



Newsletter

Week 7 Term 3

DATES TO REMEMBER	
Friday 6 September	MFPS School Disco – P-Yr 2 6-7.15pm Yr 3-6 7.30pm-9pm
Friday 6 September	Hoyts Belconnen & Art Gallery Yr 6
Monday 9 September	ICAS Writing
Tuesday 10 September	Author Visit from Harry Laing Yr 3-6 (books available for pre order)
Wednesday 11 September	ICAS Spelling Bee
Thursday 12 September	National Museum Kinder
Friday 13 September	Assembly (presentation of IB Learner Profile Awards and Tournament of the Minds Certificates)
Friday 13 September	Chief Minister’s Reading Challenge
Saturday 14 September	Preschool Fun Day

*Please remember to park responsibly in the surrounding streets of our school when visiting or during drop off and pick up times, ensuring you don’t block driveways etc of our local residents.

Notes Home:

MCSS Dance Showcase Yr 5

Hoyts Belconnen & Art Gallery Yr 6

National Museum Kinder

Author Visit – Harry Laing Yr3-6

IB Learner Profiles

Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving IB Learner Profile certificates at the assembly on Friday 13 September 2019.

Well done!

Classes	Students		
K Davis	Gracie B	William M	Tanisha P
K Smyth	Sienna L	Lily R	
K Stewart	Thomas H	Tori S	
1 Bourne	Marley R	Thomas W	Mika A-T
1 McGarity	Will B	Hayden L	Isobel J
1 Morris	Oscar W	Jonty S	Jessica W
2 Holland	Patrick Y	Chelsea H	
2 Packard	M. Syamil	Pravachan D	
2 Sybert	Aurora W	Ayden S	
3 Kragh	Lenny B	Emily F	Dayal SP
3 Marshall	Peter V	Thomas K	
3 White	Justin R	Hannah V	
4 Dykes	Caitlin B	Claudia M	Taylah B
4 Seymour	Cooper C	Dylan T	Kieran P
4 Witherdin	Anabella T	Bashar A	Finn S
5 Brennan	Skye J	Abby R	Sophia M
5 Carswell	Halle N	Holly P	
5 Ebbage	Lily R	Archie S	
6 Bensley	Claire K	Lacey S	Nate H
6 Maxwell	Hamish F	Daniel K	Victoria P
6 Thompson	Zoe G	Claudia T	Michael N
EAL/D Hudson	Nick C	Raj S	Johann M

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

FATHER'S DAY

On behalf of our students I wish to thank our amazing team of P&C school volunteers for coordinating the Father's Day stall last Friday. I hope all of our fathers, grandfathers and significant other males involved in caring for our students had a wonderful day on Sunday!

CELEBRATIONS!

It certainly has been a busy few weeks full of great achievements to celebrate in the newsletter! It is fantastic to see so many of our students taking up the opportunity to be involved in extra-curricular activities at the school, to develop team work skills while having fun and making new friends. You will also notice below that all of these extra activities could not happen without the amazing dedication of our Miles Franklin staff.

BELCONNEN REGIONAL ATHLETICS

On a cold and windy day, 43 students represented Miles Franklin PS at the Belconnen Regional Athletics Carnival held at the AIS on Monday. There were some great performances from team members with a number of top-3 placings across a range of events. Eight students qualified for the ACT Track and Field Championships to be held on Tuesday next week at the AIS. A highlight of the day was Nick P setting a new Belconnen record in the boys 8-10 years shot put with 8.18m.

ACT Championships Qualifiers

Liam R – Boys 9 years 70m

Jack E – Boys 8-10 years Shot Put

Nick P – Boys 8-10 years Shot Put

Julien M– Boys 11 years Discus

Claudia T – Girls 11 years 100m & 200m

Ella V-D-H– Girls 12 years 800m & Long Jump

Sienna B– Girls 12 years 800m, 200m & 100m

Hamish F – Boys 11 years Shot Put

Thank you to Mr Vitek for organising the team and Mr Maron, Ms Marshall and Steph Loveday for supporting the students at the AIS on one of the coldest days of winter this season!

