

Newsletter

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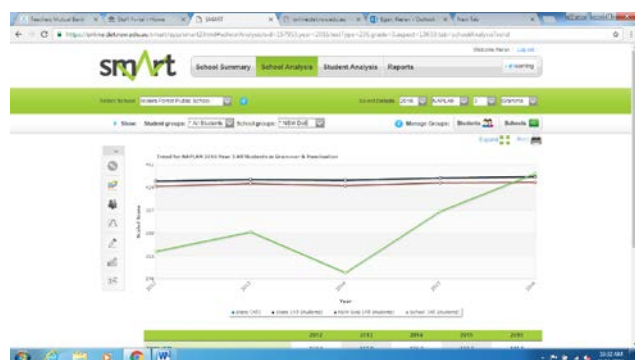
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Our Wonderful Millers Forest Public School Students - Progressing So Well



The green line shows our Year 3 students' progress in writing. Since 2015 they have risen above the state average. Factors also include the implementation of Early Action for Success in 2015 - 2016.



The green line in the above graph shows our Year 3 students rising above state average in grammar.

We have much to celebrate and we will continue to apply efforts in the key themes of Early Action for Success and the State Literacy and Numeracy Strategy 2017-2020 improve student outcomes. Congratulations to our students, staff and school community for this wonderful effort! In the next newsletter we will celebrate Year 5 progress.

School Captains – 2017

Congratulations to our new school captains for 2017, Tyrone and Imogen. You have done your school proud by following school rules and displaying model behaviour. Congratulations to all of the Year 5 students who participated in the school captain elections and all did wonderful speeches.

Virtue of the Week

Our Virtue last week was 'Helpfulness'. Helpfulness is being of service to others, doing thoughtful things that make a difference in their lives. Offer your help without waiting to be asked. Ask for help when you need it. When we help each other, we get more done. We make our lives easier.

Many students were able to give examples at assemblies of how they were able to be helpful to each other.

Well done Millers Forest students!

Millers Forest Writing Competition

Thank you to all the children who have brought in their entries for the writing competition. The goal of this competition is to inspire students to get their ideas onto paper or computer with ease. This develops the 'authorial' side of writing.

To become good authors, children can write a story by dictating it into an iPhone, iPad or computer then editing the text on the device and finally printing or presenting it for the target audience. There are many great authors who can't spell but use this or a ghost writer for the *secretarial* aspects involved in editing. *Secretarial* aspects involve the editing features of composing a text. Our next competition will be a multimedia presentation where children can use video editing software to compose a multimedia production.

The Best Behaved Bus Travellers Award (BBT)

We are now giving green trees to the best behaved bus travellers. Last week the BBT award went to the Woodberry bus travellers. Congratulations for doing your school community and your parents proud!

Inclusiveness Continues

Students have been continuing to give examples at assemblies of how other students have exercised inclusiveness during recess and lunch. Green trees have been awarded to those who have been inclusive of others.

Kinder Orientation

We had a splendid Kinder Orientation last Wednesday. The new kindergarten and their buddies worked wonderfully together as parents received their orientation folders and information for their child's schooling career in the library.

Badges of Excellence

Badges of excellence will be awarded to students that have demonstrated and strived for excellence in all areas of their schooling for the whole year. These students will have worked through all the PBL levels: Bronze, Silver, Gold, Diamond, and then Badge of Excellence. Receiving a yellow ticket will not necessarily preclude a child from achieving a badge of excellence but good behaviour and obeying school rules will go a long way in helping students receive the badge of excellence.

Food Arrangements at Millers Forest PS

Please do not bring MacDonalds, KFC, Subway or any other fast food for your students for Lunch. Many other children abiding by the school rules feel unfairly treated as a result. On Fridays the P&C provide a lunch order day.

It is also a school rule not to bring these fizzy drinks and fast foods in. Please note soft drinks including 'Icies' are banned at Millers Forest PS.

Mr Egan — Relieving PRINCIPAL

Debate

The Millers Forest Public School Debating team have been busy preparing for their debate against Glen William Public School tomorrow. The debate will be an impromptu debate. This means that the teams decide on the topic an hour before the debate and then prepare their case. Parents are welcome to come along and watch the debate. It is difficult to pinpoint an exact starting time for the impromptu debate, but it will be on at approximately 11:00 am in the Hawks' classroom. Good luck to our super debaters: Tayisha, James, Tyrone and Nic.

