



Newsletter

Week 5 Term 3

DATES TO REMEMBER	
Thursday 12 August	Year 6 Exhibition - Parent Information Evening - Postponed
Tuesday 17 - Thursday 19 August	Concert Week - Postponed
Friday 20 August	Belconnen Regional Athletics Selected Students
Friday 20 August	Year 2 Assembly - Link to be provided
Monday 23 August	Year 6 Excursion - Questacon and the National Gallery/National Museum
Tuesday 24 August	Wiradjuri Echoes Preschool Incursion Blue & Yellow
Thursday 26 August	Wiradjuri Echoes Preschool Incursion Green & Red
Friday 27 August	Book Week Parade
Tuesday 31 August	Fathers Day Stall - Yellow and Blue Preschool
Friday 3 September	Fathers Day Stall -K - 6 & Red and Green Preschool
Wednesday 8 September	Great Book Swap

Notes sent home:

Wiradjuri Echoes - Preschool

Questacon , National Gallery/Museum - Year 6

Updated information regarding COVID will be sent separately

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

School Surveys

Next week the Education Directorate will email you with a code for the annual school survey. This is all managed centrally now- gone are the days when we would give you a paper copy to fill in whilst you sat waiting for the concert performance to begin! If you could complete this, that would be wonderful.

We also ask that you complete a very short survey which is helping us define our next school plan. As you are probably aware, we had our 5-year school review last term and so are developing our next school plan. An area we are wanting to develop is a graduate profile of our children as they leave Miles Franklin. Therefore, we have developed a very quick survey asking you, our children and staff what you think is important for that profile. It asks for 3-6 words or phrases that you would like to see in your children as they graduate from Miles and an optional space below to let us know the reasons behind your choices. Children will complete the survey in class. The link to the parent survey is here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdFBqelP_pBfKsLf6ZN-3bBxpA43I9ZB535SCUO8XX3bBx-Ww/viewform?usp=sf_link

Hats

Now that we are in August, it's a requirement under Sun Smart procedures that all children wear hats when outside for play and PE. Please make sure your child has their hat (and a spare at home too please!) as children will need to sit under the verandas if they do not.

Exhibition

In Week 7, two weeks from now, our Year Six children will begin their Exhibition journey. We have many 'experts' who are coming in to speak with the children to assist them with this. This is a major feature of our children's education: whilst it is challenging, it also sets children up for the rigours of high school. We look forward to our Year Sixes having a strong sense of agency in their learning over the next couple of months and seeing their final outcomes in early November.

School Assistants appreciation morning tea

In Week 8 the P&C are organising a School Assistants appreciation morning tea to thank and celebrate our wonderful non-teaching staff. More information on this will also be coming out to you in the Week 7 newsletter.

IB Learner Profiles

Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving IB Learner Profile certificates on Friday 20 August. Well done!

Classes	Students		
K Mathewson	Brian F	Bella B	
K Morris	Vedansh C	Cameron B	Leni R
K Stewart	Eve S	Mae P	Eric O
1 Birch	Lucas S	Sophie M	
1 Prunster	Amelie P	Toby S	Neve C
1 Marshall	Matilda P	Eli B	
2 Witherdin	Xavier A	Mark K	Tori S
2 Roberts	Lily W	Nick C	Harlow W
2 Hepple	Maggie H	Jack L	Connor L
3 Geddes	Sienna B	Tia G	Annabelle Y
3 Bullock	Bradley D	Valli M	Joshua R
3 Nuttall	Aston E - F	Terry C	Jessica W
4 Fletcher	Ella M	Jarrah M	
4 Holland	Sama Q	Ziggy R	Hannah J
4 Kuzma	Margot W	Oliver S	
5 Dykes	Soraya C	Cody M	
5 Lehtsalu	Jakob K	Ruby E	
5 Dorsett	Sarah S	Mahli P	Kara H
6 Brennan	Dev S	Nora O	Sal F
6 Kragh	Emilee E	Kaisei D	Enid W
6 Aston	Callum S	Melanie M	Alice F
EALD Hudson	Salam Q	Jakob O	Javier Z

Year 1

How is it already Term 3? It feels like only yesterday we were starting Year 1. We are so proud of how much everyone has grown and learned this year. We are looking forward to watching more and more growth as we move through the second half of the year.