Basketball

Miles Franklin had year 3/4 boys (Jamie Pearlman Cup) and year 3/4 girls (Sue Geh Cup) teams play at the Belconnen Basketball Stadium on 31 July and 6 August. Both teams competed in the spirit of the sport, with some wins, losses and draws. It was a fantastic effort by the students, as both teams had players who hadn't played before. Thank you to Ms Bourne and Ms Scholfield for coaching our teams.

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SCIENCE CHALLENGE

Year 6 students Liam, Nate, Hamish and Milana represented Miles Franklin at the Governor General's Science Challenge on 16 August at Government House in Yarralumla. Working as a team prior to the event, our budding scientists were challenged to build and test replicas of the lunar landing module to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the moon landing. The task involved building a landing module that could support a water balloon dropped from a height without breaking and landing in a designated zone. Congratulations to these students on representing our school and showing off their great problem-solving skills to the Canberra community! Thanks also to Mrs Maxwell for supporting the students during lunch times to build their prototypes and attending on the day to cheer on each landing attempt!

TOURNAMENT OF MINDS

After six weeks of preparation during lunch times and after school, Miles Franklin students competed in the 2019 Tournament of Minds Regional event on Saturday at Campbell High School. TOMs is a problem solving program for students in primary and secondary school.

There were 6 Miles Franklin teams, 3 Arts, 2 STEM and 1 Social Sciences. They did not get into the next stage but had lovely comments from the judges and were flexible and dealt with any issues as they arose.

Certificates for all participants will be handed out at the next assembly in Week 8.

Thank you to Louise Dykes, Ellanie McNamara, Scarlett Conroy, Sarah Ebbage, Eliza Bensley and Kate Sybert for being team facilitators this year and giving up their time after school to supervise teams this term and Mrs Sofatzis for volunteering her time over the weekend to be an official TOMs judge and a huge congratulations to Mrs Bensley for coordinating the whole ACT event on behalf of TOMs.

OZ TAG FINALS

After being postponed due to bad weather in week 3, Miles Franklin PS had 10 teams competing at the Northside OzTag gala day on a glorious Friday in week 4. After a long days competition which saw some tremendous play and great improvement along the way, a number of teams made the quarter-finals and semi-finals. The year 3/4 boys and 5/6 girls both made the grand finals and competed strongly. Although not coming away with the win, all players should be very proud of their performance. They also qualified for the North v South OzTag Challenge where the top two northside teams faced off against the top two from down south on Monday this week. The year 5/6 girls came third overall in the ACT and the year 3/4 boys battled their way to second overall in a great performance.

To take this many students to a carnival takes a big team effort also from our staff! Thank you to Mr White, Mr Holland, Joe Singleton-Thorn, Steph Loveday, Wendy Pero, Mrs Dykes, Mrs Brennan, Ms Kragh, Miss Seymour, Mrs Bensley, Mr Vitek and Mrs Carswell for giving up your time to support our teams (I hope I haven't missed anyone!).

ROSTRUM

Congratulations to Sophie M for reaching the ACT Rostrum grand final, held at the University of Canberra this week. Making her way through her class, year level, school, Belconnen final and then through to the top 8 speakers in Canberra for 2019 is an amazing achievement! As the youngest finalist this year (all other competitors were in Years 5 and 6) she did herself and the school proud, speaking on the topic of Adapting to Change and taking on the persona of Siri!

Congratulations, Sophie!

Thank you to Ms Witherdin and Mr Merritt for attending events to support Sophie.



WAKAKIRRI

Our large crew of Wakakirri performers from Years 3-6 won their way through to the ACT Story Dance Final held at the Canberra Theatre on Tuesday evening. Presenting a creative adaptation of the story, Where the Wild Things Are, the Miles Waka team were awarded the 'Spirit of Wakakirri Award' on the evening. A special thank you must go to the Waka staff team of Mrs Beit, Mrs Sybert, Miss McGarity and Miss Smyth for giving up their lunch times, after school and weekends for months, along with the swathe of parent volunteers who assisted with costumes and make up.





