



Newsletter

Week 10 Term 4

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 18 December	Collection Date for Medications kept at School Last Day of School
Friday 29 January	Meet the Teachers 8:30-10:30
Monday 1 February	PreSchool (Blue & Yellow) and Kinder First Day of School
Tuesday 2 February	Yr 1-6 First Day of School
Thursday 4 February	PreSchool (Red & Green) First Day of School

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

2020

It has been another wonderful year! I know there have been some challenges (a bit of an understatement I know!) but for most of the year our children have been working productively and their skills and understanding have improved unabated. We have tried to make the year as 'normal' as possible for the children as they haven't caused these problems; we therefore didn't want them to suffer because of them. Thank you for everything you do! You, our parents, are amazing and we truly love working with your children. You have been incredibly supportive of us across the course of the year and we genuinely appreciate everything you do!

Staffing

There have been some developments over the last week. Karen Wilson, our new Deputy, has been asked by the Directorate to remain at Latham Primary for Term One next year. This has resulted in Sylvia Headon moving into the acting Deputy position and us needing to advertise for a temporary Executive Teacher. I am hoping this process can be completed before we commence 2021. We have decided Leah Lehtsalu will be better placed in Year Five and have appointed Cherie Geddes on to Year Three. Cherie is an experienced teacher from who has been living in Canberra for the last couple of years and also has IB experience. There may still be changes to staffing going into next year, but we will do everything possible to limit any disruptions.

Generosity

Thank you for your cards and gifts that you are sending in to the staff. On behalf of everyone we are deeply humbled by this and feel privileged to be working with such a supportive parent community!

Year Six

It is with a tear in our eye that we farewell our Year Sixes this week. Without question they have had an excellent education and are ready for High School and any challenges that may arise. When I came to Miles your children were not even in any school! I would like to thank and acknowledge all of the hard work across the year, and especially in the last couple of weeks, of the many staff who have helped and supported these end of year events for Year Six such as the graduation, dinner disco and French breakfast. To all of our families who are farewelling the school community now that their youngest is leaving I would like to thank you for all your help and support over the last ten years- I have enjoyed every minute with them (yes, even those difficult moments- that's part of the job and I love my job!).

Talent Show

Talent show letters came out this week for children who have consistently come to our practises and have repeatedly demonstrated they have a rehearsed act. The Talent Show is on Friday at 12.00pm and we will be filming this and putting it in our Dropbox. In this assembly we will be recognising Morgan Holland, Emma Bourne and Robyn Marshall who were nominated for Public Education Awards and thanking our staff who are moving on to new opportunities (Nicole, Janice, Brett, Cynthia, Gen and Selina) and those who are going temporarily (Michelle, Emma R, Kate and Jo).

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Our 'Meet the teacher' session is from 8.30am to 10.30am on Friday 29th January where if you come in or call the front office on 6142 2770 we can tell you your child's class teacher and location. Our first day for Kindergarten and Preschool Blue and Yellow groups are Monday 1st and all children from Year One to Year Six will meet on the blacktop ready for 9.00am on Tuesday 2nd February with their teachers. The Red and Green Preschool groups will start on Thursday 4th February. Unless you hear otherwise, our expectation is for parents to be back on school grounds fully from the start of next year, maintain social distancing of course.

Thank you once again for entrusting us with your child's education. It is an important responsibility and one we take seriously. It is an honour to be the Principal of our wonderful school, working with gorgeous children, amazing staff and supportive parents. I am incredibly proud and look forward to another exciting year ahead in our IB World School. On behalf of the staff at Miles Franklin I would like to wish you all a happy Christmas, a joyful New Year and a better 2021!

Canberra Basket Brigade

On Saturday the school opened up the hall to help the Canberra Basket Brigade pack the Christmas 'basket's for families in need. It was wonderful to see: we had many families helping and the staff of MFOSHC were also there to help. We also received many wonderful donations from families of packaged goods to supplement what the Basket Brigade had already acquired. 359 baskets were packed and delivered which is an amazing effort. Many thanks to all those in the community who came and helped!

Preschool Concert and Music Scheme Christmas Concert

Over the last week it has been wonderful to see, and hear, the amazing talent we have in the school. Our Preschool children showed off their artistic talents last week and this week we've had our children who are in the Music Scheme show theirs. I have the utmost admiration and gratitude to our Preschool staff, along with all staff, for the work they do with our youngest children. I am also in awe of our music tutors and how they have supported our children over many years to be the wonderful musicians they are now!

Students Excelling

It was amazing to learn that Peter, one of our Australian School Based Apprentices, won the Vocational Studies Award at Melba Copland College earlier this week! It was also lovely to see Trinity in Year Six be acknowledged for her fundraising efforts for the Woodlands and Wetlands Trust as she has been baking and selling cookies to support conservation at Mulligans Flat. Well done to both and everyone who has supported them in their efforts.

Friday afternoon arrangements

At approximately 2.40 on Friday afternoon, the children will come out of their classes to the blacktop area to acknowledge and thank the Year Six children. They will do an 'honour parade' where the Year Sixes will walk through and be clapped by the younger children. At 3.00pm, everyone will be dismissed from this area. Again, thank you for your support, have a lovely Christmas break, a wonderful New Year and I will see you in 2021!

Chris