We started the term with our assembly celebrating the different cultures and perspectives we know about, moving on to writing information reports about celebrations that are important to us. We had some awesome expert speakers come and share their experiences about how our communities change over time, what it is like to live in different countries and stories and words from other languages. Thank you to all family members who are sharing their time in different ways.

Excitement is now building around our concert piece, the opportunity to explore different ways of communicating in How we express ourselves and finding out How the world works through different exciting activities to inspire our imaginations. Last week students observed and participated in some experiments shared by the lovely Grumpy and their teachers. Many asked for the recipe for Non-Newtonian Fluid (shhh - it's just water and cornflour).



How are they feeling right now? What makes you think that? What sort of person are they? Were you right about that character? These are some of the questions we have been asking while looking at characters in books and how they interact with each other. The children of Miss Greer's Year 2 class were definitely some favourites. We have continued our literacy groups with new books, new activities and lots of progress.

Our numeracy inquiries are focused on time, money, direction and number skills. Coins from around the world, time in its many forms - clocks, watches, calendars, seasons, treasure maps and how can I tell my friend which way to go to find the X that marks the spot, these are the things that make us think and learn so many new skills.

Our Social Emotional Learning focus is currently relationships, equipping the students to build and maintain safe respectful relationships with their peers.

Year 2

Year 2 have been inquiring into Where we are in place and time. We have looked into literature exploring landmarks. They have been working on reading strategies to build their comprehension and research skills. In writing, they are focusing on creating an information poster about a landmark that is significant to them. We are trying to add more landmarks from North and South America, Africa and Asia to add to our Year 2 World Map. We encourage the children to take action with you to continue research this.

In Maths, Year 2 have been looking into mapping including giving and following directions as well as how and why we use maps. We have looked at giving a series of directions to navigate us around Canberra using landmarks and used coordinates to locate places and landmarks around the world. We've also been inquiring into time and looking at calendars and how they work.



Friendly Schools/Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

As an IB school we value the development of the whole child and see the value in explicitly teaching and modeling pro-social behaviour with our students. We teach these skills through 5 domains:

Self awareness - we can recognise and understand our feelings. We value our abilities, recognising our strengths.

Self management - we can navigate and direct our emotions in appropriate ways

Social awareness - we are aware and respectful of others, their feelings and perspectives.

Societal decision making skills - we consider the consequences of our actions on others, making increasingly thoughtful and beneficial decisions.

Relationship skills - we can manage relationships with others, dealing more positively with conflict and challenges as they arise.

Here is a snapshot of our SEL learning from across the school:

I am Just so mad,
I want to throw everything,
I hate everyone,
I can not think.

I go to punch a pillow,
I feel exhausted,
I go to lay down,
I am now sleeping

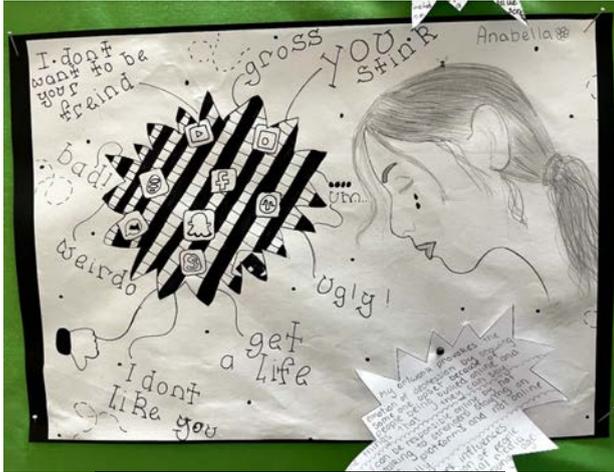


Year 5 students have explored emotions through poetry and ways each emotion can be expressed.