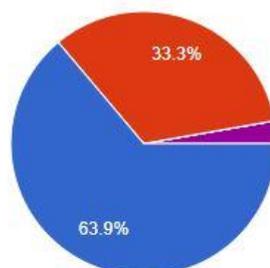
PYP EVALUATION VISIT- WEEK 9

Coming up in Week 9 this term we welcome two experienced IB school visit team members to Miles Franklin to review our progress as an IB World School. The visitors will be in the school for three days talking to staff, students and parents along with visiting classrooms to see the PYP in action. It is business as usual over these days, our students are involved in a high-quality inquiry program led by our dedicated team of teachers every day of the year! We look forward to sharing our practices and also receiving feedback on areas for ongoing growth the visitors may identify.

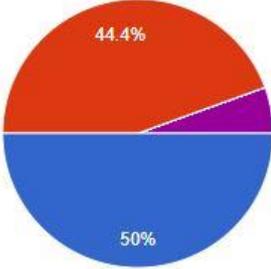
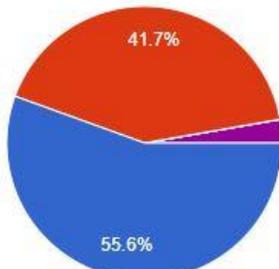
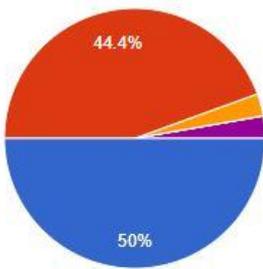
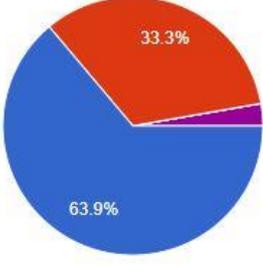
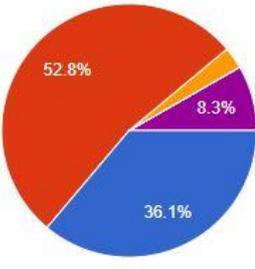
Earlier this term we asked for parent feedback on IB Standard A: Philosophy. Thank you to parents who provided us valuable feedback to inform our self-study reflection process.

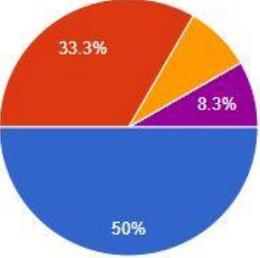
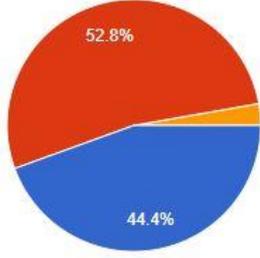
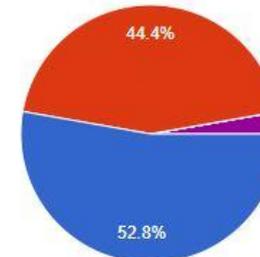
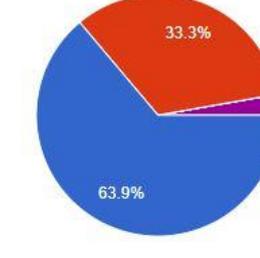
RESULTS OF SURVEY:

The 10 attributes of the Learner Profile (inquirers, knowledgeable, thinkers, communicators, principled, open-minded, caring, risk-takers, balanced and reflective) help children become responsible members of local, national and global communities



- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- Unsure

<p><i>The school leadership team and staff demonstrate understanding of the PYP.</i></p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strongly Agree ● Agree ● Disagree ● Strongly Disagree ● Unsure
<p><i>International mindedness and global understanding are promoted in the school and with your children.</i></p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strongly Agree ● Agree ● Disagree ● Strongly Disagree ● Unsure
<p><i>The school promotes open communication based on understanding and respect.</i></p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strongly Agree ● Agree ● Disagree ● Strongly Disagree ● Unsure
<p><i>Miles Franklin is committed to an inquiry-based approach to teaching and learning that promotes inquiry and the development of critical-thinking skills.</i></p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strongly Agree ● Agree ● Disagree ● Strongly Disagree ● Unsure
<p><i>The school places an importance on language learning, including English, a home language other than English, and other languages</i></p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strongly Agree ● Agree ● Disagree ● Strongly Disagree ● Unsure

<p><i>The PYP is inclusive for all children across the school.</i></p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strongly Agree ● Agree ● Disagree ● Strongly Disagree ● Unsure
<p><i>The school promotes students to take responsible action in response to their learning within and beyond the school community.</i></p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strongly Agree ● Agree ● Disagree ● Strongly Disagree ● Unsure
<p><i>Children are assessed on the five PYP approaches to learning (communication, research, self-management, social and thinking skills). These PYP skills are valuable for the growth of your child/ren as a lifelong learner.</i></p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strongly Agree ● Agree ● Disagree ● Strongly Disagree ● Unsure
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We are seeking a small group of parents representing families from across P-6 to meet with the IB visit team in Week 9 to talk out the implementation of the PYP at Miles Franklin. If you are interested, please let me know.

Nicole Jagers

Acting Principal

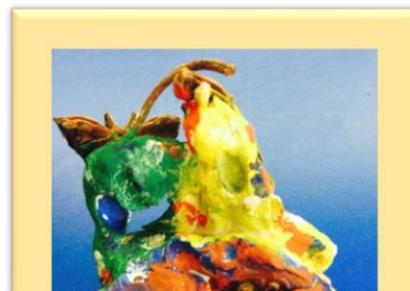
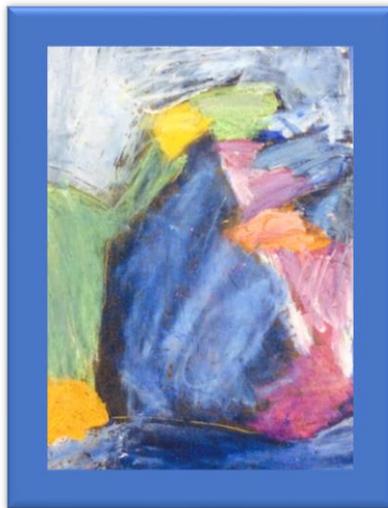
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Art Update

News from the Art Studio

Celebrating Creativity!

Congratulations to our wonderful Miles Franklin artists who participated in the recent Limelight Exhibition at the ANU School of Art Gallery. The Limelight Exhibition is a wonderful showcase of creativity featuring children from Preschool to Year 12.



The artworks on this page were created by our participants at the Limelight Exhibition:

- Year 1- Kaleb S
- Year 2- Will G
- Year 2- William V
- Year 3- Ruby E
- Year 3- Ayla S
- Year 3- Kara M

INVITATION TO BE A YEAR 6 PYP EXHIBITION COMMUNITY MENTOR!

