Newsletter

Week 7 Term 4

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Attachments

- Year 3 Newsletter
- Kinder Overview
- Kambah Park Special Lunch Order Form
- Parent Line flyer
- MFOSHC Enrolment Information
Message from the Principal

Behaviour
This week you should have received a survey via email asking you for your opinions on updated consequences for behaviour. The reason we are looking to update our consequences came from a question one of our parents asked. The question was asked respectfully with the utmost concern of the school, the staff, parents and most importantly the children. The question was: if a child can be automatically suspended for swearing at a teacher, why is it not the case when a child hits another. Is this fair and correct?

As a staff we have discussed this and agree. Next week we will be asking the School Board to consider a change in the Building Positive Relationships procedures to include a stepped process whereby violent behaviour and repeated inappropriate behaviour has a higher level of consequence and this is communicated clearly to parents. Our proposal is that from Year Three onwards:

- If you swear at a teacher you will automatically be suspended for two days as a minimum.
- If you swear at another child, in front of a teacher or child is non-compliant to a reasonable request from a teacher, despite continued warnings, you will go onto a playground passport restricting your play for one week.
- If this happens again you will have an in-school suspension for one day.
- A third occurrence will result in an automatic out of school suspension.
- Continued occurrences will result in additional days of out of school suspensions each time; we do not start back at ‘zero’ again
- Targeted graffiti will automatically result in an out of school suspension because this requires thought; we do not believe this happens ‘on the spur of the moment’.

The school reserves the right to apply additional or higher consequences where we see this as appropriate depending on the nature of the behaviour, irrespective of the above. This includes not being invited to attend camps, excursions or participating in school events above and outside of the curriculum.

Parents will continue to be able to appeal any suspensions under the current legislation.

Our role as a school is to investigate thoroughly any incidents and work on the balance of evidence a reasonable person would see as likely: we will not simply take the word of one child against another without seeking more evidence. We also feel a degree of leniency is important when children who have made an inappropriate choice are honest about this. We will also keep parents informed if their child has had a playground passport and is about to have an in school suspension that the next occurrence will result in an out of school suspension.

For children in Kindergarten to Year Two we will have similar consequences but we understand their level of understanding may not be so well developed and so the likelihood of an out of school suspension is far less likely.

We do have a very safe school with very few incidents on the playground and in class. However, we feel we should set the highest standards and expectations for the safety and welfare of all and so are taking this opportunity to seek your views over the next week before going to the School Board to ask their support. Please return the survey to the front office or your child’s class teacher before next Wednesday (2nd December).
Parent Thank You Morning Tea
Next Friday 4th December we are inviting all our parents to the courtyard for a Thank You morning tea as our way of showing the appreciation we have for all your support over the year in all the different ways you do this! Please come and join us between 10.30 and 11.30am next Friday and if you are able to come in a little earlier to help the ladies in the canteen that would also be appreciated!

K-6 Fun Day
Our Fun Day at Kambah Park is in week nine on Thursday 10th December. Notes are being sent home this week for the excursion and the sausage sizzle. Any help you are able to give to prepare or on the day is always appreciated!

Talent Show
Children have been registering for the talent show this week and auditions start next week. Please have a chat to your child to see if they have or would like to register. The talent show is on from 12.00pm to 1.20pm on the last day of term (Friday 18th December).

Chris

IB Learner Profiles

Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving IB Learner Profile certificates at the assembly on Friday 4 December......... Well done!

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Parents and families,

Our Year Six students are a group of bright and high achieving individuals and we invite our school community to join us in celebrating their years of hard work and achievements at this year’s graduation. It will take place in the hall on Thursday, 17th December at 12 pm.

Additionally our Year Six students will be celebrating their graduation with a dinner on Tuesday, 15th December at 530pm. This will be followed by a disco at 7pm, to which the current Year Five students are also invited. We will be asking for some Year Five volunteers who will assist us to provide dinner to the graduating students. Further information will be sent home next week with specific details about the graduation events.

To our Year Six students we congratulate you on surviving your final year of Primary School and we wish you all the best as you embark on the next step of your education journey, YEAR SEVEN!

