# Newsletter

## Week 2 Term 4

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Attachments

- Fete Flyer and Lego entry form
- Preschool Fun Day flyer
- Music Scheme Flyer

Message from the Principal

Thank you to all the volunteers and helpers at the Miles Franklin Brilliant Writer’s Assembly and Market Day last Friday. It was an amazing day, beautiful weather and we raised just over $2000 to help pay for pop-up shade shelters for each house group. Particularly special thanks to our judges (Narelle Hargreaves, Katie Taylor and Mercy Woodman) and to Simon Richards, our P&C President, for handing out the certificates and prizes.

Preschool Accreditation
This week our preschool team have been showing off their excellent work to the accreditation team. We will get a preliminary report in a few weeks’ time and then have the chance to provide further evidence if necessary. We will let you know the outcome of this process as soon as we know.

IB Verification
Next week we have our IB verification (it’s a big week between this newsletter and the next!!) on Monday and Tuesday and look forward to welcoming our second set of visitors within a week. Whilst I don’t speculate on the outcome of either of these two events, I know our staff could not be working harder at the moment to fine-tune our evidence to ensure everything is there and readily accessible. I am proud and honoured to be working with such fabulous people! We hope to know the outcome somewhere in Week Nine or Ten and will obviously let you know as soon as possible.

Fete Flower sale
A huge ‘Thanks’ to the volunteers who sold the plants last Friday and this Tuesday- it was wonderful to see so many plants being sold before the Fete has even started!

Students Excelling
It is wonderful to know how well our children are achieving not just in school but beyond it too! Recently in the ACT French Poetry Speaking Competition two of our children were finalists. Melia O won the Kindergarten category and Gwyneth D came second in the Year Five category!

Classes for 2016 reminder
Please remember if you have a specific classing request for next year 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. Requests need to be in by Friday 30th October please.

Chris
Living the PYP @ Miles Franklin

A key practice that all PYP schools need to model is that: *The school community demonstrates an understanding of the, and commitment to, the Primary Years Programme (PYP)*. These weekly newsletter articles are written to inform and involve the school community in our journey at Miles Franklin towards authorisation as an International Baccalaureate World School.

**This week’s focus: Miles Franklin PYP Verification Visit is next week!**

After two years of commitment as a PYP candidate school, the Miles Franklin Primary School community is looking forward to our upcoming IB Verification Visit by the International Baccalaureate on Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th October 2015 (next week!). The visit will verify our school’s claim that we have taken all the necessary actions and are prepared to become an IB World School.

The IB visiting team will consist of two IB PYP practitioners that have been selected by the IB organisation to visit Miles Franklin. The visiting team members are experienced IB PYP teachers and leaders from Melbourne and Hong Kong.

During the 2 day visit, the role of the IB visiting team is:

- To gather evidence showing that the school has met all the requirements for authorization.
- To have informal dialogue with teachers, students, administrators and other staff members who are involved in implementing the PYP.
- To observe all classes - Preschool to Year 6 and specialist teaching subjects.
- To tour the school facilities, emphasising the areas that will support the implementation of the program.
- To access and view teaching programs, school displays, presentations and student work samples.
- To identify practices that are beyond the requirements and those whose further development will contribute to the effective implementation of the program.

The aim of the visit is not to appraise or assess individual teachers or school administrators. The visiting team will have meetings with different members of the school community (members of the governing body, leadership team, IB coordinator, IB teachers, students and parents), will visit the school facilities and will observe classes.

The IB visiting team members will then write and submit a comprehensive report to the IB Asia Pacific head office in Singapore that accurately depicts the findings of their visit to our school.
If the Director General of IB Asia Pacific considers that our application meets IB requirements and that there are no matters to be addressed, authorisation to teach the IB PYP program will be granted. A letter of authorisation from the Director General will be sent from the head office of the IB to the school, around 6-8 weeks after the Verification Visit.

We are very proud of the collective efforts of our whole school community over the past 2 years in order to reach this significant milestone on our journey to become an IB World School. We look forward to welcoming the IB visiting team members next week and sharing all of the in depth inquiry learning that is occurring in our school.

If you would like any information on the PYP, please see the documents in the PYP folder in the school’s drop box. Alternatively there is a range of brochures regarding the PYP available for our community in the school foyer (under the TV screen) that you are welcome to collect and take home to read and discover more about the program.

Save the date: Term 4 PYP Community Information Session

Date: Thursday 26 November 2015 (Week 7)

Time: 5.30-6.30pm

Location: School Library

Topic: IB Moving Forward at Miles Franklin and PYP Question and Answer session

Presenters: Miles Franklin Leadership Team

Please join us as we present our PYP Action Plan for 2016 and beyond to the school community. The session will conclude with an open forum Q&A regarding any questions you have about the PYP framework at Miles Franklin that you have been waiting to ask!

