



## Newsletter

## Week 1 Term 2 2020

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 28 April – 5 June

Enrolments for 2021 open

Friday 8 May

Mothers day stall in school Hall  
9:30am-12:30pm

## Principal's Message

### Facebook

Thank you all so much for the lovely mentions on social media. I'm not great with social media but staff were letting me know last night about the messages coming in and then I had my daughter going through and reading them out to me (I was making fudge for staff here and at Maribyrnong to thank them for all they're doing), and being a guy, doing two things at once is a struggle! Molly asked halfway through this-how do you know who these people are and their children? I've always taken pride in getting to know parents as you are trusting us to look after your children for eight years or more- this is a significant relationship in your children's lives, and they are my children. Yes, you can have them back at the end of the day but while they are with us, they are 'my' children. I know some of you are very much looking forward to the day when they become 'mine' again.

We now have a Facebook page. Please give us a follow:

[www.facebook.com/milesfranklinprimaryschool](https://www.facebook.com/milesfranklinprimaryschool)

### This week

Therefore, I've been working at Maribyrnong all week as that's where 'my' children have been. That has also contributed to me being the reason the newsletter is coming out later than it should- I'm trying to catch up with things! I'd like to publicly thank Andrew and his team at Maribyrnong for all of the work they have done, and continue doing, to make this the best experience possible. Steph and Vicki have supported the children beautifully and check in with all of the children throughout the day whilst Exec staff here (Sylvia, Georgina and Michelle) have been trouble

shooting problems, usually with ICT, that arise. We brought over 4 boxes of resources for our children, so we are prepared for lots of different experiences and eventualities to ensure they don't miss out in any way. I am also going over to Miles in the middle of the day to check in with staff there, make sure that some of the infrastructure work that's happening is progressing well and go through any papers and things that need my attention. I don't usually get to emails therefore until the evenings, so I thank you for your patience. One of my 'holiday jobs' was to organise the parent contacts for each class. I will do this- it will just have to be over the weekend now as organising and setting up for this term took longer than expected. My apologies for this. When I get back to Maribyrnong in the afternoon I'm helping with the buses, making sure children return safely to their schools and help out with any other errands. My perspective on this is simple: if I was running a Safe and Supportive School site, I'd welcome another principal who was here and could help with getting things done that arose during the day, that could share the load. We have amazing staff, very supportive parents and I have a wonderful Exec team around me that affords me the opportunity to help a colleague.

I would like to thank Brett for coming in today to help hand out PE equipment to children although I'm guessing most of it won't be used today!

Mette Kragh has prepared a wonderful video today for ANZAC Day as an online assembly in lieu of our face to face ANZAC Day assembly which we would normally have today. I would also like to thank Shaun Fletcher for helping with this and speaking to the children about this. Mette has also created a welcome back video with some amazing dancing from our staff and some frankly ridiculous dancing from the Principal...

### **Mother's Day Stall**

The P&C are running the Mother's Day stalls next week- please see more information elsewhere in the newsletter. I encourage you to support this- our wonderful P&C do not want our children and mums to miss out and will follow all social distancing requirements to ensure everyone's safety.

### **Safe and Supportive Schools**

If you are planning to send your child to school, at one of our Safe and Supervised Schools sites, the following link <https://bit.ly/actsupervisedcare> is what you need to register. This is registration is not immediate; there are a couple of days from submitting this before your children can attend. The Directorate is looking at transport options so that your children can be dropped off at Before School Care at Miles before being transported to Maribyrnong at 9.00am and then brought back at the end of the day so they can attend After School Care at Miles. If you are considering this option, please remember to notify Selina and Lauren of your intention so they can confirm with you that there is space. If you would like to register for the transport option, please click on the following link:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=MqjU8SFsdUSb9IzH6QRKKZAXPbT5WA9KonxyyxMqy\\_JUQzRNSkdHNldXT0Q0WVhBSjZaREpOM0JFTiQIQCN0PWcu](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=MqjU8SFsdUSb9IzH6QRKKZAXPbT5WA9KonxyyxMqy_JUQzRNSkdHNldXT0Q0WVhBSjZaREpOM0JFTiQIQCN0PWcu)

## Artwork

I love coming in and seeing the artwork from last term which covers my windows and the windows of the first aid room. Please, please, please- send some more in! It always fills me with joy when I see these!

Chris

## Enrolments 2021

New enrolments are now being processed. Please see education web site: [education.act.gov.au](http://education.act.gov.au) for more information.



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Education

If your child turns four on or before 30 April 2020, they were able to start preschool in Term 1, 2020. **If your child turns four after 30 April 2020, they can start preschool in 2021**

All four year old ACT children are guaranteed a place in a public preschool. However, you are not guaranteed a place at the preschool site of your preference, due to capacity constraints at some sites. All preschools offer a high-quality early childhood education.

Enrolments for 2021 open from 6am on Tuesday 28 April. Apply before 5 June 2020 to receive an offer from 27 July 2020. Apply online at [education.act.gov.au](http://education.act.gov.au)

**Enrolling in  
Preschool  
in 2021**

THE MILES FRANKLIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Mother's Day Stall *is near!*

**FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MAY**

**Lots of great gifts  
for Mum, Grandma  
or anyone special!**

Please come to the  
Miles Franklin Primary  
School Hall between  
9.30 am – 12.30 pm.

Individual gift packs  
priced from \$1-\$2.

Due to hygiene requirements  
we can only accept coins.  
No change can be given.

