

Newsletter Newsletter

Millers Forest Public School
127 Martins Wharf Road
MILLERS FOREST NSW 2324
Ph: 49872520 Fax: 49874265
Email: millersfor-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Website: www.millersfor-p.schools.nsw.edu.au



2 June 2014

Principal's Message

PBL – Positive Behaviour for Learning.

PBL is a consistent, school-wide system of support that helps define, teach and support appropriate student behaviours. Last week Mrs Bray, Mrs Hunter and I undertook training in PBL. Ongoing training and support for PBL is necessary to ensure that we continue to be responsive to changes and challenges in the school. We are guided by PBL evidence based practices to work with the students creating effective learning environments and positive social interactions.

Handballs

We have purchased some new, very bouncy, handballs for the children to use under the COLAs. In the morning when children arrive at school they are not able to play on the grass because it is too wet and the space is too confined to play safely with footballs so the handballs provide for some safe activity when the children are not able to go on the grass. Children are asked not to bring balls from home as we have enough at school.

Winter Uniform

Due to the unseasonably warm weather we are experiencing some children are still wearing part or all of their summer uniform. As we are well past the middle of Term 2, all children should now be wearing their winter uniform.

GIRLS – Green long pants or green culottes with black stockings, white long sleeved shirt, tie, black V-neck jumper, blazer, school badge.

BOYS – Green long pants, white long sleeved shirt, tie, black V-neck jumper, blazer, school badge.

Teacher Meetings

Mrs Bray, Mrs Hunter and I are most willing to speak to you about your child. Sometimes it is possible to have a quick chat before or after school but if the talk is of a more serious nature it is in the best interests of all concerned to make an appointment time where you are able to have the full attention of the teacher with whom you wish to speak.

Lenore Sparkes - Relieving Principal

Speeches

We have heard some fantastic speeches in our classrooms - well done boys and girls. The classes have really enjoyed being entertained and have heard speeches on a variety of interesting topics.

Touch Football

Nic capably represented our school at the Zone Touch Football Trials last Monday. Well done Nic for having a go and displaying great sportsmanship.

Soccer Game

Our game against Mulbring is on tomorrow! Parents transporting students to the game need to be at Millers Forest School at 10:00am- ready to take players to the game at Thornton. A reminder that players need to bring shin pads and soccer boots if they have them. Please refer to the permission note for what students need to bring and wear. Our students are very excited - should be a great game!

Digi-ed Workshop

Some of our Stage 3 students are going to a digital animation workshop at Tarro Public School on Friday, 27th June. Please note the change of date as it was originally scheduled the day before.

Adidas School Fun Run

Students at Millers Forest will once again be participating in the Adidas School Fun Run this year. The Fun Run will be held at school in Term 3 and we will provide more information in the coming weeks.



Cathy Bray

2/6 Teacher & Sports Coordinator





Important Dates to Remember

Small Schools Soccer Competition – Game 1	Tuesday 3 rd June, 2014
Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	Monday 9 th June, 2014
P & C Pie Drive Orders Due	Wednesday 18 th June, 2014
P & C Pie Drive Orders Arrive	Monday 23 rd June, 2014
Recorder Festival Sydney Opera House	Wednesday 25 th June, 2014
Digi Ed Workshop Years 5 & 6	Friday 27 th June, 2014
Last Day of Term 2	Friday 27 th June, 2014
Staff Development Day	Monday 14 th July, 2014
Students Return for Term 3	Tuesday 15 th July, 2014

Mental Maths Strategies

We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we're helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of "number" which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here : www.bit.ly/JkiUsY

Assembly Awards

Week 4 – Term 2	
Principals Award	Alex – Positive attitude to learning.
Citizenship Award	Ally – Being courteous and respectful.
Kindergarten Award	Hayden – Doing his personal best in reading activities.
Infants Award	Mia – Trying hard in addition activities.
Playground Award	Tayisha – Being a good sport.
Sports Award	Jai – Great speeds.
Assembly Award	Naomi – Trying hard in assembly.
Art Award	Ally – Effort in art.
TREE of the WEEK	Chloe– Congratulations...
 	
Week 5 – Term 2	
Principal's Award	Evan – Doing his personal best.
Citizenship Award	Lacey – Doing things for others.
Kindergarten Award	Harry – Fantastic story writing.
Infants Award	Monique – Doing her personal best in reading.
Playground Award	Alex – Setting a good example on the playground.
Sports Award	Tyrone – Being helpful.
Assembly Award	Charlie – Great singing
TREE of the WEEK	Eddie- Congratulations...
 	

Does speaking another language at home confuse children?

Are your children fortunate enough to be growing up in a home where two or more languages are spoken? Many parents worry that bilingualism can cause confusion and even delays in learning for their children, but according to the Raising Children Network, that's not the case at all. A good knowledge of your native language can actually help your child with learning English. Bilingual children who are read books and spoken to in their native language find it easier to learn to read and write in English when they get to school. More information is at www.bit.ly/1m0agnk

FREAKY FAMILY FUN!

What? Freaky family fun night!

Date? Friday 13th June 2014

Time? 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Where? Unit 6/134 Park Ave. Kotara NSW 2289

Details: Cost: \$10.00 per ticket

Theme (optional): Freaky Friday/Black Friday

Hunter Connect and Lollipop's are hosting a family-friendly night for parents, carers and children, providing them with the opportunity to connect with each other in a relaxing, fun and enjoyable atmosphere. The children will also have exclusive use of the playroom at Lollipop's from 6:30pm – 8:30pm!

The café will be running at this time so the family can grab a bite to eat, or parents can enjoy a coffee together while the kids play!

Spots are limited! To reserve your tickets inbox us or email wayne@hunterconnect.org.au

