Newsletter Week 7 Term 3

DATES TO REMEMBER	
Tuesday 2 - Thursday 3 September	Miles Franklin Art Show
Friday 4 September	Father's Day Stall
Monday 7 September	Yr 6 Combined Band Rehearsal
Thursday 16 September (new Date)	Yr 5 Combined Band Rehearsal
Monday 17 September	Harmony Day

Lost property is mounting again on the shelf in the front foyer of the school and will be disposed of by Monday 8 September if not claimed. Please come and check if you have lost something or alternatively ask your children to check the shelf for any lost items before they have gone.

Notes home

Fathers Day Stall

Art Show

Yrs 5 & 6 Combined Band Rehearsal

Yr 5 Band Payment

Yr 5 2021 shirts

Yr 3 & 4 Camp Birrigai - Expressions of interest

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hats reminder

As in all schools I'm aware of, if a child doesn't have a hat they have to sit in designated shade areas. These are under the verandas of Kindergarten, Purple, Yellow and Blue Tunnels and the veranda outside MFOSHC.

Father's Day stalls

A huge thank-you to Leesa and Rachel (and the volunteers they have been able to muster!) who have organised the Father's Day Stalls this week - it has been a huge effort and the outcome will be amazing. Please remember to give your child a little bit of money (presents range from $1 to $5) on Friday morning for this (and then check their bag when they get home please!).

Students Excelling

Congratulations to Will M in Year 6 for being a finalist in a local golf tournament (Will is an ACT golf representative) and winning the match. Will is looking forward to a hopeful career as a golfer when he is older - keep an eye out for his name!

Canberra Basket Brigade

Earlier in the year, many parents wanted to support local families who might be struggling with the upheavals of Coronavirus. Our school has supported the local Canberra Basket Brigade for many years - we help fundraise, decorate the 'baskets' and provide the space for the packing day. As a school, we will continue to support them again this year. However, due to COVID restrictions this year, their ability to fundraise for the baskets has been challenging although the need remains as strong as ever, if not more so. Please see the link below if you would like to assist:
https://www.magicmoments.org.au/basket-brigades/canberra-bb/?program=BB&BB=C

Toys at school

I would like to remind parents to only allow one toy to come into school and only for the purpose of reassurance if your child needs it. We've become aware of bags of toys coming in, swaps and arguments between children over the ownership of the toy and naturally want to stop this from occurring. Toys for reassurance should be small enough to fit in their hand, have little to no intrinsic value, soundless and not distracting to others (that is partly the toy, partly the child admittedly). The only other item would be a ball to play with at lunchtime/recess although the school does have these which are leant out.

Car Park

Thank you to all drivers who have heeded the advice about parking and driving through at a safe speed. If I continue to step out in front of you, that's my little reminder that you are going too fast. The alternative are legal powers I, and the Executive, have which mean you would not be able to even drive on to school grounds if I were to use them… Could you also remind grandparents of this please? Staff should be treated with respect when all they are doing is their job in keeping children safe.

Art Show

I would like to thank all the parents and grandparents who have attended the Art Show this year - celebrating the wonderful art of your children has been amazing to see! Things have been a little different to previous years but this reconfirms our commitment to 'normalise' the year as much as possible. My view is that, within reason and the guidelines we have, children did not bring coronavirus so why should they suffer where adults can find a solution? It is a little more work but we are here for the children! The staff who have organised the Art Show (Janice McDevitt, Jess Clarke and Jo Wallace) as well as everybody across the school who helped set it up are also owed a debt of gratitude for the hours put into this. Your children should be bringing their artwork home on Friday.

School Assistants appreciation morning tea

A huge thanks to the P&C for organising a School Assistants appreciation morning tea on Monday - it was huge and delicious in equal measure! Our staff felt very honoured and humbled by the generosity and messages of thanks we received.

Strawberries reminder

On the days your children have Madame M for French, can you please not give them strawberries to eat for fruit break. Madame M has anaphylactic reactions to strawberries which puts her life in danger - your support with this is greatly appreciated.