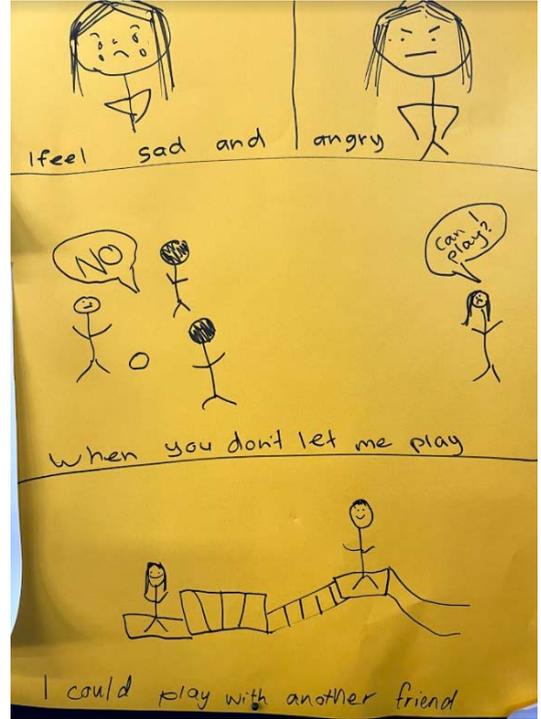
In PE we have been working on our skills for collaboration, teamwork and fair play.

Year 4 have been using a SWOT analysis to consider how they strengthen relationships.

Kindergarten have been thinking about how they can calm down when feeling different emotions.



Year 6 have explored influences on wellbeing and how to respond.



Year 1 have considered solutions to problems on the playground.



Year 2 have named the attributes of good friends.



Year 3 have been considering the different dimensions of wellbeing and how they can be balanced

BOOK WEEK 2021- Friday 27 August

Theme: Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds



On Friday 27 August (Week 7) students are encouraged to come dressed as a character from one of their favourite BOOKS. Costumes do not have to be expensive- be creative! Students are reminded that we are celebrating Book Week, and costumes that do not have their origins in a BOOK (such as superheroes or video game characters) are discouraged.

Students will participate in an art activity with a buddy class, based on the books that have been short-listed from the Children's Book Council of Australia.

If you would like to have a look at the short-listed books, visit: <https://www.cbca.org.au/shortlist-2021>

The students and teachers will show off their costumes at a parade on the Black Top at 9:10am on Friday 27 August.

The 'Great Book Swap' at Miles Franklin Primary

Wednesday 8 September (Week 9) 2021

SRC Fundraiser for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation



In week 9 the SRC are holding a fundraiser for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF). The ILF raises awareness and funds for children in remote Indigenous communities across Australia. The money raised by Miles Franklin students will help to provide books to children in these remote communities.

On Wednesday 8 September the SRC will be holding a 'Great Book Swap' in the library. Students are encouraged to choose a book from home that is in excellent condition to donate to the Book Swap. Please bring your donations to the library as soon as possible. The books will then be ready to display in the library on Wednesday 8 September. On the day classes will come through the Book Swap and buy a book for a \$2 donation. If students would like to donate more than one book, that would be wonderful (but please check with parents first).

Students are encouraged to:

- Choose a book (or books) from home to donate to the Book Swap. Bring them in ASAP to the library.
- Bring at least \$2 on Wednesday 8 September to buy a pre-loved book.

Any questions email Luned Scholfield- luned.scholfield@ed.act.edu.au



Community Sport Programs and Opportunities

SC-ORE School Orienteering - Spring Score Starting Thursday 21st of October for 4 weeks,

SC-ORE heads to Maribyrnong Primary for the start of another exciting series to work those bodies and brains. All Students in years 3 to 6 from Canberra and surrounds are welcome to participate. Get an outdoor, screen free, body and brain workout before hitting the classroom. What better way to start the day!

ENTRIES ARE NOW OPEN

VENUES - ***Note Miles Franklin is a venue below.***

- 21 October Maribyrnong Primary School (Kaleen)
- 28 October St Monica's Primary School (Evatt)
- **4 November Miles Franklin Primary School (Evatt)**
- 11 November Haig Park Visit Orienteering ACT for more information.

Entries close Friday 15th October 2021. **Go to Orienteering ACT to register.**

SC-ORE School Orienteering Continued - Map Mates

The Map Mates coaching program is aimed at junior orienteers (ages 7 to 13) who are just starting or are relatively new to the sport). Entry to the winter 2021 Map Mates program is free. Free event entry is also available for Map Mates participants who do a Very Easy or Easy course at the Metro Series event on the same day. **No registration required** – just turn up on the day. The emphasis is on fun and adventure, while learning to orienteer!

Go to the orienteering website for more information.