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**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
Library News

Book club
Issue 8 of the Scholastic Book Club catalogues have been distributed to students. It is the last opportunity to purchase the latest books at very good prices, also lots of fantastic Christmas gift ideas available. Orders are due back to school on Wednesday 2 December.
A huge thank you to all students and parents who have purchased books through the Scholastic book club this year. Your orders have enabled the school library to purchase quality texts for students to borrow and read.

Overdue books
ALL LIBRARY BOOKS MUST BE RETURNED MONDAY 30 DECEMBER PLEASE. The library will be closed for borrowing as of next week for stocktake.
There are almost 400 books overdue. If your child has lost a book PLEASE REPLACE IT. There are 3 options available:
1. Replace the exact book
2. Pay for the book; please see the front office to make the payment.
3. If you have any books of equivalent value (must be a quality text) that your children no longer read at home, please consider donating them to the library.

Any questions please see Vicki.

Help Wanted
Stocktake of library books commences the week starting 30 November. Any parent help would be sincerely appreciated. Please see Vicki in the library.

Canteen News

Thank you to the Preschool class visitors to the canteen on Wednesday. We hope you enjoyed your treats and we look forward to seeing you in Kindergarten in 2016.

Flexischools reminder: End of November we will be a flexischools only ordering system in the canteen. If you need help doing this please ask us.

FUN DAY LUNCH: Thursday 10th December (Week 9). Special Lunch forms will go home to families this week. One is attached to this newsletter if you need it and it will also be on the school website dropbox. It is our aim that next years special lunches will be available on flexischools for ordering to eliminate the need for forms and cash. We still don’t have enough volunteers so if you are able to come and help out cooking and serving at the park we would love to hear from you. Email the canteen mfpcanteen@bigpond.com or call past or call 62051775. We will have a few treats available for sale at the park but if you would prefer to have your child go cashless we can do presale items for you and have it ready for collection at the park.

Helping in the Canteen – Please help us out in the mornings for 15 to 30mins between 9:00am and 9:30am to stick labels on bags.

Communicating with the canteen – mfpcanteen@bigpond.com
Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop is 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. ++Uniform Shop will be open on Meet the Teacher day 29th January 2016 8:30am to 10:30am++

NEW UNIFORM – Just a reminder to families that placed their orders for a New Miles T-Shirt for 2016 your shirts will be ready for collection on Meet the Teacher day 29th January 2016. If you haven’t placed your order yet please do so very quickly and we may be able to have a shirt for you for first day back otherwise it will be a few weeks wait.

Needing uniforms for 2016? – place your orders now as we will need time to get your stock in before end of the year closure. By week 8 or you’re too late!!!

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_CSqlzHm8M/edit?usp=sharing

*Link to the Letter for Parents:*
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cFz_bPWLJNHOi0uWpee_idsjc1byFvrPPd6VF PgBETS/edit?usp=sharing

Thank you,
Emily Ashcroft
ICT Executive
Term 4 has been a busy term so far! We had our healthy eating exhibition where the students displayed a procedure for a healthy food or drink to the Year 2 and Year 4 students. Here are some examples of some procedures we produced!

How To Make A Mango Smoothie
By Jesse

Ingredients
1. 1 Ripe mango
2. ½ Cup low fat milk
3. ½ Cup ice
4. 1 Tablespoon honey

Method
1. Place the mango, milk, ice and honey in a blender.
2. Blend until smooth and frothy.

MANGO SALAD

By JACK

Ingredients:
- Mango
- Avocado
- Tomato

Materials:
- Knife
- Peeler
- Bowl
- Chopping board
- Spoon

Method:
1. Cut the tomato into pieces and put in the bowl.
2. Peel the avocado and mango with the peeler.
3. Cut up the avocado and mango being careful to cut around the seed.
4. Put the ingredients in the bowl and stir with spoon.
5. Enjoy!

Warning/Hazard!
Be careful when using knife.

