Newsletter Week 3 Term 4

DATES TO REMEMBER	
Friday 1 November	Magellan Showcase
Wednesday 6 November	Combined Band Practice Yr 5 9am-12pm
Thursday 7 November	PYP Exhibition Parent Session Yr 6 5.15pm family BBQ 6-7.30pm Presentation
Friday 8 November	Assembly Yr 5
Tuesday 12 & Thursday 14 November	Bus Wash Preschool
Friday 15 November	Jump Rope for Heart
Saturday 16 November	MFPS Twilight Fete
Monday 18 November	Bandstrav Rehearsal Excursion Yr 6

Notes Home:

Act smart Eco Bus Tour Green Team

Combined Band Practice Yr 5

IB PYP Well Being Study Yr 5

MCSS Dance Rehearsal

Bus Wash Preschool

Bandstrav Rehearsal Yr 6

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Fete

The Fete is just over 2 weeks away (Saturday 16th November from 3.00-7.00pm)! Please keep an eye out in the newsletter and fete flyers for more information on the fete and to be able to volunteer- it often only takes an hour of your time and when everyone does that it supports the other volunteers and makes a massive difference to the school. We are fundraising to provide a shaded area and seating outside small portable as these are the only classes in the school that do not have this. Last year we said we thought this will be a two-year project so all support is gratefully received, and fingers crossed we can develop something ready for early next year! A huge thanks to Carissa for her coordination of this and another huge thanks also to Matt, Kim, Alison, Selina and Lai Ping for coordinating the bulb and plant sale!

Exhibition

I would like to give a special congratulation to our Year Six children who have worked so hard over the last six weeks on Exhibition. Next week they will be presenting on Thursday 7th November at 6pm with their families or you are welcome to any of our 'rehearsal sessions' on Wednesday 6th November at 2pm or Thursday 7th November at either 9.30am and 12pm.

World Teacher Day

A huge thank you to the P&C and parents for the wonderful afternoon tea last Friday for World Teacher's Day. It was a great celebration and we were humbled by the generosity of others - this recognition was beautiful, and we are very honoured to be part of our wonderful community.

Classes for 2020 reminder- please respond by Monday 4th November

Following on from our Week One newsletter, as with previous years, we will not be seeking parental or student requests for friendship groups for our 2020 classes. This is due to the administrative burden placed on staff but please rest assured their current teacher and Executive will ensure there is a friend with your child in their class. However, if you have a specific request beyond this please email it to me at chris.jones@ed.act.edu.au only under the subject heading '2020 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, Robyn or Selina in the front office and they will email me on your behalf. Please don't tell the class teacher or assume it will be noted if you do not email me: this is our one central point where we check for requests.

Children excelling

After a nationwide audition tour, Saebra in Year Six has been offered a place at the Australian Ballet School International/Interstate Training Program for 2020. She has also been accepted into the full-time dance program at the Dance Development Centre

in Canberra, where she will undertake distance education and full-time dance studies. Congratulations Saebra and good luck with your dance studies next year!

3/4 Camp to Birrigai

We waved our Year Three and Four off to camp on Wednesday and welcome them back on Friday. This is an amazing opportunity for them to experience time away from home and loved ones and gain a greater understanding of our local environment and take them out of their comfort zone as they climb high on ropes! This year we have had the largest group go on camp (127, breaking last year's previous record). I am so proud of our staff who have meticulously prepared for all needs and are prepared and willing to leave their comfy beds and loved ones to provide this opportunity for your children. Just a quick reminder if you are a parent of a Year Three or Four child - please thank them when they arrive back. It makes all the difference!

Chris

IB Learner Profiles

Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving IB Learner Profile certificates at the assembly on Friday 8 November 2019.

Well done!

Classes	Students		
K Davis	Darcy K	Zach S	Connor L
K Smyth	Flynn M	Kira S	
K Stewart	Ava R	Jasmine P	Benjamin H
1 Bourne	Jaxon T	Alexandra E	Zoe D
1 McGarity	Joshua R	Lucy H	Bradley D
1 Morris	Amelia H	Nuri N	Max W
2 Holland	Billy V	Aenea S	
2 Packard	Amelia A	Oliver G	
2 Sybert	Maddie P	Samantha B	
3 Kragh	Andrew Q	Jesse K	
3 Marshall	Thomas K		
3 White	Elijah S	Ruby E	
4 Dykes	Maya W	Dean M	Leo K
4 Seymour	Latoya G-W	Alice F	
4 Witherdin	Hannah G	Isaac P	Emilee E
5 Brennan	Eden M	Kaleb S	Sam M
5 Dorsett	Aurora F	William M	
5 Ebbage	Amelia Y	Darcy M	
6 Bensley	Amelie	Noah	Anton
6 Maxwell	Lucy F	Cinzia P	Oliver W
EALD Hudson	Jana A	Syamil M	Abdullah I

WRITING AT MILES

Last week we celebrated Miles Franklin Day and recognised the great writing happening from our Preschool students with their transcribed pieces through to our detailed pieces from Year 6. We are really proud of the writing achievements of each of our students.