Access to school

Thank you again for observing our social distancing requirements and maintaining the bubble. As those of you who have come through the Art Show know, we've ticketed the event so we can manage the number of parents in the hall at any one time and be able to support any contact tracing should it become necessary. Restrictions across the school have not changed though - parents are to remain on grassed areas when dropping off or collecting children, Preschool parents are to remain on the playground side of the line and there are one-way restrictions around by Mark's shed depending on morning or afternoon. I still have children and staff who are in the vulnerable category and they are relying on us all to maintain the observance of these restrictions.

Chris

IB Learner Profiles

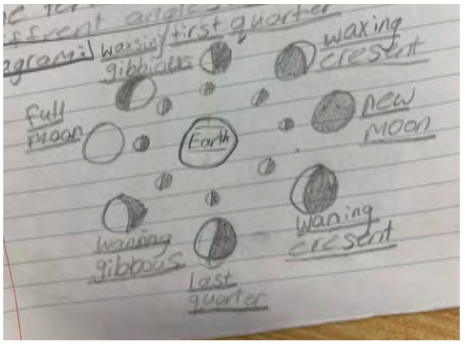
Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving IB Learner Profile certificates on Friday 11 September 2020. Well done!

Classes	Students		
K Davis	Elsa H	Matthew M	Pippa J
K McGarity	Helena P	Selina L	Sophie M
K Stewart	Emil O	Sienna G	
1 Bourne	Tanisha P	Thomas H	Sarthak D
1 Packard	Jeanelle F	Sebastian S	Asher L
1 Prunster	Lily B	Toby M	Xavier A
2 Holland	Aston EF	Tily L	Salam Q
2 McGruer	Ava N	Suvi O	Mika A
2 Morris	Jayden K	Teoman D	Myka D
3 Marshall	Saket D	Jesse F	
3 Nuttall	Sebastian R	Nadia A	
3 Bullock	Bailey K	Tanisha G	Sam F
4 Brennan	Liam P	Annie B	Uzair S
4 Fletcher	Lilliana Y	Ashton S	Brooklyn F
4 Malusa	Liv H	Kara M	Riley S
5 Dorsett	Kaede B	Abi P	Hannah G
5 Dykes	Kieran P	Charlie S	Anabella T
5 Sybert	Olivia T	Zoe O	Dakota B
6 Sweeney	Jordan H	Rubin F	Lilly C
6 Kragh	Ren B	Kaitlyn E	Jordon B
6 Maxwell	Selena E P	Jayden K	Jasmine N
EALD Hudson	Livi C	Bashar A	Saket D

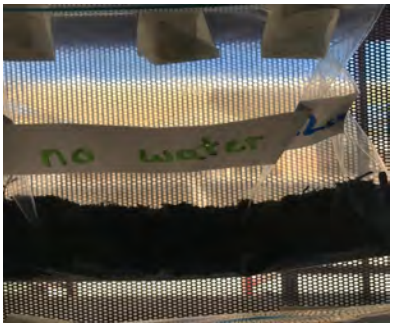
YEAR 5 NEWS

Over the last few weeks Year 5 have been extra curious about the world around them. We have been looking at incredible philosophers and mathematicians of the past who helped shape our understanding of the Earth and its place in the universe. Any Year 5 student should be able to argue with the “flat earthers” out there and prove that our earth is in fact round. Check out these images that helped along their explanations.

You might like to take them stargazing too! They could name you some constellations and let you know what phase of the moon you are looking at!



Next we brought all of that big thinking back home and observed how the laws of the universe affect us in our everyday life. We were blown away by the speed of light, the way we look under water and how light helps us not only see, but grow too. We are currently observing plants with different variables and following their growth.