Nicole Jaggers
IB PYP Coordinator
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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 your 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_CSqHzHm8M/edit?usp=sharing

*Link to the Letter for Parents:*
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cFz_bPWLiJNH0i0uWpee_idsjc1byFvrPPd6VFpqBETs/edit?usp=sharing

Thank you,
Emily Ashcroft
ICT Executive
Go to file; make a copy – Medical Form for Excursion

This form is intended to be used for any medical emergency involving a student participating in outdoor adventure activities. A copy of this form must be kept with the students at all times. The Directorate of Health and Safety collecting the information and treatments for students. The information provided to the medical staff of the school and to medical staff during the excursion is personal information as defined in the Privacy Act 1988. This information is only used for the stated requirement of the Privacy Act 1988. It is not used for any other purpose.

**Personal Details**

- **Student’s Name:**
- **School:**
- **Parent/Carer:**
- **Address:**
- **Contact Telephone No:**
- **Business Hours:**
- **Other Contact for Emergency:**
- **Name of Student’s Doctor:**
- **Medicare No:**

Please fill in the above details and return to the school office.
PE & Sport

ACT 12 years and under Athletics Carnival

The ACT Athletics Carnival was held on Tuesday 15 September. Ten students from Miles Franklin qualified and all who took part competed admirably. The results are as follows:
Sarah W – 11th 800m
Ainie W – 11th 800m, 19th Shot put
Owen H – 1st Shot put, 2nd Discus
Trystan F – 2nd Discus
Hayden T – 2nd 800m, 8th Long jump, 3rd 200m
Ella V – 6th 70m, 5th 100m
Brayden W – 9th 70m
Lilyana O – 10th 100m
Caprice B – 6th 100m
Laila W – 18th Discus

Congratulations. Those students who earned ribbons for finishing in the top 3 places will have these presented at the Week 2 assembly. Extra congratulations to Trystan F, Owen H and Hayden T who were selected in the ACT team to compete at the Australian Championships later this term.
Chris Currie

Commission Accounts

Volunteer needed URGENTLY to maintain our Commission Accounts:

Rebel Sport
Athletes Foot
Stuck on you labels
Aussie Farmers Direct
EZ book covers
Quickbeds

It is a very easy job.

7 weeks until all accounts are DEACTIVATED

We still have $600 to spend at Rebel Sport.

Please contact Sara via ringosuffolk@gmail.com for details.
Calling all Cooks and Chefs!!
Soon we will need your delicious cake stall donations.

What can you do to help? Make a cake, cupcakes, biscuits, a slice, fudge, chocolate crackles, honey joys, brownies or any other sweet treats (no fresh cream). Gluten free options too.
Bring your donations to the canteen on Friday 13 November or directly to the cake stall on fete day. More details to follow.

Contact Jenny 0439 982 279

Our BBQ pledge – No one walks away hungry!

The BBQ needs YOU!!

No one likes waiting ages for dinner, especially kids. Banish long lines and help us feed the crowds. Add your name to the roster now.

Go to the school Dropbox or Ctrl click link
https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B3gALpMcJ3l1cGVGc1ZwanUzZ1E&usp=sharing

Click Pop out button to access.
If BBQ isn’t your thing all the other stalls need help, so take your pick! The more people that help means everyone has a chance to enjoy the fete.

Things to do now:
Collect books, toys and kids clothes Jolly Jars Lego entry

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

98 to go!
Collection at the front office.
Sauce and drinks also required.

3 weeks to go!!
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
Kings Swim School Macgregor
The Tradies
Calling all Master Builders!

If you would like to take part in the fete’s Lego Display, here is everything you need to know:

- Use your creative skills and imagination to come up with an original Lego design.
- Your creation must fit in a shoebox (or similar sized box/container)
- One entry per person.
- The entry form below must be completed in full and returned to the Miles Franklin Primary School front office with your $2.00 entry fee in an envelope marked ‘Lego Display’ by Friday 6 November.
- Bring your Lego creation to the Year 6 classroom between 1 pm and 3.30 pm on Fete day – Saturday 14 November.
- Collect your entry after 7.00 pm on fete day. We do not have storage space for uncollected entries.

Awesome prizes up for grabs!

Lego Display Entry Form

Name: ........................................................................................................................................................................

Class: ........................................................................................................ Phone: ........................................................................................................

Category:  [ ] Preschool – Year 2  [ ] Year 3 – 6  [ ] Year 7 – 10  
[ ] Open (for the Big Kids! Certificates only in this section)

[ ] I have enclosed my $2 entry fee.
[ ] I understand my entry must be labelled with my name and contact details.

Please note: We will take all care possible, but can’t be responsible for lost, stolen or broken models.
MILES FRANKLIN
PRE
SCHOOL SPOOKY
FUN DAY

Saturday October 31st
10am – 1pm
Dress up in your favourite outfit for a day of spooky fun

Petting Zoo, Jumping Castle, Face Painting, Entertainment, Food, Treasure Hunt, Craft, Cake Stall, Wagonga Coffee, Obstacle-a-thon, Fundraising

A community day and fundraising event for the 2015 and 2016 preschool children and families
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 this Friday 23 October. 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 this Friday 23 October. 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.