



# Newsletter

# Week 1 Term 3

DATES TO REMEMBER	
Tuesday 25 July	<b>Noteworthy Concert - P (Blue &amp; Yellow Groups) – 2, 11.00am-1.45pm</b>
Wednesday 26 July	<b>Noteworthy Concert – P (Red &amp; Green Groups) – 2, 11.00am-1.45pm</b>
Thursday 27 July	<b>Electoral Education Centre-Parliament House – Year 6</b>
Thursday 27 July	<b>Preschool Subcommittee – preschool 5.30pm – 6.30pm</b>
Tuesday 1 August	<b>NAIDOC Day at Miles NAIDOC Assembly – 9.30am – 10.30am NAIDOC Art Activity – 12.00pm – 4.00pm</b>
Wednesday 2 August	<b>Oztag Girls Gala Day – Year 3-6 8.30am – 3.00pm</b>
Thursday 3 August	<b>Oztag Girls Gala Day – Year 3-6 8.30am – 3.00pm</b>

### Attachments

- Concert 2017 Mock Up**
- GKR Karate**
- NAIDOC Newsletter**

### Recent Notes Home

- Electoral Education Centre – Parliament House
- Oztag Boys & Girls Gala Day



## Message from the Principal

Welcome back

I hope you have had a chance to catch up with your children over the last fortnight! I'd also like to welcome the families who have joined us this week and look forward to supporting and extending your children over the years we will be working in partnership together. Six staff attended the recent Australian Maths Conference in Canberra and we learnt some great ideas we have started to implement.

Staffing changes

I would like to welcome Kaye Walker who is replacing Kerri Insley in the front office. Kaye has had extensive experience as a casual staff member here at Miles and we look forward to working with Kaye for the remainder of the semester! Kerri is in her final year of teacher training and will be working with Eliza Bensley in Year Four and across the school as an LSA (Learning Support Assistant) when she is not doing her training. Eliza Thompson joined us two years ago as an apprentice under the ASBA (Australian Schools Based Apprentice) scheme and we've been on and on at her (!) to continue her studies at CIT. She's finally given in to the pressure and starts her studies next week but will be back to assist nearer the holidays once her studies end and our end of year processes start. She is being replaced by Selina Riley who worked here as a casual LSA in Term One. Sam Crozier joins us as an ASBA assisting with ICT. Sam has great skills! Meg King has been working in the Education Support Office for the last year and has recently won her job. Therefore later this term we will be advertising for her long-term replacement (Kaye Walker is in her role currently). Jenni Troxell who has been covering Eliza and Jacqui on their days off with children is unable to return this term. She and her baby are fine but her doctor has ordered her to rest early in her pregnancy and so Clem van Vuuren will be covering those classes once Donna Brennan returns from overseas in Week Three until the end of term. Scarlett Conroy will be returning in Term Four from her maternity leave and will take over. Finally we farewell Natalie Cloos (Collis) who is going on maternity leave. Her support role has been advertised and we hope to have her replacement in at some point over the next few weeks. I cannot announce who it is at this stage though I'm afraid. Janice McDevitt has returned as team leader for Year 1-2 and Tony Merritt is staying on as Specialist team leader.

A big term ahead!

Working in a school is pretty relentless- outside of the school breaks we never seem to stop! Over the next few weeks we are having our ILP and IEP review meetings, Year Six excursion in week 2 NAIDOC day and Oztag in Week Three, the Wakakirri performance, IB Open Schools and the Music Festival in Week Four, Book Week in Week Six, the concerts and Father's Day stalls in Week Seven, Indigenous Literacy Day, Cricket and the start of Year Six Exhibition in Week Eight, Jump Rope for Heart and our Preschool Fun Day in Week 9 and finishing in Week Ten with our Choir and bands performing at Floriade. Phew- that's a long sentence! This list does not cover learning journeys, assemblies and the many other things that keep us busy to bring the best outcomes for your children.

Reminders for the semester (this is not an exhaustive list!)