YEAR 6 NEWS

Year 6 are currently working on our *Where we are in place and time* unit of inquiry while also starting Exhibition three times a week. Our students have been working on researching their issues and are looking for experts they can email as a primary resource in relation to their issues. We have listed below the focus for each of our students and would appreciate any support our parent community could provide. For example, if you are an expert in one of these areas or know someone who is or if you have personal experience in relation to one of the issues please email Year 6:

eliza.sweeney@ed.act.edu.au;mette.kragh@ed.act.edu.au,
amanda.maxwell@ed.act.edu.au;sylvia.headon@ed.act.edu.au

POWER WITHIN RELATIONSHIPS	FAIRNESS in the way people are treated in society	EQUALITY of opportunity and treatment for women
RIGHTS OF ANIMALS	ACCEPTANCE of others regardless of their differences	The CHOICES humans make about the welfare of animals
CHOICES WITHIN SOCIETY	EQUALITY within relationships	The CONNECTION between animals and the environment
EQUALITY WITHIN RELATIONSHIPS	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of the way/s people are and should be treated in society	CAUSE and EFFECT of conflict
HOW WE ACT AS HUMANS WITH ANIMALS AND CHILDREN	How CONSERVATION can be promoted to minimise the effects of mass manufacturing on the environment	The earth is everyone's RESPONSIBILITY
HUMANS USE OF RESOURCES	RESPECT in relationships	The IMPACT natural disasters have on people and other living things
THE IMPACT OF POLLUTION ON OUR WATERWAYS	AWARENESS of the effects of mass production on people and the environment	Everyone should have the same RIGHTS
THE AFFECTS ON A PANDEMIC ON SOCIETY	AWARENESS of racism towards Asians being normalised and how to reduce/prevent it	How humans RESPECT animals
FAIRNESS WITH GENDER REPRESENTATION	Looking for connections between past civilisations	How IDENTITY connects with gender equality
RIGHTS OF ANIMALS	How equality or the lack of equality can positively or negatively affect people's IDENTITY	The IMPACT racism has on humanity
HOW DIFFERENT PEOPLE ARE TREATED BECAUSE OF AGE, RACE OR GENDER	The importance of DIGNITY for all people regardless of where they are from	How humans should be treating each other with FAIRNESS
THE RESPONSIBILITY OF	The importance of INTEGRITY	The IMPACT biological and

HUMANS TO PROTECT ANIMALS	(honesty and strong moral principles) in government	chemical warfare have on people and the environment
OPPORTUNITIES BEING DIFFERENT DEPENDING ON WHERE YOU ARE FROM	EQUALITY of opportunity for women	Everyone should be treated EQUALLY
HOW COMMUNICATION CAN HELP HAVE POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS	PRESERVATION of natural environments	EQUALITY within humankind
THE CAUSES OF CONFLICT	SAFETY for all individuals within the communities they belong to	The EVOLUTION of humans and technology
THE IMPACT OF MOTHER NATURE ON HUMANS	REGENERATION of natural environments	How humans misuse POWER over animals
EVOLUTION OF TECHNOLOGY AND ITS IMPACT ON THE WAY WE LIVE	ACCEPTANCE of all people regardless of their differences	EQUALITY within humanity
HOW INDIVIDUALS CAN AFFECT A COMMUNITY	FAIRNESS for all children with a focus on child workers in particular	EQUALITY within society
HOW HUMANS IMPACT THE WORLD	The importance of OBJECTIVITY in the media and how lack of it can affect people	How humans gain and search for POWER
THE RIGHTS OF HUMANS AROUND THE WORLD	TRANSFORMATION of natural environments as a result of human actions and how we can reduce/prevent it	Everyone should have equal RIGHTS
HUMAN STRENGTH WHEN OVERCOMING ISSUES	Reducing and preventing the IMPACT of human actions on the environment	The search for EQUALITY by humans
EQUALITY IN ALL PARTS OF SOCIETY	Improving people's WELLBEING to reduce the mental and physical effects of illness with a focus on technological advances in particular	How people's ACTIONS affect animals
RIGHTS OF PEOPLE AND ANIMALS	The IMPACT of COVID-19 on people and the different ways people have responded	The earth is everyone's RESPONSIBILITY
RESPONSIBILITIES WE HAVE AS HUMANS TOWARDS OTHER LIVING THINGS	OPPORTUNITY being different depending on factors with a focus on gender in particular	The IMPACT of human exploration
JUSTICE WITHIN RELATIONSHIPS		The RIGHTS that first nations people have over land.
FAIRNESS WITHIN SOCIETY		

FATHER'S DAY STALL COMING SOON!