This week we shared with other schools in our IB PYP network the amazing work our teachers do here at Miles. Sylvia Headon, Georgina Sofatzis and Megan Beit presented to teachers from other IB schools in Canberra our work around writing and spelling. We are really excited to be able to share with others the amazing work all our staff are doing at our school.

In the classroom students are continuing to work towards their writing goals and develop pieces of writing linked to their inquiry units. To support this at home you can talk to your child about their goals and what writing they are working on at the moment. If you are looking for other ways to foster the love of writing at home having paper and pencils easily available for children to create pieces of writing, books, poems, letters or lists creates opportunities for them to practice their writing at home.

LIBRARY NEWS

OVERDUE BOOKS

Please encourage your children to find their overdue books as soon as possible and return them to the library. If your children have damaged or lost their library books, please see Vicki in the library.

Safe parking behaviours in and around our school particularly during drop off and pick up times and also during our upcoming school fete.

Unsafe driving and parking behaviours increase the potential road safety risk for children around schools. Road safety is a shared responsibility, it is important the road rules are followed near our school to ensure the entire school community feels safe.

Please remember children are more at risk than adults around schools because they are smaller and less visible to drivers. They are also less predictable and less experienced, which makes them more likely to make errors of judgement.

Failing to follow simple road rules like parking on the verge, in no stopping zones, in bus stops, near children's crossings, on footpaths or across driveways increases the risk to children around schools. Please do the right thing to create a safe environment around our school.

EDUCATION DIRECTORATE NEWS

Positive Behaviours for Learning

Many parents and carers will have heard about a program called Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) and wondered what it involves. PBL is a framework that schools use to get everyone – students, staff, families and the school community - on the same page to create a safe and supportive learning environment for all students. As part of the Program, schools create clear expectations and rules using positive language, for example "walk" instead of "don't run". This is done for all areas across the school and everyone involved in the school community. Students and families are involved in this decision-making process. Schools are supported in implementing PBL by an external PBL Coach and Senior Psychologist from the Education Directorate. To find out more, visit the Positive Behaviours for Learning section of the Education Directorate website

Resources for promoting safety at school and online

We all have the right to be treated with fairness and dignity. We all have the right to learn and work in a safe, respectful and supportive school environment that values diversity - an environment free from bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence. This includes at school, in the community and online.

The Education Directorate website provides information and resources to help families. It includes links to useful websites such as the eSafety Commissioner who provides strategies for families around online safety and the Student Wellbeing Hub and Bullying No Way websites that provide useful information for parents and young people. To find out more, visit the Safe and Supportive Schools section and the Being Safe Online section of the Education Directorate website.

Safe and Supportive School Contact Officers

We are committed to building a diverse and inclusive learning environment that benefits all our students. As part of this our school has two members of staff, one female and one male, who support and respond to students who may be experiencing bullying, racial or sexual harassment. They have undertaken specific training for this important role. They frequently remind students that they are available to help them with any concerns. If you would like to know more about the range of approaches, we take to ensure our school is safe and supportive of all students, please talk to your child's teacher or the principal.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART - FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2019

This year Miles Franklin students will again be participating in Jump Rope for Heart.

Jump Rope for Heart is a fun and challenging skipping program that encourages a positive attitude towards exercise and heart health. It also helps the Heart Foundation raise funds and save lives.

Students received sponsorship forms towards the end of last term and are encouraged to collect donations until Friday 15th November (end of week 5). The sponsorship forms outline information about some of the great prizes to thank participants for their fundraising efforts. Collecting sponsorships is **not** at all compulsory.

Sponsorship is simply asking your family and friends to donate to the Heart Foundation in support of heart research and programs. There are two ways of seeking donations:

1. Students can fundraise by email, using a heart foundation online fundraising account. To register your children for online fundraising or for more information, go to www.heartfoundation.org.au/jumpropeforheart and follow three simple steps to create a secure online account and start fundraising (Parent /Guardian permission will be required).