Have a look at some of the photos from our exhibition!
In week 5 this term we went on the Year 3 and 4 camp to Birrigai! It was three rainy days but we had so much fun! Here is a recount written by Year 3 White:

**Birrigai Camp 2015**

On Wednesday the 11th of November 2015 over 100 Year 3 and 4 students went to camp Birrigai for three days and two nights. We packed our bags under the bus and caught two buses from Miles Franklin Primary School to Birrigai, this trip took us about 45 minutes. On the bus we had many different conversations, whilst other people slept. When we arrived at Birrigai it was wet and muddy, we had to rush to get the bags out of the rain and into the cabins. We felt cold and drenched, but it was worth it.

After we put our bags into the cabins we went to the meeting area to meet the Birrigai staff. The staff introduced themselves and told us all of the rules that apply at Birrigai. After the introduction we received a new drink bottle and a Birrigai Biscuit (BB). Then we were split into our table groups for all meals. After we were put into our table groups we returned to our cabins to unpack, Mr. White split us into our cabins. We had time to unpack and set up our beds, this was a really fun experience.

Next we returned to the meeting area where we were split into our activity groups. After that we went to the dining hall for lunch, sausages and salad was on the menu, it was delicious! This was just the beginning of the excellent food that we ate at camp. Our meals included burritos, ice-cream, pavlova, chicken schnitzel and vegetables and chicken pies. Overall we rated the food a 10 out of 10. After lunch we set out on our first activity. One of the activities was the sustainability challenge, during this activity we had to earn money to build a house that was sustainable, then with our money we purchased items and built our own cubby house. This activity was a great challenge and it taught us about the importance of having a sustainable house. On the first night we participated in a trivia night, it was super fun. Table 1 and 11 were the winners.
Day 2 began at the crack of dawn, it was still raining, a few students decided to go for a morning run with Mrs Davis. When we returned it was time for breakfast, cereal and toast were our two options. After breakfast we set out on our activities, one of the activities was the crate climb. During this activity you we split into two teams, the black team and the green team. One team worked in pairs to climb as many crates high as possible whilst the rest of the team worked together to stack the crates. Each pair had six minutes to get as high as they could. After six minutes we were able to jump off and kick the crate tower down. The record on the day was 12 crates high. This activity was hardcore, you had to use your mind to push yourself higher.

Overall, camp Birrigai was an amazing experience for Year 3. We learnt many things on camp including how to make fire and cook damper, about the native wildlife that live in the area, how to respect and be safe around wildlife and how to be a more sustainable citizen. I cannot wait for camp Birrigai 2016.

Year 3 White 2015
An inquiry into:

• The changes in daily and seasonal weather.

• How these changes impact on living things.

Transdisciplinary Subjects:
Science, Geography, English and Maths

Strategies to assist your child during this inquiry:

• Talk about pet care- How do we look after our pets as the seasons change?

• Talk about family holidays and what you pack based upon where you are travelling to.

• Shop together with your child and discuss the variety of fresh food available, depending on the season.

Theme:
SHARING THE PLANET

Central Idea: Daily and seasonal patterns may affect living things by limiting and changing the availability of resources.

Concepts
Change:
What factors affect the change in weather patterns? (tides, moon)
How do living things adapt to changes in the weather? (hibernation, migration)
How is availability of resources dependent on changes to weather? (food availability)

Causation:
How are the earth, sun and moon causing patterns in the weather?
How does weather impact on our lives?
How does weather impact on the availability of resources for living things?

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS WANTED!
We are looking for anyone who is willing to talk to our Kinders about how seasonal changes to food, growing of plants or how animals adapt to changes in the weather (hibernation, migration, behaviours).

We would love to have you come in and speak to our students and share your knowledge or expertise.
Please contact your child’s teacher.
Thursday 10th December is Fun Day at the Park. The Canteen will be doing a Sausage Sizzle Special Lunch. Only orders placed by the closing date will be taken to the park. No late orders accepted.

(Note: you do not need to stick this form to a paper bag)

Orders are due back to the Canteen by Friday 4th December 2015.