The stalls for Father's day will be held on Friday 4 September in the hall. The stalls are a fun way for the kids to get something great for dad and raise money for the P&C at the same time!

We can always use volunteers to help on the day of the stalls and we would love to have you there – the smaller children especially need your help deciding what to buy. Volunteers are very welcome anytime on 4 September between 8.45am and 1.00pm (even for 30 mins). Please email leesa.chris@bigpond.com or post on the school's facebook page to let us know that you can help out. Or just come down to the school hall on Friday morning after kids have gone into class to help us make a great stall for the kids!

Thanks!
Leesa and Rachel

CANTEEN & UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Thanks to everyone for providing some amazing treats on Monday to show the wonderful support teachers and support staff at Miles, just how much we all appreciate what they do.

Canteen – This Friday (4/9/20) we will have special items for purchase over the counter which include:

Choc chip cookies $1

Jelly & custard cups $1

Chocolate squares $1

Cupcakes $1

Chocolate crackles 50c

We are organising a special Lunch for week 10 so watch this space.

Uniforms

Order forms for 2021 Year 6 shirts went out on Monday & we have orders coming in already. If you are unsure of what size to order, please feel free to pop into the canteen between 8.30-9 weekdays so you can have a look at samples. These shirts are a little smaller than our usual uniform shirts and I am concerned that the shirts being ordered will not fit the children next year

when they come in. Once the order is placed, I have no way of swapping sizes sorry.

2020 Year 6 T-Shirts – We do have a few extra T-Shirts available in size 12 if anyone was wanting to purchase another for $30. If you are interested, please either contact the front office or email mfpcanteen@gmail.com

HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day will be held on **Thursday 17 September**. We will be having a Harmony Day assembly and parade starting at 9:10 am on the blacktop. A reminder that children can come to school dressed in a costume from another country or they can wear a piece of orange coloured clothing and may bring a small flag from their country of origin. Students may bring a multicultural sweet of savoury snack to share with their classmates at the 10:45am lunch break. All foods will need to be nut-free and not require refrigeration. See flyer attached to this Newsletter.

Parent/Carers Free Assistive Technology Webinar

Literacy Accessibility Tool

Boost reading and writing confidence

Read & Write for Google Chrome (RW4G)

Join us for the Webinar Introduction to Read & Write for Google Chrome

Tuesday 20th October 2020 3.30pm

Read & Write for Google Chrome (RW4G) offers support for Google Docs and the web and is especially beneficial for students with ***literacy needs***. It offers a range of powerful support tools to assist students to gain confidence with reading, writing, studying and research. RW4G is available free for all students in ACT public schools. Students can access the tool online at school and home, with the licence extended for the next three years.

This one-hour webinar will provide an introduction to how Read&Write can:

1. Support reading and access to the curriculum.
2. Support readers with text to speech, dictionary and vocabulary tools, study tools, annotation tools and more.
3. Support writing and the ability to demonstrate understanding.
4. Support writers via word prediction, voice notes, speech recognition, vocabulary support, research skills and more.

Webinar Registration

Click on link to register: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6266222728869005328

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

NOTE: If you are unable to attend, please still register to gain access to the recorded live webinar

Videos on the program

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvSZbmGbKpCTkk3S93CXtQWNf50f_Ow3D&disable_polymer=true

https://www.texthelp.com/en-au/products/read-write/read-write-for-google/

Further information contact michelle.vanpuyvelde@act.gov.au

artkids

Term 4 after-school workshops - Miles Franklin PS, Wednesday 3-5 pm

School Holiday Program

Monday 28 Sept - Fri 2 Oct held Turner Baptist Hall. Drawing, painting, collage, sculpting, clay, textiles.
Book online now - places fill fast!