Presentation Night Play

Students have been enthusiastically practising the school play ready to perform at Presentation Night. Earlier in the year, Ms Phelps sent out notes about costumes for this play. Please see Mrs Bray if you need another note.

Also, if anyone has a folding room divider (similar to the images below) that we could borrow to use in the play, please let Mrs Bray know.

It's not long now till the performance!



Cathy Bray
Hawks Class Teacher

Bluebirds – Focus on being Positive

Last week the Bluebirds were focusing on being positive towards each other and wrote a letter of appreciation to another classmate. Students were given a random classmate to write a letter to. Below is an example written by Katie for Eddie.



Mrs Avery
Bluebirds Class Teacher


Important Dates to Remember

Debating –Millers Forest PS & Glen William PS	Tuesday 22nd November, 2016 11:00am
Book Club Orders Due	Friday 25th November, 2016
Fun Day	Wednesday 7th December, 2016
Year 6 Presentation	Tuesday 13th December, 2016
Presentation Night	Thursday 15th December, 2016

Assembly Awards

<i>Assembly Awards</i>	
Week 5 – Term 4	
Principal's Award	Jemima – A well-written description.
PBL Award	Maddison – Caring for the school environment.
Citizenship Award	Austin – Always being friendly and respectful.
Rainbow Lorikeets Class Award	Jade – Always demonstrating great enthusiasm for her learning.
Rainbow Lorikeets Virtues Award	Kelsey – Becoming a more confident, independent learner.
Bluebirds Class Award	Haydan – Always working hard and trying his best during maths lessons.
Bluebirds Virtues Award	Jemima – Confidence – Always enjoys trying new things without letting doubts or fears hold you back.
Hawks Class Award	Tyrone – A huge effort in all subjects with fantastic results.
Hawks Virtues Award	Nic – Confidence – For thinking positively and trying new things.
Art Award	Crystal – Love hearts on a sunny day picture.
Fitness Award	Axel – Great work in skipping.
Assembly Award	Evan – For listening well.
Secret Compliment	Koen S.L – For being caring and considerate. 

Assembly Awards

Week 6 – Term 4	
Principal's Award	Chloe W – Superb tuned percussion playing.
PBL Award	Tayisha – Caring polite relations to all.
Citizenship Award	Trey – Participating and playing in a friendly manner.
Rainbow Lorikeets Class Award	Mason M – Working hard to learn new things.
Rainbow Lorikeets Virtues Award	Will – Being positive and thankful for learning new things.
Bluebirds Class Award	Austin – Improved confidence and application towards all activities.
Bluebirds Virtues Award	Charlotte – Appreciating her own abilities and seeing the difficulties of life as opportunities to learn.
Hawks Class Award	Ariana – An enthusiastic approach to all activities.
Hawks Virtues Award	Evan – Thankfulness: Displaying a positive attitude to all school activities.
Assembly Award	Caitlin – Trying her best.
Fitness Award	Ariana – For a great effort in dance.
Secret Compliment	Matilda – Always trying her best and being nice to everyone. 

Good for Kids good for life

SUMMER SAFETY - HYDRATION

The approach of summer holidays provides more time for kids to get outside and play! Keep in mind that playing in the heat of the summer sun results in more fluid losses.

Children's bodies are more prone to dehydration than adults because they don't cool down as efficiently and they may not always realise when they are thirsty.

Try to monitor their water intake and schedule regular drink breaks before, during and after outdoor play.

It is also a good idea to leave drink bottles filled with water in areas that are accessible to them so that they can help themselves.



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WATERMELON ICEBLOCKS

INGREDIENTS	QUANTITY
Diced Watermelon	2 cups
Fresh strawberries (hulled)	10
Lemon Juice	1 x lemon
Water (optional)	1/2 cup

METHOD

1. Combine all ingredients in blender and blend until smooth
2. Pour into ice block moulds
3. Freeze until hard
4. Enjoy on a sunny summer day!



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