



Newsletter

Week 6 Term 1

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 12 March	Year 2 Assembly - Year 2 Assembly Week 6 Term 1
Monday 15 March	Nutrition Magician - Blue & Yellow Preschool
Tuesday 16 March	French Film Year 3 & 4
Wednesday 17 March	French Film Year 5 & 6
Wednesday 17 March	SSACT Zone Swimming - Selected Students
Thursday 18 March	Harmony Day Celebration
Friday 19 March	Nutrition Magician - Red & Green Group Preschool
Friday 19 March	Swimming Ribbons handed to students
Friday 19 March	Ride2School Day
Friday 26 March	Year 1 Assembly - Virtual link will be provided
Friday 26 March	MFPS Cross Country
Monday 29 March	Escape to Plastika Year 2
Monday 29 to 31 March	Camp Cooba Year 5 & 6

Notes home

Nutrition Magician - **Due 12 March**

Seesaw Notes K - 6 - **Due 19 March**

Year 2 Escape to Plastika - **Due 26 March**

Medical Notes - **Please update medical notes and medication with Front Office**

2021 MFPS Swimming Carnival Results

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the MFPS Swimming Carnival on 26 February. We witnessed good effort and performance in the races, as well as great support from students in the stands. A big thank you to all the staff and especially all the parent helpers and volunteers. A successful swimming carnival is not possible without you.

Please see a list of all ribbon winners from our 2021 Swimming Carnival. Ribbons will be presented on Friday 19 March - special assembly and the winning house will be announced and presented with the shield.

Eleanor B - 3MB	Kaede B - 6EA
Kendra G - 5LD	Jack G - 4EB
William H-F - 4SF	Oscar K - 6EA
Eva L - 6MK	Jack L - 2LM
Layla M - 5LD	Victoria P - 6DB
Ahren P - 5PD	Nicolas P - 6MK
Sofia P - 5PD	Melia O - 6EA
Kaisei D - 6MK	Soraya S - 4MH
Elijah S - 5LL	Freya S - 4MH
Patrick Y - 4EB	Oliver S - 4EB
Dev S - 6DB	Charlotte P - 4MH
Enid W - 6MK	Ryan E - 3CG
Lily P- 3MB	Josie W - 5LD
Kara M - 5LL	Tammy C - 6EA
Lucas M - 5LD	Katie C - 6EA
Jaxon T - 3AN	Jarra M - 4SF
Kara H - 5PD	Alex D - 5PD
Sophie M - 6EA	Luka K - 4SF
Jack E - 6MK	Kiran V - 5PD
Terry C - 3AN	Nadia A - 4EB
Cooper C - 6EA	Cameron F - 4MH

Myka D - 3AN	Leo K - 6MK
Olivia T - 6MK	Jarvis W - 3MB
Lilly S - 5LD	William J - 5LD
Jariah K - 6EA	Jake M - 5PD
Nora O - 6DB	Liv H - 5PD

Support for students affected by community discussion on sexual harassment and assault

Over the last few weeks, there has been extensive media and political coverage as well as discussions in the community about sexual harassment and sexual assault. The ACT Education Directorate recognises that this can be a distressing and uncomfortable subject for some of our students.

Our school is committed to providing a safe, inclusive and supportive learning environment for our students. Bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault have no place in our schools and broader community.

Students impacted by any of these issues can access support through their Student Wellbeing team and/or school psychologist.

There are also ACT Government and community organisations that provide support outside of school hours. You can find a full list of services on the [ACT Education Directorate website](#).

Services include:

- Lifeline Australia: [13 11 14 Lifeline crisis support chat](#)
- Beyond Blue: [1300 224 636 Beyond Blue online chat](#)
- [Youth Beyond Blue](#)
- Suicide Call Back Service: [1300 659 467 Suicide Call Back Service online chat and video chat counselling](#)
- Kids Helpline: [1800 551 800 Kids Helpline WebChat counselling](#)
- MensLine Australia: [1300 78 99 78](#)
- Canberra Health Services Access Mental Health: [1800 629 354](#) or [02 6205 1065](#)
- [1800 Respect](#)
- [Canberra Rape Crisis Centre](#)

Bikelinc

Is your bike registered with Bikelinc?

Many bikes stolen in the ACT are not returned to their owners as they cannot be accurately identified. It is your responsibility to prove to police that you own a recovered bike.

You can use [Bikelinc](#) to keep information in one convenient online platform, which police can check to reunite you with your bike:

- Record your bike's serial number
- Take a photo of the bike
- Keep a description of your bike including any markings or characteristics that make your bike easily identifiable.

Bikelinc is a joint initiative with Crime Stoppers ACT and is safe, secure and confidential. The searchable online database allows anyone to check if a bike is registered as safe, lost or stolen.

Visit <https://bikelinc.com.au/> to register now!



Thursday 18th March

Harmony Day and

National Day Against Bullying

On Thursday the 18th of March 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 display their multicultural costumes.

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, Jacqui Green & Amy Malusa

The Harmony Day Team

NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

Friday 19 March 2021



Miles Franklin will be participating in National Ride2School Day again this year.

Please mark this day on your calendar and consider participating in this year's initiative.

Participating students will be greeted and congratulated upon arrival at school with small tokens of appreciation from the Ride2School program.

It is hoped that the experience encourages more students to ride, walk or scooter to school on a regular basis.

If you have any questions about the day please email Michele Davis -

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