

Newsletter

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Major Country Fair Prize - A New Trailer

Our Country Fair is only three weeks away. Please help us raise as much as we can by selling raffle tickets for our trailer or bringing in an item to put in the trailer. Every little item helps.



Jeans 4 Genes Day

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Jeans 4 Genes Day. Our school raised \$49.00 for this very worthy cause.

Autism Training

On Friday 21st August Mrs Bray will attend training about Autism at Cardiff.

Head Lice

We would like everyone to check your children's hair for head lice. We have had cases of head lice recently and need to avoid any further problems.

Public Speaking Competition

The Millers Forest Public School Public Speaking Competition will be held on Tuesday 18th August. All students K-6 need to prepare a speech to be presented to their class on this day. One student from each stage will be selected to represent Millers Forest Public School at the Small Schools' Public Speaking Competition at Mount Kanwarly Public School on Wednesday, 26th August.

For further details, please refer to the information sheet sent home previously. You are welcome to get another information sheet from the office if you need one. The teachers are looking forward to hearing some interesting and entertaining speeches next week!

New Shade Cloth

Our new shade cloth has been installed and looks great.



New Sensory Garden

I would like to thank all the parents who have been working so hard to get our sensory garden ready for the students to use as their new lunch area in spring. The latest improvement is the wonderful mural created by 'Dan'. This was funded by the P&C.



Ms Phelps - Principal

Canberra Excursion

Years 4-6 enjoyed some jam-packed, fun filled days in Canberra last week.

After an early start on Monday, we explored the Australian War Memorial and then Parliament House after arriving in Canberra. We met our Local Member of Parliament, Bob Baldwin, and our students eagerly participated in a mock House of Representatives debate on 'Advertisements should not be allowed on television during children's program times'. Nic did a fantastic job as Prime Minister and Riley was a confident Serjeant-at-Arms.

Tuesday began with a wonderful guided tour of the Australian Institute of Sport. After that, we travelled to CSIRO Discovery and listened to an informative talk about CSIRO before participating in various fun, investigative, scientific activities.

Next, we went to the National Museum of Australia where the highlight was a rotating theatre telling the story of Australia's history. We had afternoon tea in the Senate Rose Garden before going to Old Parliament House where we participated in a preferential election activity.

On Wednesday we had an awesome time exploring the science activities at Questacon. Riley and James were brave enough to go down the vertical slide. It was extremely cold and wet in Canberra that day, so we did not visit Mount Ainslie as planned. We toured the various countries' embassies instead and had lunch at Lake George. We saw snow falling as we left Canberra, which was a first for many of us.

Here is what some of the students from 3/6B loved about our trip:

"My favourite part about Canberra was Questacon and the Museum. At Questacon there was a painting place about Earth. The museum had a theatre about changes in Australia through time, from when Captain Cook landed to when the first Holden was made." - *Phoebe*

"In Canberra, we went to the CSIRO Discovery. It was filled with science things like microscopes. The coolest part was when the tour guide told us about the ship that they are going on to learn about the ocean." - *Blake*

"My favourite part about Canberra was the museum where there were so many amazing things!" - *Tayisha*

"I loved Questacon, because there was an activity where you had to make a tower." - *Livinia*

"My favourite part of Canberra was the AIS because we got to see where the Australian Gymnastics team train and because they had interactive sport games to play." - *Riley R*



Athletics Carnival

Well done to the students who competed in the Zone Athletics Carnival on Friday at Raymond Terrace. Nic, James, Jai, Tyrone and Riley F gave their all in the various track events that they competed in. The boys came second in their relay event. Excellent effort, boys, especially after such a busy week!

Cathy Bray

Sport Coordinator and 3/6B Teacher

Soccer Gala Day

On Thursday the 13th of August, Riley F, Riley R, Evan, Austin and Tyrone travelled to Metford for a Soccer 5-a-side Gala Day. The boys were very competitive in all of their games and they played with a lot of enthusiasm and enjoyment. Congratulations to Riley F on his spectacular goal and Tyrone for scoring a hatrick (3 goals) in our last game.

A big thank you and well done to Nic for refereeing our games. A great day was had by all!

Mr Walker – Soccer Coach & K/2 Teacher



Important Dates to Remember

Millers Forest Public Speaking	Tuesday 18th August, 2015
Public Speaking Competition Mt Kanwary PS	Wednesday 26th August, 2015
Book Week Parade	Friday 28th August, 2015
Regional Cricket Trials	Wednesday 2nd September, 2015
Country Fair	Saturday 5th September, 2015
Spelling Bee Tenambit PS	Wednesday 9th September, 2015
PBL Reward	Wednesday 16th September, 2015
Last Day of Term 3	Friday 18th September, 2015

Art & Library News

Primary children are currently designing for the 2015 Doodle 4 Google design competition. The theme is "If I could travel back in time, I would"making for an exciting range of topics from dinosaurs to Vikings, Einstein and more.


We will celebrate Book Week in Week 7 on Friday, 28th August with a book character dress up and parade. Come as your favourite character!

I have enjoyed a fun professional development day at Maitland Art Gallery getting inspired with new art ideas for the rest of the year. It's always fun to get your hands dirty! (As the children well know.)

Ms Merrilees

Art and Library Teacher

Assembly Awards

Week 4 – Term 3	
Principals Awards	Kiara – Improved work in all areas.
Citizenship Award	Livinia – Working on the sensory garden tiles.
Kindergarten Award	Koen – Great knowledge of turn around facts.
Stage 1 Award	Eddie – Using a variety of strategies when reading.
Primary Award 1	Lauchlan – Great observations in symmetry lesson.
Primary Award 2	Lacey – A conscientious effort in all areas of learning.
Mr Egan's Award	Kelsey – Reading and writing number sentences for 8 & 2. Michael – Writing four number sentences for 8 & 2. Jemima – Retelling and writing a story in great detail with paragraphs. Katie – Writing four multiplication and division facts for many number sentences.
Assembly Award	Kelsey - Looking after our worms!
Playground Award	Eddie – Helping younger students in the playground.
Fitness Award	Ally – Great balancing.
TREE of the WEEK 	Blake – Congratulations... 

Assembly Awards

Week 5 – Term 3	
Kindergarten Award	Isaac - Sounding out words in his writing.
Stage 1 Award	Eddie – Always working to the best of his ability.
Stage 1 Award	Mason – Working hard and improving in maths.

Finding Father

Retold by Jemima Burgess

In 1852 two boys called James and William were wondering where their father was and he left for Australia and should have been back in August.

Then the boys went looking for their father and they found a ship called the Sea Friend and heard a man call out that it was leaving for Australia.

They hid in a storeroom for three days and their hungry stomachs were groaning. Then a man stomped in and said "Oh Aha! I'll feed you to the sharks and they'll gobble you up like seagulls!"

The man took the boys to the captain and the captain looked cross but when the boys told their story he stopped looking cross then he told what happened to the ship and made them work with the cook.

Sometimes there was no work to do and James stood out on the front of the boat and thought about his family.



Canberra – 2015



We had lots of
fun in
Canberra!