2. Students can fundraise using the traditional Heart Foundation Sponsorship form. Using these forms children will ask for cash donations from family and friends. The Heart Foundation firmly request that children do not go door to door or ask strangers for donations. We are asking that money raised is returned to the school on Friday 15th November 2019.

This year Miles Franklin's 'Jump Off' is scheduled for **Friday 15th November 2019**, as follows:

9:10am to 10:00am - Kindergarten and Year 1

10:00am to 11:00am - Years 2, 3 and half of Year 4

12:00pm to 1:00pm - Years 5, 6 and half of Year 4

Parents and families are welcome to attend the big 'jump off'. If you have any questions or queries, please contact the Jump Rope co-ordinator.

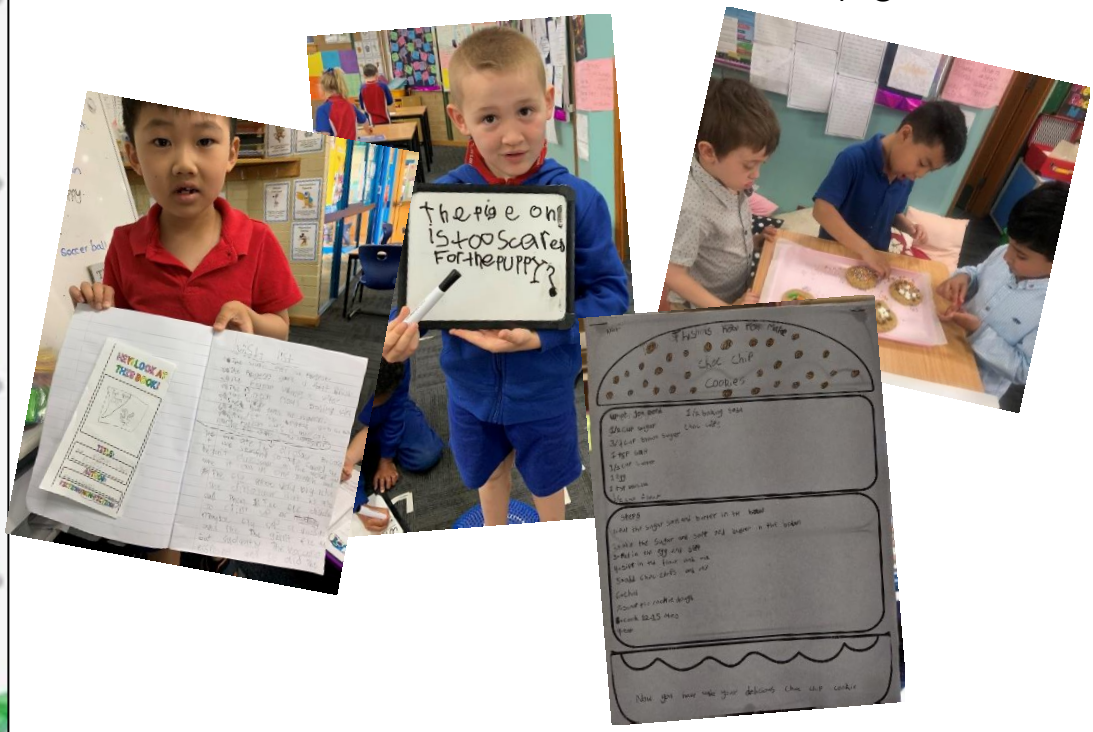
Kate Smyth

Jump Rope For Heart Co-ordinator

Year 1

In Year 1 we have been doing book studies as part of our literacy morning. We complete activities focusing on reading strategies, writing, spelling and vocabulary. Each book is finished with an innovation which is always lots of fun. Last term we read Aaron Blaby's 'Pig the Pug' series.

This term we have moved onto Mo Willems' pigeon series.

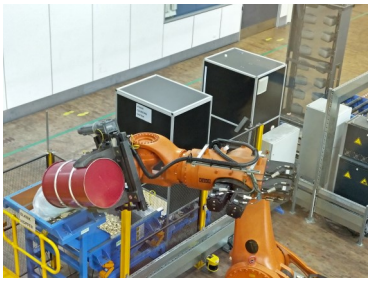


Thank you to all the parents who attended our learning journey last week.

We loved celebrating our learning with you.

Year 2 News

Term four has started with a splash! During the first week back we went on an excursion to the Royal Australian Mint as part of our inquiry into *How we organise ourselves*. We learned about how money is designed and created. Year 2 even got to see some robots at work!