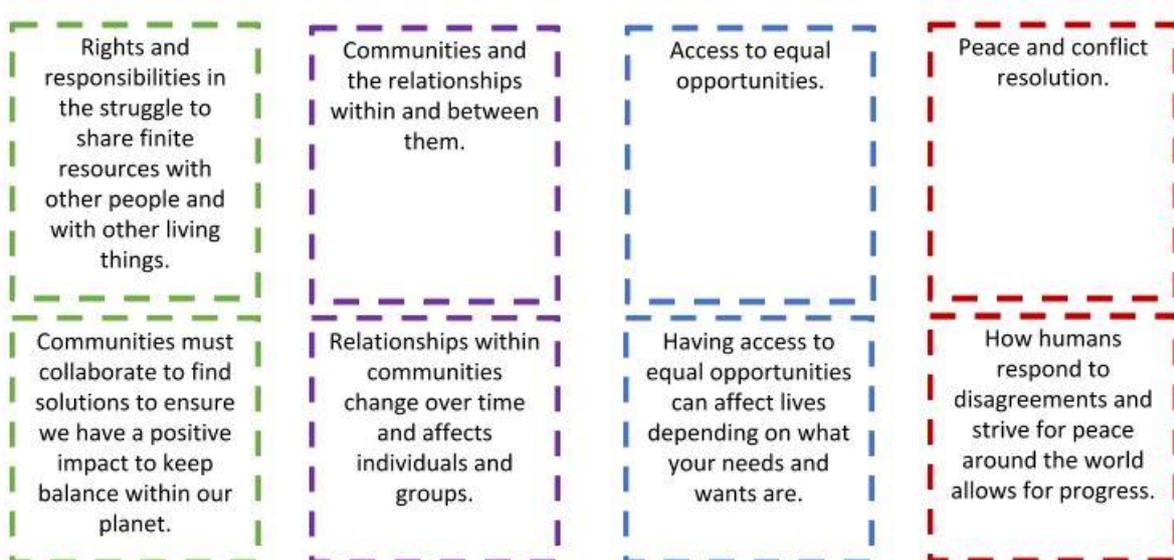
This week our Year 6 cohort commenced their student driven PYP Exhibition process.

Exhibition is a collaborative inquiry that begins with students identifying a real world issue or problem that they can relate to our local situation in order to take action.

The 2019 transdisciplinary theme chosen by our students is **SHARING THE PLANET**

An overarching Exhibition big idea of **HOPE** emerged from student thinking around the question
'What type of world do you want to inherit?'

As our Year 6 students embark on independent research, we would love to hear from members of our community who are interested in supporting our students with these lines of inquiry:



The mentoring commitment is flexible and could include supporting an individual student or small group of students or if you're brave, talking to the wider Year 6 cohort about one of these areas!

Mentoring could be a one off visit to talk to an individual or group or could involve weekly visits over the next six weeks to support a student or group. We are open to whatever time our community members can give. Talking to a real person is much more valuable than talking to Google!



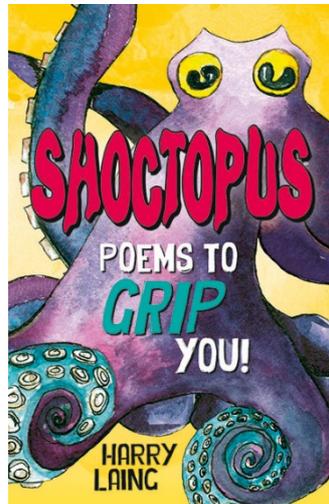
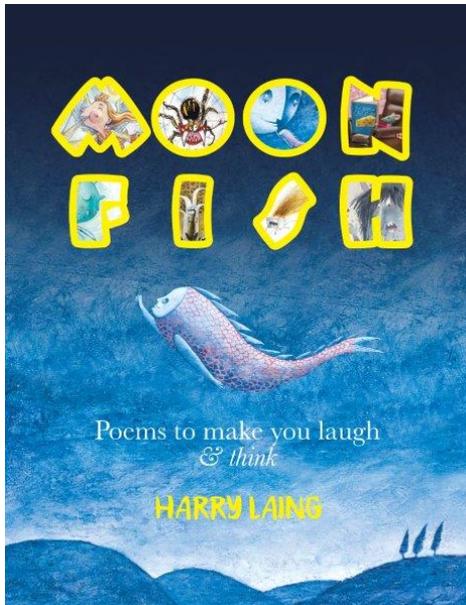
If you are interested, please contact

Sylvia Headon via email
sylvia.headon@ed.act.edu.au

**and she can help match you up with a student
or group.**

We look forward to hearing from you!

Harry Laing Book Order Form



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