- Please remember to read the newsletter- it has important information for you
- Please be mindful of your car park speed, where and how you park

- Please be mindful of how you approach or speak to other parents or their children, especially if it is *not* about organising a play date etc. I heard a great quote last year- communication isn't what you say, it is what the other person hears. Respectful relationships for all members in our community is a must
- Please remember your child needs to be in school uniform. Uniform can be purchased from the canteen uniform shop either new or second-hand
- If your family is experiencing financial hardship, please speak to me about uniforms, book-packs, excursions etc.
- Dogs are not allowed on school grounds while children are present. Please tie them to a tree on the school boundary if necessary
- The best toilets for parents to use in the day are those by the canteen/hall rather than those by the classrooms
- All staff are mandatory reporters- we have to do this when required
- When there is a disagreement between children I generally find the truth is somewhere between the two
- Please remember to sign in if you are going to be here for an extended period after school starts or are here before 2.30 (we understand- and encourage- parents to come early to wait for their children)
- If you have a question about your child's education, please speak to their teacher in the first instance. If you need further clarification or assistance then please speak to their Executive teacher, Nicole or myself
- If there is an emergency in the school (unlikely as it is, it can still happen) please do not come to the school. Our priority is to maintain the safety and welfare of our children and in those instances experience shows one parent coming to collect their child can raise anxiety levels in dozens more as to why their parent hasn't come

It might seem that what I have said above is not positive but I deal with a range of important issues in our school and I find gentle reminders of the above help set the tone for a harmonious community!

Hall sound system upgrade

The hall sound system will be upgraded in the first week of August ready for our concerts and the Miles Franklin Music Festival.

Chris

## Parent Teacher Interviews

Last term we held the majority of parent teacher interviews with classroom teachers. There are a few specialist teachers having their interviews with parents over the next few weeks.

If you would like to book a time to see Mr Chris Currie, our PE specialist, please contact the front office. He will be available at the following times (10 minute appointments):

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July – 3.10-4.20pm

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July – 4.00-5.00pm

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July – 3.10-4.30pm

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July – 3.10-3.40pm

## Awards

### ICAS Competition Certificates

ICAS Science and ICAS Digital Technologies certificates will be handed out at next Friday's assembly (28 July) Congratulations to everyone who participated in these national competitions run by the University of NSW.

#### ICAS SCIENCE

High Distinction: Sophie M

Distinction: Katherine M

Credit: Tammy C, Luke C, Alice F, Oscar K, Melia O, Olivia T, Brock F, Oliver P, Archie S, Lachlan B, Rachel H, Ellen R, Kailani O, Maxwell M, Makayla T

Merit: Gabriel H, Julian H, Trinity M,

Participation awards: Halle N, Mackenzie D, Alexander K, Zahra N, Nicole B, Lillian H

#### DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

High Distinction: Maxwell M

Distinction: Daniel S, Katherine M

Credit: Gabriel H, Mackenzie D, Rachel H,

Merit: Kailani O, Lillian H

Participation awards: Tammy C, Brock F, Julian H, Oscar K, Sophie M, Trinity M, Oliver P, Archie S, Olivia T, Nicole B, Alexander K, Micha P, Tyler K, Lachlan S, Makayla T

## Music Scheme News- Volunteers Needed At Our Music Festival

The annual Miles Franklin Music Festival is fast approaching! It will be held on Saturday 12 August 2017, from 8:30am until 5pm.

The Festival would not be possible without the generous help of parent volunteers. We are in need of volunteers to help out during the day in various roles (Announcers, Writers (adjudicator helpers), Front Desk to receive tickets and money and potentially supervising the food area.

If you could please spare an hour or two of your time, it would be very much appreciated. To sign up please either use the digital roster link below, sign up on the paper roster in the front office or email your interest and availability to [MFPMusicscheme@outlook.com](mailto:MFPMusicscheme@outlook.com)

<http://tinyurl.com/festivalroster>

The roster will be going up near the front office, so please keep a look out, or email your interest and availability to:

Thank You

The Miles Franklin Music Scheme Committee



**MILES FRANKLIN HOMEWORK HELPER  
NEW UNITS OF INQUIRY STARTING THIS TERM**



New units of inquiry are commencing across the school.

