions please email Miles Franklin P&C mfpandc@outlook.com.

Regards
Simon Richards
P&C President

Library News

Book club
Scholastic Book Club Issue 7 catalogues were handed out to students this week. Orders are due back to school on Wednesday 28 October please.

Overdue books
There are currently over 600 overdue books. Please remind your children to ‘search’ for their overdue/missing books. If your child has lost a book please replace it. There are 3 options available: replace the exact book; pay for the book to be replaced; or if you have any books of equivalent value that your children no longer read at home, please consider donating them to the library. Any questions please come and see Vicki.

Help Wanted
There is always a need for parent helpers to assist with library tasks. If you have some spare time, even if it is 5-10 minutes, there are books to shelve and other small jobs to do in the library. Any help is sincerely appreciated. Please see Vicki in the library.
Canteen News

Welcome back to Term 4. We are open for Canteen services this week.

Note: Due to Miles Franklin Day / Market Day we will close the canteen after lunch service on Friday (hence no recess orders on this Friday only).

We have a few changes to the menu for this term to make things a little more aligned to summer. We have made changes to flexischools already and will send out a hard copy updated menu to children next week. We will add more things as the term progresses and we gather new recipe ideas.

It is our aim that by the end of November we will be a flexischools only ordering system in the canteen. If you haven’t yet made the switch to flexischools we advise you to make the move before we stop taking cash orders. We are in the canteen Wednesday, Thursday and Friday if you need some help in understanding what is required to set up a flexischools account. Please make a time to see us. If you don’t have a computer at home you can use the canteen computer before 9am to do your order. If you don’t have electronic means for paying for a canteen lunch please speak with Selina for alternate arrangements for your child. We will have a process in place for times when flexischools or your internet is off line. We will communicate this process in November. Please speak with us if you have any concerns.

Helping in the Canteen – Please help us out in the mornings for 15 to 30minutes between 9:00am and 9:30am to stick labels on bags. It is such an easy job and at the start of term is a slow way to ease into learning this job or a few other easy jobs in the canteen.

Communicating with the canteen – Just a reminder that any issues you come across please email the canteen mfpcanteen@bigpond.com (please note that Facebook is not a way to get a message to the canteen.) We will always try to come up with a solution for you if we are able to.

We look forward to seeing you all and having your support for the canteen in Term 4.

Thank you
Selina, Julie and Donna
Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop will open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 8.40am to 9.15am (sharp) in Term 4. We hope these extra days will help families out with ordering. Flexischools is open every day and deliveries are Wednesdays to Fridays to classrooms.

The Uniform Shop profits come back to help fund and support the P&C, School and Canteen. If you don't use the Uniform Shop to buy your uniforms, please consider swapping and using it to help us operate and reduce the need to use fundraising money from the Fete, Discos, Stalls etc. throughout the year to support the Canteen and make the necessary spending to upgrade our facilities and equipment for food service.

Kindy 2016 parents – Please start placing your orders with us through flexischools or through the uniform shop. Please feel free to come and see us or email mfpcanteen@bigpond.com if you have questions.

Year 6 2016 – Notes will come home this week about ordering your shirts for next year.
Drop Box Update:

Excursion Medical Information and Consent form

As part of our commitment to making things easier for parents we have now put a copy of the *Excursion Medical Information and Consent form* onto our Miles Franklin drop box, which is accessed through our school's website. This is so you are able to make our own copy of the form (go to file; make a copy) to fill out and keep in our own files.

Having your own copy on file will allow you print out an already completed form for each excursion to sign, without having to write out the same information each time. However we must stress the importance that it is your responsibility to change any information as necessary (including the name of the excursion on the form) and provide the most current medical information to allow us to provide the best care we can for your child/ren. It is an Education and Training Directorate requirement that a paper copy of this form is provided for **every excursion** your child goes on.

Also in the drop box is a letter to parents and careers explaining the importance of these forms and additional information. For example students who are known sufferers of asthma, anaphylaxis, diabetes, or epilepsy, *Emergency Treatment Plans must be completed*, signed by both parents/carers and the student’s doctor and provided to the school. Further information is available on this letter.

We hope that having your own copy of the Excursion Medical Information and Consent form will make it simpler for your child/ren’s future excursions, however if you would like a paper copy they are available from the front office upon request.

*Link to the Excursion Medical Information and Consent form:*
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ii13phOb6FphsvJKf9Mz659sc9cn2aXxe_CSqIzHm8M/edit?usp=sharing

*Link to the Letter for Parents:*
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cFz_bPWLNHOi0uWpee_idsjc1byFvrPPd6VFPgBETs/edit?usp=sharing

Thank you,

Emily Ashcroft
ICT Executive
Intentions for 2016

14th October 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you regarding your intentions for the 2016 school year. We are (of course!) assuming your children will be returning in 2016 but we would like to clarify whether you are returning, whether it is in the first week or later in the year, or if you are considering repeating your child in their present year group.

