

Newsletter

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Used Umbrellas

We are looking for umbrellas that people have no use for anymore however, they must be able to be put up. Please donate your umbrella to the school and we will put it to good use. Any size or colour is fine. Thank you for your support. You will see your umbrella again in Education Week.

Instructional Leader

Millers Forest Public School is proud to welcome a **new member of staff, Mr Egan**. He will be based at our school for two days a week and will work with our students on their literacy and numeracy. Mr Egan will be with us until December, 2016.

Regional Cricket

Congratulations to Nic, James and Naomi for making it to the regionals for cricket. Well done to all and good luck with the next round.

Parking

Please be mindful of your parking habits of an afternoon. It is extremely busy with buses and cars.



Afternoon Pick Up

Parents are responsible for their child/children as soon as the teacher dismisses them under the front Cola. Students have been reminded that they are **not** to play on the equipment or the Fort after school. Teachers are speaking to parents at this time and cannot be responsible for supervision as well.

Symphony Maths

This week students will begin a new maths program called Symphony Maths. A sheet is attached explaining the program.

C. Phelps - PRINCIPAL

Swimming Carnival

The Small School's Swimming Carnival was on last Friday, 13th February at Beresfield pool. The Millers Forest students displayed excellent behaviour and enthusiastically participated in their events. It was great to see all of our students have a go and try their best. Congratulations to Nic who was 11 years Boys' Champion!



Young Leaders Day

Year 5 & 6 students from our school have been invited to attend the Gateway Learning Community Young Leaders Day at Thornton Public School this Friday, 20th February. Students will listen to keynote speakers Anna Weatherup, an International Award Winning music artist, Emmanuel Rodriques, founder of Justice Crew and Spoke Person, and Joel Howlett, a professional magician and speaker. Students will also participate in leadership and team building workshops on the day.

Please ensure that permission notes for this event are returned to the office A.S.A.P. if not already returned.

Clean Up Schools Day

Millers Forest Public School will be participating in Clean Up Schools Day on Friday, 27th February. Students will clean up around the school grounds to demonstrate our support for caring for the environment. Students need to bring gloves and a plastic bag to school on the day.



Cathy Bray

Primary Teacher & Sports Co-ordinator

Important Dates to Remember

Guitar Payment Due	Tuesday 17 th February, 2015
Zone AFL Trials	Tuesday 17 th February, 2015
Young Leaders Day Stage 3 Students	Friday 20 th February, 2015
Clean Up Schools Day	Friday 27 th February, 2015
Small Schools Athletics Carnival	Wednesday 25 th March, 2015
Last Day of Term 1	Thursday 2 nd April, 2015

Friendships to boost your child's learning

If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. So teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning>

Assembly Awards

Week 8 – Term 4

Principals Award	Oliver – Being a great role model. Jai & Phoebe – Great leadership.
Citizenship Award	Malcolm – Ensuring everything is in its place.
Kindergarten Award	Kelsey – A great first day at Millers Forest Public School.
Year 1 Award	Jemima – Working well as part of a group.
Year 2 Award	Austin – A terrific holiday recount.
Playground Award	Ally – being helpful.
Sports Award	Jai – Having a go.
Assembly Award	Treyton – Great effort in singing.
TREE of the WEEK 	Evan – Congratulations... 

Helping your Kindy kid succeed at school

A great way to kick off your child's formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/helping-kindy-kids-succeed-at-school>

Speech problems

All kids learn how to talk and listen at different rates but did you know there's a general pattern to your child's language development?

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/speech-problems>