

# Newsletter

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## Parking

Please be aware that it is illegal to park on the opposite side of the road to the school.

## P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 1st March at 9:00am**. We will meet under the Cola. All parents are welcome including new parents and Kindergarten parents. Please bring along a plate to share.

## Easter Hat Parade

Just a reminder to start thinking about your Easter Hats for **Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> March**. The Easter Hat Parade will start at 9.00 am.



## Non Scripture Class

If you do not wish your child/children to attend scripture classes on **Wednesdays** then you are required to put this request in writing. This year Mrs Avery has started lessons with all non-scripture students.

## School Contribution

The school contribution for 2016 will remain at **\$45.00 per student**. This contribution helps towards school resources for your children. Thank you to those families that have already forwarded this payment to the school office.

## Mozzie Dispensers



The school has installed new mozzie dispensers in the girls and boys toilets. These are serviced by a company every three months and will be active all year round.

Ms Phelps

PRINCIPAL

### **Harmony Day**

We will celebrate Harmony Day at Millers Forest Public School on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> March. A special assembly will be held at 9am for our school community to attend. Students are encouraged to wear traditional costumes from around the world. The P&C have organised a delicious Mexican theme lunch for Harmony Day as part of the lunch order program. Lunch orders cost \$5.00 and the order needs to be in by Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> March. We are looking forward to a great day!

### **Debate Training Day**

Our Millers Forest Public School Debating Team: Tayisha, Naomi, James, Nic and Tyrone; went to a Debating Training Day at East Maitland Public School. The students had fun learning about how to effectively write and present arguments. It was a great day and our team picked up some fantastic tips on debating.

### **Schools Clean-Up Day**

Our annual Schools' Clean-Up Day will be held on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> March as part of the Clean-Up Australia campaign. Millers Forest students will clean up inside the school grounds on the Friday afternoon. Students should bring a pair of gloves and a plastic bag for the clean-up.

### **Sports News**

#### **Zone Swimming Carnival**

Congratulations to Nic, who competed at the Zone Swimming Carnival. Nic came third in his heat and we are really proud of him. Well done, Nic!

#### **Cross Country**

The M.F.P.S. in-school cross country run will be held this Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March after the morning assembly. Students in the Bluebirds and Hawks class will participate in the in-school cross country run as part of their weekly sport.

All students have been practising long- distance running in our weekly fitness sessions. Students who turn 8 this year or older and run the set

course within the qualifying times will be selected to represent our school at the Zone Cross Country next term. Parent helpers will be needed to help run the event, so please let Mrs Bray know if you can help out on the day.

*Cathy Bray*

Hawks Class Teacher and Sports Coordinator



A picture of Tayisha and Blake at the National Young Leaders Day in Sydney today. We can't wait to hear about the exciting day they are having.

### **Crystal's Lion Drawing (Kindergarten)**



### *Important Dates to Remember*

<b>P &amp; C Meeting</b>	Tuesday <b>1<sup>st</sup> March, 2016</b>
<b>In-School Cross Country</b>	Thursday <b>3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2016</b>
<b>Clean-Up Schools Day</b>	Friday <b>4<sup>th</sup> March, 2016</b>
<b>Harmony Day</b>	Monday <b>21<sup>st</sup> March, 2016</b>
<b>Good Friday Public Holiday</b>	Friday <b>25<sup>th</sup> March, 2016</b>
<b>Easter Monday Public Holiday</b>	Monday <b>28<sup>th</sup> March, 2016</b>

### *Assembly Awards*

<b>Week 4 – Term 1</b>	
<b>Principal's Award</b>	<b>Ryley B</b> – Outstanding effort in all areas of work.
<b>Citizenship Award</b>	<b>Rhiannon</b> - Terrific leadership of the dancing group.
<b>Rainbow Lorikeets Awards</b>	<b>Michael</b> – Always doing his BEST! <b>Will</b> – Always working hard to complete his work.
<b>Bluebirds Awards</b>	<b>Jemima</b> – An excellent introduction to her exposition. <b>Mason</b> – A wonderful discussion in guided reading.
<b>Hawks Awards</b>	<b>Chad</b> – Being helpful to others and displaying a mature approach to classwork. <b>Blake</b> – Always following school rules.
<b>Mr Egan's Awards</b>	<b>Katie</b> – Caring for our school environment. <b>Lacey</b> – Helping Kindergarten students settle in.
<b>Assembly Award</b>	<b>Kiara</b> – Setting a great example in assembly.
<b>Playground Award</b>	<b>Malcolm</b> – Always including others.
<b>Fitness Award</b>	<b>Monique</b> – Having a go.