Could you complete the form below please and return to the front office or child’s class teacher by Friday 30th October. If you are returning in the first week:

- **Monday 1st February for Preschool beginning of the week groups and Kindy**
- **Tuesday 2nd February for Years One to Six**
- **Thursday 4th February for the Preschool end of week groups**

and your child is continuing on to the next year level you do not need to complete this form.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Chris Jones
Principal

_____________________________________________________

Child (ren)……………………………………………………… Class(es)……………………

Please select:

We will not be returning to Miles Franklin in 2016

We will not be returning in the first week but will return on:………………………………

We would like our child to repeat (we will need an appointment to discuss)

Other:

Signed………………………………

Date………………………………………. 
A huge THANK YOU to all who have volunteered so far. Rosters online now. Go to the school Dropbox Ctrl click link https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B3gALpMcJ3l1cGVGc1ZwanUzZ1E&usp=sharing
Click Pop out button to access

Buskers wanted from the school Music Scheme. Add some atmosphere to the French Café or out and about at the fete.

Come along to our plant sale on Tuesday for your own piece of Floriade. 2.45 to 3.30 in the playground for:
- Beautiful bulbs
- Gorgeous hanging baskets
- Flowering annuals
And more….

Any questions, offers of help and donations please contact your Fete Committee mfpsfete@hotmail.com

Help Wanted

Do you have spare time on the morning of the fete? We are looking for helpers to set up stall sites and marquees.

Would you like to be a photographer at large, roaming the fete taking photos of the action?

Contact Lynne on 0400 320 475

Coming in week two:
Handy Hands order form
Lego entry form
Jolly Jars collection starts

100 blocks!

This year’s Chocolate Toss target - help us make it happen! Bring in your blocks to the front office. Sauce and drinks also welcome.

$2.50 at Target this week
Thank you to our partners and supporters:

Ron’s Bookshop at Hawker shops
Ray White Real Estate Belconnen
Harris Scarfe Westfield Belconnen
National Zoo and Aquarium
Rebel Sports
Athlete’s Foot
Outback Jack’s Westfield Belconnen
Lego Australia
Bunnings
Pacific Smiles Dental
GWS Giants
Discount Pharmacy Group
MILES FRANKLIN MUSIC SCHEME

Is your child a current student of the Music Scheme, or would he/she like to be one in 2016? From Term 4 the Music Scheme will be taking enrolments for 2016, both for current music students and for new music students, from Year 1 to Year 6. The scheme offers lessons on piano, flute, record, guitar and stringed instruments.

Current students: All current music scheme students need to complete an enrolment form for 2016 and pay the annual $10 fee before Friday of Week 2 Term 4. You can also collect an enrolment form from your tutor. Enrolments received after this date may not be processed in time for the start of 2016.

New Students: Enrolments for new students in 2016 are also due on the Friday of Week 2. Enrolments handed in after this date will be processed the following term.

Please ensure you follow these steps and meet the enrolment deadline to avoid disappointment and ensure a smooth start to music lessons in 2016. The enrolment form is available online in the Music Scheme dropbox, or in this newsletter.

SPOTLIGHT ON:

Busking at the Fete

Have you signed up for busking at the fete yet? All Miles Franklin students who would like to perform to raise money for the school are invited to busk in the French Café at the fete this year.

The Rules:

- Any student can busk, on any acoustic instruments or vocals
- You can busk alone or with others
- Time slots are 15 minutes each, and parental supervision is required while busking
- At the end of each time slot, money raised is given to the helpers at the cake stall for safekeeping

Look for the roster next to the fete roster at school. We encourage as many students as possible to sign up for busking. It’s a fun way to perform for an audience and raise some money for the school!

TWILIGHT FAMILY CONCERT – Friday 20 November, 6:30pm

The week after the Twilight Fete comes our first ever Twilight Family Concert! Music Scheme tutor and renowned singer/songwriter John McCarthy will be performing with some of his students and vocalist Mike Lyons, to raise money for the Music Scheme. The concert is FREE, though donations are appreciated. Bring a picnic and enjoy! More info is in the flyer attached to this newsletter.
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A DONATION FOR ATTENDANCE ON THE EVENING WOULD BE APPRECIATED WITH ALL FUNDS RAISED GOING BACK INTO THE MUSIC SCHEME.

John McCarthy MFPS Music Scheme tutor and singer/songwriter will entertain us with his original music on the school oval on Friday 20 November from 6.30 - 8.00pm.

John has performed at the Adelaide and Edinburgh Fringe Festivals and the Tamworth Country Music Festival.

John will be joined by vocalist Mike Lyons and student members of the group The Other Side, as well as students from MFPS.