NEW! Process art classes for 3-5 year olds, at Turner Baptist hall, 9.30 - 10.30 am

artTots

Book online NOW www.artkidscanberra.com
admin@artkidscanberra.com
More details call Robyn on 0405 014 180

Bandits Baseball Club

REGISTRATIONS OPENING SOON

T-Ball and Baseball

Ages 4 and up

Junior, Women's and Senior (Open) Teams

Come and Try Day – 13 September

11am-2pm at Aranda playing fields

See website for details – all welcome!

www.actbandits.com.au
contact@actbandits.com.au
www.facebook.com/ACTBanditsBaseball

Thursday 17th September

Harmony Day and

National Day Against Bullying

On **Thursday the 17th of September** we will be having some special events at school to celebrate Harmony Day and to observe the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence.

Children can come to school dressed up in a *costume from another country* or they can wear a piece of **orange** coloured clothing. Parents do not need to purchase elaborate costumes. Children may like to bring a small flag from their country of origin.

At **9.10 am,** children will attend a special Harmony Day Assembly on the blacktop. The assembly will finish with a parade where the children will be able to walk along the path that goes around the Junior Play equipment and back to the big portable to display their multicultural costumes. Parents are welcome to stay and watch the assembly and the parade but will need to stay on the grassed areas in front of the small portable and behind the play equipment and observe social distancing requirements for adults.

On Harmony Day, children are invited to bring a plate of food to share with their classmates at the lunch break. Students may bring a multicultural sweet or savoury snack. Cakes, biscuits, breads, crackers, sweets or fruits will work well. These will be served to children by staff.

All foods will need to be nut-free and not require refrigeration. Please note, we are unable to heat up food.

Jenny Hudson

THE FATHER'S DAY STALL

Lots of great gifts for Dad, Grandad or anyone special!

Tuesday 1st Sept

Preschool (Mon–Tue)

&

Friday 4th September

Preschool (Thu–Fri) and K–6

A parent roster is available at the front office. Please put your name down if you'd like to join us!

Gifts priced from $1–$5

TO LEARN HOW TO PLAY, GO TO

TOUCHFOOTBALL.COM.AU/BEGINNERS-HUB

NRL TOUCH FOOTBALL

YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN TAKING PART IN TOUCH FOOTBALL AT SCHOOL

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT THEM JOINING A TOUCH FOOTY TEAM?

WHY PLAY TOUCH FOOTBALL?

- Boys and girls can play together
- Family-friendly – Mum & Dad can play too
- Suits busy lifestyles – games are just 45 mins
- Easy to learn
- Great for fitness
- Fun, social environment
- Low injury risk
- Low cost

MORE INFO ABOUT TOUCH FOOTBALL IN YOUR AREA

Comp near you: Harrison, Amaroo & Deakin

Contact: Kim Wilmshurst

Juniors season timing: 26/10/20 - 4/3/21

Juniors days/times: Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs

Find out more via **www.touchfootball.com.au/act**
or by emailing **kim.wilmshurst@touchfootball.com.au**

Western District Junior Cricket Club

REGISTER NOW to play Junior Cricket this summer with Wests.

If you are a boy or girl aged 5–16 we have a team for you.

Parents – Cricket doesn't take as long as you may think!

Junior Blaster (5–7 year olds) – 1 hour session

Master Blaster (7–10 year olds) – 1.5 hour game

Junior Competition (10–16 year olds) – 2–3 hour game

To register, or find out more, go to playcricket.com.au and search for 'Western District Junior Cricket Club', or go to www.westsjuniors.act.cricket.com.au

At Wests we are committed to developing our players, developing a passion for the game and having fun in a friendly and positive community environment.