### *Assembly Awards*

<b>Week 5 – Term 1</b>	
<b>Principal's Award</b>	<b>Axel</b> – Improvement in all areas of school.
<b>Citizenship Award</b>	<b>Haydan</b> – Always being so polite, friendly and helpful.
<b>Rainbow Lorikeets Awards</b>	<b>Axel</b> – Being focused and getting so much work done. <b>Cohen M</b> – Accurate pointing when reading.
<b>Bluebirds Awards</b>	<b>Malcolm</b> – Staying focused and producing wonderful writing. <b>Charlotte</b> – Developing independent work habits.
<b>Hawks Awards</b>	<b>Evan</b> – Putting 100% effort into all tasks. <b>Tayisha</b> – Excellent debating skills.
<b>Mr Egan's Awards</b>	<b>Trey</b> – Great doubles calculations. <b>Matty</b> – Superb doubles calculations. <b>Matilda</b> – Caring for our environment.
<b>Art Award</b>	<b>Livinia</b> – Outstanding art work.
<b>Playground Award</b>	<b>Michael</b> – Playing fairly with others.
<b>Fitness Award</b>	<b>Mason</b> – Doing his best in cross country.
<b>Assembly Award</b>	<b>Oliver</b> – Great singing.



Private, In-Home Tutoring

Grades K-6

Reading Skills / Math Skills / Organisational Skills / Help with Projects and Test Preparation

I am a 2015 Higher School Certificate Graduate from All Saints College, Maitland. I charge affordable rates with the first consultation being free. Please contact me and together we can help your child reach their full potential!

Bethany Mate 0403 143211



## P & C News

### **P&C Meeting Agenda for meeting on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March**

#### **Opening – Tracee Lee**

- Welcome to members
- Introduce new members
- Apologies

#### **Minutes**

- Read and confirm minutes of previous meeting – Hilary Burgess

#### **Business Arising**

- Attend any business arising from previous meeting as indicated in minutes.

#### **Correspondence**

- Incoming and outgoing correspondence – Tracee Lee.

#### **Reports**

- Treasurer Report – Aimee Roche
- Uniform Report – Tracee Lee
- Principal's Report – Chris Phelps

#### **General Business**

- Hand out and discussion of P&C constitution and by-laws.
- P&C meetings to be held on first Tuesday of the month during school terms.
- Excess of personal funds used for P&C purchases (sms, printing, etc.)
- Discuss Easter celebrations (Easter bunny visit, purchase our own costume? purchase of Easter eggs, hot x bun fundraiser.)
- Discuss Mother's Day (selection of gifts for stall, High Tea for "special ladies")
- What would staff like us to fundraise for? Resources? Ipad have been main focus for 3 years. Something different? Friday lunch order profits will continue to be put towards Ipad program.
- Fundraiser for next term, pavers, never been done before.
- P&C to purchase stationary and stamps for P&C use.

#### **Any ideas, concerns, suggestions from members**

- Please feel comfortable to bring anything to the table.
- We welcome any ideas or suggestions you may have.

#### **Movie Night**

- Overview of informal meeting held on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> February.
- Quotes for fairy floss, popcorn, slushies and glow items to be discussed and voted on.
- Quotes for advertising materials to be discussed and voted on.
- Ms Phelps has exciting news.

#### **Close of Meeting**

- Announce date of next meeting.
- Close meeting noting time.

## P & C REMINDERS

**\*\* Winter uniform orders are due in this Friday, 4th March. It is very important that orders are received by this date. Due to strict ordering timelines any orders received after this date may not be able to be fulfilled.**

**\*\* Harmony Day lunch orders are due in by Thursday, 15th March.**

**\*\* \$2 for Easter celebration is due in by Friday, 18th March.**

**\*\* Hot x Bun order forms have been sent home and are due back with full payment by Friday, 14th March.**