

Newsletter Newsletter

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Playground Equipment Official Opening

Our long awaited opening of the new playground equipment will be held on **Wednesday, 20th August** beginning at **8am**.

The P&C will provide a special B.B.Q. breakfast to mark this occasion. Robyn Parker and members from the Kiwanis Club of East Maitland will be our special guests.



Kevin Mann Memorial Garden

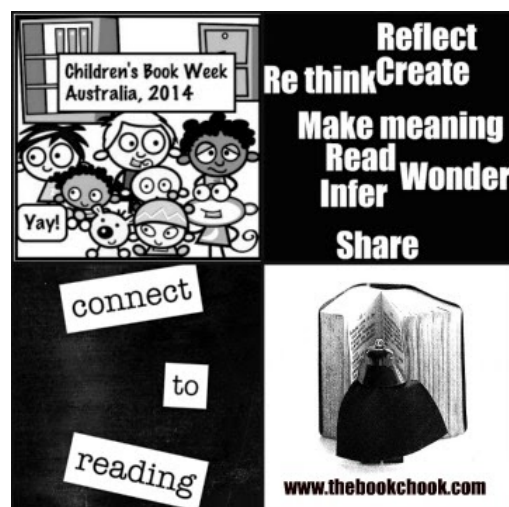


The P&C and school staff would like to complete a mass planting in our large garden to brighten up the area. Anyone who could please donate any colourful plants please bring them along. I have also managed to receive a grant of plants from the Maitland City Council to place in our large garden.

Book Week

Book Week will be celebrated on **Friday, 22nd August**. The theme for this year is '**Connect to Reading**'. Students will participate in various class activities and have a dress up parade under the Cola. Students are please asked to come dressed as their favourite character from a book.

Ms Merrilees will judge the costumes from the parade.



Ms Phelps – PRINCIPAL

Fun Run

Our Fun Run was a great success! The weather was beautiful and the students of Millers Forest all tried their best, giving an impressive performance. It was fantastic to see all the little brothers and sisters, nannies and poppies, and mums and dads who ran the course and added to the fun! Thank you to all the helpers on the day and thanks to the families who supported the event through sponsoring the students. The money raised will go towards new reading resources for the children.



Public Speaking

Jemima, Harry, Asha, Lacey, Naomi, Tayisha, Phoebe and Jack delivered their speeches at the Public Speaking Competition at Nulkaba Public School last Monday and Tuesday. The students did an excellent job representing our school and we are very proud of their efforts. Congratulations on this wonderful achievement, boys and girls!

Zone Athletics

Four of our athletes competed at the Zone Athletics Carnival last week. On Tuesday, Nic participated in shot put and James in discus. On Friday, Nic, James, Riley & Charlie participated in the 200 metre races, 100 metre age races and the relay. The boys put in a huge effort- well done!



Local History Talk

Margaret Osborn, James' great aunt, came to speak to the children about the history of Millers Forest, last Thursday. The children viewed some old photographs and learned about how life was in Millers Forest in the past. The talk was so interesting and the children really enjoyed it. Thank you, Mrs Osborn.

Here's what some of the children thought about Mrs Osborn's talk:

Naomi: "It was interesting learning about how Millers Forest started."

Alex: "We learned that Phoebe's old house used to be the Post Office."

Austin: "I liked learning about the school."

Monique: "We learned about some of the house names in Millers Forest, like 'Forest View'."

Lauchlan: "It was interesting to learn that the teachers used to live at the school."

Evan: "Mrs Osborn told us that she had a wooden pencil case when she was at school."

Eddie: "I was sad about the old school building burning down."

Attached is a copy of a thank you letter received from Mrs Osborne in the mail today.



Farewell to Jack

Friday was Jack's last day at Millers Forest Public School. All the students, staff and P & C wish Jack all the best at his new school.



Mrs Bray – 2/6 Teacher & Sports Co-ordinator

Our Education Week Celebrations



Important Dates to Remember

Guitar Payments Due	Tuesday 12 th August, 2014
Playground Equipment Official Opening	Wednesday 20 th August, 2014 8:00am
Young Teen Talk Year 6 Raymond Terrace PS	Wednesday 20 th August, 2014
Book Week Celebrations	Friday 22 nd August, 2014

Flu season is here!

Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:


- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit's [vaccination page](#).

Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.

Assembly Awards

Week 3 – Term 3	
Principals Award	Lacey – Expressive oral reading.
Citizenship Award	Charlotte – being courteous & respectful.
Kindergarten Award	Jemima – Outstanding story writing.
Infants Award	Charlotte – Improvement in oral reading.
Playground Award	Katie – Being a good friend.
Sports Award	Riley – Playing fair.
Assembly Award	Lauchlan – Singing well.
TREE of the WEEK	Jack – Congratulations... 
Week 4 – Term 3	
Principal's Award	Charlie – Showing initiative in his learning.
Citizenship Award	Eddie – Getting along well with others.
Kindergarten Award	Katie – Recognition of tens & ones.
Infants Award	Mia – Fantastic improvement in reading.
Playground Award	Imogen – Cooperating with others.
Sports Award	Jai – Doing his best.
Assembly Award	Nic – Good singing
TREE of the WEEK	Jack- Congratulations... 