

Newsletter

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Millers Forest PS Debating Team Wins

Congratulations to our wonderful debaters for their winning of the debate against Glen William Public School. Their rebuttals and arguments as to why we shouldn't have a three day weekend were well researched and sequenced. Tayisha had listened very carefully to the opposing team's arguments and quickly formed and delivered robust rebuttals in a very short space of time. Tyrone solidly delivered his arguments. Nic clearly delivered his team's arguments and James monitored the processes as a very strong and supportive team member. Well done team!

Carols Performance at the Popular Hall

Our wonderful carol singing choir and musicians did our school proud with their excellent behaviour and engaging performance at the Popular Hall on Sunday, 28th November. They also excelled at delicately devouring delectable sweets made by the community on the night! Well done Carols Choir!

And This from the Millers Forest Uniting Church Congregation:

Dear Chris,

Just wanted to say thank you to the children, Mr Egan & Hilary Burgess for the wonderful performance at the carols last night.

I had lots of people comment on how good they were. They are a credit to themselves, the school & their parents.

Would you please pass on our appreciation for their efforts & we would love to see them come along again next year.

Congratulations to all & thank you once again.

Our best wishes for a Happy, Holy & peaceful Christmas & a wonderful New Year.

Grace & Peace

Sun Safe

Please make sure you are being sun safe. Wear your sunscreen and hats at all times!

P&C Paver Panache!

Thank you to our wonderful P&C for laying the inscribed pavers with such panache! They look absolutely wonderful!

Millers Forest Writing Competition

Staff and students are listening to all of the writing competition entrants read their stories. The announcement of the winner of the competition will be announced on Friday, 9th December.

Virtue of the Week

Our Virtue for Week 7 was **'Trust'**. Trust is having faith in someone or something. It is a positive attitude about life. You are confident that the right thing will happen without trying too hard to control it or push to make it happen. Even when difficult things happen, trust helps us to find the gift or lesson in it.

The virtue for Week 8 was **'Creativity'**. Creativity is the power of imagination. It is discovering your own special talents. Dare to see things in new ways and find different ways to solve problems. With your creativity, you bring something new into the world. You are practising creativity when you:

- discover your gifts
- use knowledge and training to develop them
- think of new ways to make things work better
- take time for dreaming
- do things in your own creative way

Our virtue for this week (Week 9) is **'Determination'**.

You focus your energy and efforts on a task and stick with it until it is finished. Determination is using your will-power to do something when it isn't easy. You are determined to meet your goals even when it is hard or you are being tested. With determination, we make our dreams come true.

P&C Fun Day

The P & C Fun Day is on this Wednesday, 7th December. The new Kindergarten students have been invited. Should be a wonderful day!

P & C Meeting

The next P & C Meeting is on tomorrow, Tuesday 6th December. All welcome! The P&C team really appreciates all the skills and help they can get for our wonderful school.

Inclusiveness

Students have been continuing to give examples at assemblies of how other students have exercised inclusiveness during recess and lunch.

Industrial Stoppage

Teachers at Millers Forest Public School will not be participating in the Industrial Stoppage on Thursday, 8th December. All teachers will be on duty and school will be as normal on this day.

Farewell From Mr Egan

I would like to thank all the staff, student and parent community for making my stay here a most rewarding experience. Millers Forest is a very special school with a wonderful and welcoming atmosphere. All students are engaged, staff are highly dedicated and parents are caring and highly supportive. Ms Phelps has led the school with caring vision and it is a pleasure to work with her and the wonderful team of teachers here. We look forward to her return on Monday, 12th December.

I will be retiring on Friday, 16th December and I know this beautiful little school will give me fond memories for years to come. Thank you and farewell.

Mr Egan — Relieving PRINCIPAL

Debate

Congratulations to our talented debaters who won their debate against Glen William Public School on Tuesday, 22nd November. Tyrone, Nic, Tayisha and James successfully argued for the negative on the topic "That Australia Should Have a Three Day Weekend". Our team developed a very convincing case and strong rebuttal which ultimately won them the debate. Well done, boys and girls!

Year 6 Farewell

The Year 6 Farewell will be held on Tuesday, 13th December. The day will consist of Year 6 and Mrs Bray going to Laser Tag after recess and a special whole school Farewell Ceremony for Year 6 after lunch. Families are invited to attend the special Year 6 Farewell Ceremony to be held at 2:00pm in the Library.

Presentation Night Play

Students have been very busy practising the school play ready to perform at Presentation Night on Thursday, 15th December. 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 A.S.A.P. It's not long now till the performance!



Cathy Bray
Hawks' Class Teacher

PBL: Positive Behaviour for Learning Update

Congratulations to all students who have striven for excellence during 2016. Millers Forest's new PBL rewards system has been successful with all students individually working their way through the achievement levels. The teachers would like to acknowledge all students for their continued effort and positive behaviour.

As 2016 comes to an end, all students are aware that the final day for receiving 'Green Trees' is this Thursday, 8th December. Below is an outline of the PBL rewards and the dates they will be received and celebrated by the students.

Diamond Achievement: Principal's Lunch

- Week 9: Friday, 9th December

Gold Achievement: Movie Viewing

- Week 10: Wednesday, 14th December

Badge of Excellence: Presentation Night

- Week 10: Thursday, 15th December

Mrs Avery - Bluebirds' Class Teacher

Important Dates to Remember

P & C Meeting	Tuesday 6th December, 2016
Fun Day	Wednesday 7th December, 2016
Year 6 Presentation	Tuesday 13th December, 2016
Presentation Night	Thursday 15th December, 2016
Last Day for Students for Term 4 - 2016	Friday 16th December, 2016

Assembly Awards

Week 7 – Term 4	
Principal's Award	Mason M – Improved writing & behaviour.
PBL Award	James – Caring about our environment.
Citizenship Award	Kiara – Being a good friend to everyone.
Rainbow Lorikeets Class Award	Shelby – Excellent work with friends of 10 & 20.
Rainbow Lorikeets Virtues Award	Isaac – Helping the teacher & other students whenever necessary.
Bluebirds Class Award	Katie – For a beautiful letter of appreciation to her classmate recognizing his strengths & appreciating his gifts.
Bluebirds Virtues Award	Imogen – Being a thoughtful classmate & always offering to help without being asked.
Hawks Class Award	Evan – An interesting oral presentation about the 'Spinosaurus'.
Hawks Virtues Award	Chloe C – Always being kind & helpful.
Fitness Award	Oliver – Always trying his best.
Assembly Award	Haydan – Great singing.
Secret Compliment	Ryley F - Displaying great sportsmanship in soccer.

Assembly Awards

Week 8 – Term 4	
Principal's Award	Caitlin – Settling in well at school.
PBL Award	Eddie – Devotion to performing well in public.
Citizenship Award	Lauchlan – Helping others whenever needed.
Rainbow Lorikeets Class Award	Matty – Using mental strategies for 2-digit addition.
Rainbow Lorikeets Virtues Award	Matilda – Being a trusting and reliable student.
Bluebirds Class Award	Benjamin – For always trying to do his best & having a positive attitude.
Bluebirds Virtues Award	Avalon – Being a trustworthy classmate.
Hawks Class Award	Tayisha – For a confident, articulate & completely amazing debate speech.
Hawks Virtues Award	Evan – Being trusting & having a positive attitude towards all school activities.
Fitness Award	Mason M – Trying his best.
Assembly Award	Michael – Great singing.
Q Award	Lauchlan
Secret Compliment	Haydan – For playing nicely & being respectful.

Our wonderful debating team at work...