We would love to hear from any members of our community who could come in and assist with our units of inquiry as a guest speaker, to share some knowledge or skills, demonstrate something, show items, talk about experiences. Be creative, there are many ways to be involved and we would really appreciate hearing from you.

Please contact your child's teacher or Nicole Jagers [nicole.jagers@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:nicole.jagers@ed.act.edu.au)

**PRESCHOOL**

**NEW UNIT OF INQUIRY: How we express ourselves (term long unit)**

Central Idea: Arts are a global language we use to express ourselves and develop a sense of well being.

An inquiry into:

- Identifying, observing and describing forms of art (form)
- Different cultures and how they use the arts to communicate and express themselves (connection)
- Creating and critiquing art works (perspective, form)

**KINDER**

**NEW UNIT OF INQUIRY: HOW THE WORLD WORKS (6 week unit)**

Central Idea: Scientists ask questions and look for evidence.

An inquiry into:

- The properties of natural and artificial materials (form)
- The suitability of materials for different purposes (reflection)

## YEAR 1

### NEW UNIT OF INQUIRY: How we express ourselves (6 week unit)

Central Idea: We often react and feel differently to others, which can drive us to develop effective ways to communicate our emotions.

An inquiry into:

- Different ways of expressing how we feel, think and what we do (perspective)
- How we communicate our emotions (function)
- The consequences of our reactions (reflection)

## YEAR 2

### NEW UNIT OF INQUIRY: How we organise ourselves (6 week unit)

Central Idea: Businesses make marketing decisions when they design and produce products for economic gain.

An inquiry into:

- local, national and international businesses (function)
- persuasive devices used in marketing (change)
- how to design and produce a product for economic gain (reflection)

## YEAR 3

### UNIT OF INQUIRY: How we express ourselves (6 week unit)

*Central Idea: A storyteller uses a range of skills to elicit emotion from their audience.*

An inquiry into:

- the literacy skills that storytellers use (form)
- the dramatic skills that storytellers use (function)
- how those skills elicit emotion (connection)

## YEAR 4

### UNIT OF INQUIRY: (6 week unit)

Central Idea: Technology can transform the challenges and opportunities associated with human exploration.

An inquiry into

- Explorers and explorations from the past and their challenges. (function)
- The changes in exploration today through technological advances (change)
- The significance and impact of exploration on land and people (connection)

## YEAR 5

### UNIT OF INQUIRY: Who we are (6 week unit)

Central Idea: *An understanding of self can assist in dealing with the responsibilities and pressures of life.*

- Informed and appropriate choices make a difference in our well being (reflection)
- Using strategies to promote health, safety and well being (responsibility)
- Physical and emotional changes (change)

## YEAR 6

### UNIT OF INQUIRY: How we organise ourselves (6 week unit)

Central idea: A person's right to democracy and freedom of speech is not universal.

An inquiry into:

- Significant people and events that have brought about change (change)
- Citizenship and democratic rights (responsibility)
- International systems of law (function)

## IB Learner Profiles

**Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving IB Learner Profile certificates at the assembly on Friday 28 July 2017. Well done!**

Classes	Students		
K Agil	Charlee R	Jack G	Mason S
K Packard	Max M	Aurora W	Jesse F
K Marshall	Javier Z	Margot W	Levi G
1 Ferdinand	Mahli P Will P	Justin R	Charlie L
1 Tink-Evans	Manning W		
1 McGarity	Riley S		
2 Witherdin	Poppy S	Dean M	
2 Smyth	Taylah B	Hannah G	
2 Tanas	Charlie	Isaac	
3 Ebbage	Paige D	Oliver W	
3 Wynne	Favour O	Kara C	Blake L
4 Green	Ashlia M	Owen G	
4 Bensley	Billy H	Zoe G	
4 Davis	Mitchell M	Xander K	Sienna B
6 Zuman	Jonathan D	Hayden T	Trent M
6 Johnston	Macks P	Nancy X	Brandon H

## Front Office News

A friendly reminder to all families:- on Fridays the office can't accept cash monies after 12noon

## Canteen News

Save the date: Disco- Friday 15 September