There will be a Lunch Deal of a Sausage on bread and a Juice Box or Water. Pre-Order Jumpies for an extra $1.

Please send correct Money as we will not be giving change.
If the excursion is cancelled due to bad weather the BBQ lunch will be at school.
If you can assist on the day please notify the canteen.

Child’s Name:_______________________________________________

Child’s Class:________________________________________________

Lunch Deal—Please place X for 1x Sausage on bread and a popper $4.50 (Extra Sausage and Bread $2—please add number required in the box) (Sauce will be offered on the day at the Park)

Sausage         Beef Sausage
Vegetarian/Halal Sausage
Extra sausage & bread +$2

Juice Box    Tick One:Apple & Blackcurrent
Or Water or Paradise Punch
or Water

Extras: BBQ Jumpies +$1
Salt and Vinegar Jumpies +$1
Chicken Jumpies +$1

Total : $ ________________________
Being a parent is the hardest job we’ll ever have. All parents at some time experience difficulties and stress.

Parentline ACT

is a confidential, anonymous telephone counselling and information service.

Phone Parentline if you would you like:

• To talk with someone about those parenting issues.
• Help with some ideas on raising children.
• Support in the important job you are doing.
• To know what is available for parents, teenagers and children.
• To build better relationships in your family.
• Help to understand your child or teenager’s behaviour.

Parentline ACT.

Monday to Friday (except on public holidays), 9am to 5pm.

Phone: 6287 3833
Dear Parents/Carers

As you would be aware enrolment day is fast approaching. Recognising that this can be a stressful time for families we have put together some commonly asked questions and answers to assist in making the process as easy as possible:

1. **When is enrolment day?**
   
   7 December 2015

2. **What time on enrolment day are enrolment forms accepted?**

   Due to licensing conditions the centre is unable to accept enrolment forms before 7:30am on enrolment day. As enrolments are taken on a first in first served basis you will need to line up to submit your form.

3. **Where do we line up?**

   If you are at the centre earlier than 7:30am you will need to line up at the school entrance.

4. **When am I able to collect my enrolment form?**

   Enrolment forms are available for collection from the centre from 23 November 2015. This will allow you to complete the form prior to lining up on the day.

5. **When will I be able to leave?**

   If you have fully completed the form and have filled in the credit card payment or direct deposit slip on page 8 of the enrolment form (picture below) your form will be numbered in the order you were in the line and you will be able to leave. If you have decided to use Eftpos/cash/cheque to pay your 2 weeks in advance, then you will have to wait with your form until your payment has been processed. You will still retain the number you were in the queue.

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1. **Credit Card Payment Slip**

   **VISA or MASTERCARD** (Circle relevant one)

   Card Number: _______________ ___________ ___________ ___________

   Expiry Date: __ / __

   **CCV Number:** __ __ (3 digit number on back of card)

   Cardholder's Name: _______________________

   Amount: $__________

2. **Direct Deposit** – a copy of your direct deposit transfer must be attached.

   BSB: 062 913
   Number: 1012 3893
   Account Name: Miles Franklin Out of School Hours Care

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6. **How many places are available for children at the centre?**
   The Centre has recently increased the number of enrolments available at the centre. For 2016 there will be 99 places available each day for before and after school care.

7. **When/How will I know if I got a spot for my child/ren?**
   Parents of children who miss out on a spot will be advised on enrolment day.
   If you do not hear from us on enrolment day your spot is confirmed and enrolment confirmation letter will be sent out to you.

8. **What happens if my child/ren doesn’t get a spot?**
   If your child/ren do not get a spot at MFOSHC you will be placed on the waiting list in the order that the enrolment form was received.

9. **What can I do if I need care for my child/ren and I won’t be able to get here on enrolment day?**
   In the event you are unable to attend on enrolment day please speak to the Centre Director.

10. **What are the fees for childcare at the centre?**
    The daily rates are as follow:
    
    Before School Care (BSC):
    Permanent: $7.50
    Casual: $9.50
    
    After School Care (ASC)
    Permanent: $15.00
    Casual: $18.00

Thank you

Regards MFSOHC