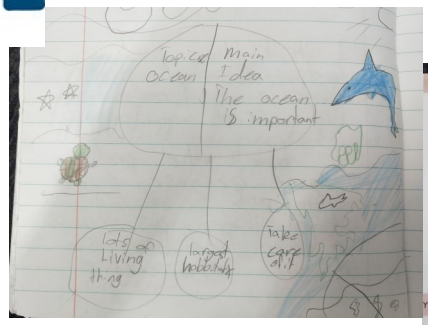


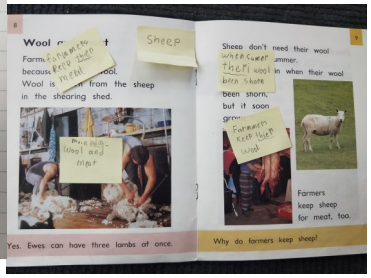
In week two we learned how to be safe near water by having swimming lessons at the pool. Children particularly enjoyed learning how to safely get on and off a boat.

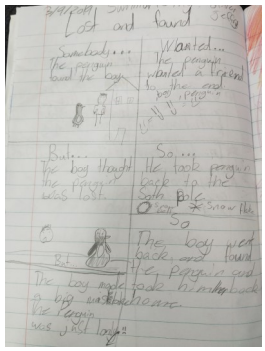
ACT Government Education and Training

Royal Life Saving

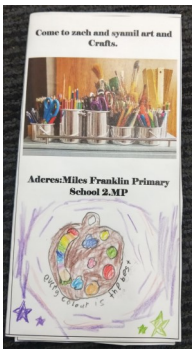
AQUASAFE Water Safety & Awareness Program

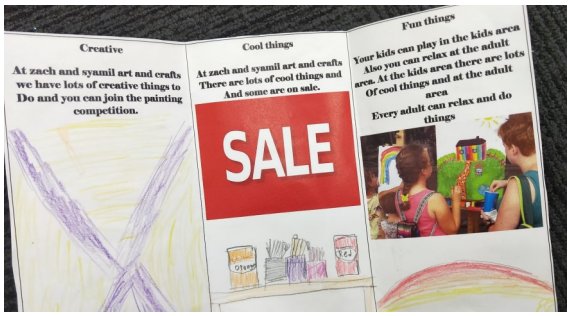


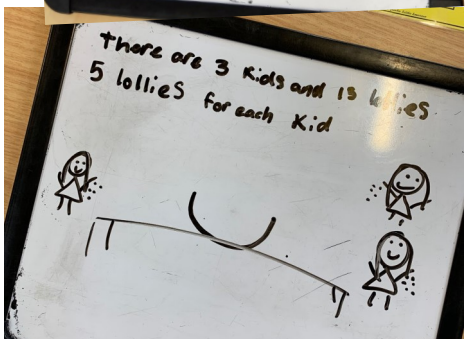




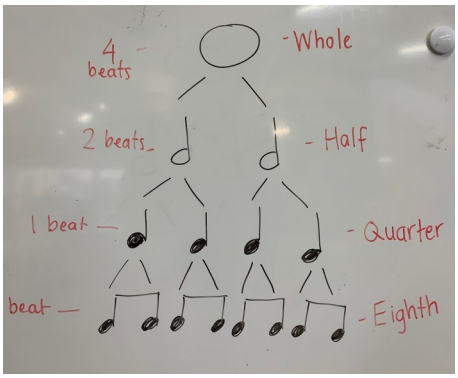
In literacy we have been focused on writing persuasive arguments to convince others to make choices. We have also been making inferences about fiction and nonfiction books to help with our comprehension.

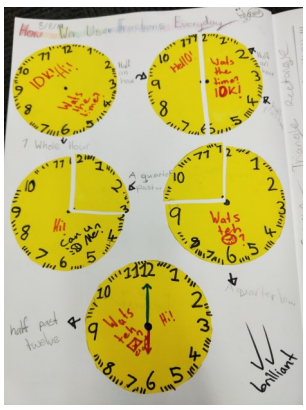






In Maths Year Two have been focusing on how humans divide objects and groups to organise daily tasks. We have done this by exploring clocks, music and money as well as through authentic number problems.





The Fete won't happen without you!

We need Stall holders for:

Chocolate Toss

&

Sno Cones

Both stalls are easy to run, and fun on the day. We can give you all you need, or you can jump in and make it your own. Call or email now 0416 929 622 or mfpsfete@hotmail.com

The Fete Roster is in the front office, in Kindy or online in the Drop Box in the P&C folder.

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