

Newsletter

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Character Education through the Virtues Program

Character education is the process of bringing out the best in our children. Every child is born with all of the virtues and as parents, carers and educators it is our task to train and develop these attributes. Character education involves training children in each one of these virtues and giving them opportunities to practise them so that the virtuous behaviour becomes who they are.

As with any skill, training and practice is essential for children to learn about each virtue and integrate it into his or her character.

Last week's virtue was **Consideration** and this week's virtue is **Purposefulness**.

We are teaching this program under the Personal Development & Health & P.D. curriculum strand. All staff members are extremely impressed and excited about the use and introduction of this program into our school.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week. The testing is for students in years three and five. Mrs Avery will administer and supervise the testing.

Parent Interviews

Please make sure you are aware of your day and time of your parent interviews in week four. If you have not received a time slot please see your child's class teacher.

Guitar Tuition

Students in Years 1 to 6 will be doing guitar lessons again this term. The cost of the lessons is **\$45.00 per student** and is due for payment to the school office by **Tuesday, 17th May**.

C. Phelps
PRINCIPAL

Sport News

Zone Cross Country

Well done to the students who attended the Zone Cross Country at Lakeside Sporting Complex last Friday. Monique, Malcolm, Eddie, Haydan, Stephanie, Eleanor, Kaiden, Riley F, Tyrone, Ryley B and James were excellent representatives of our school. The students tried their absolute best in their races and displayed exemplary behaviour at all times throughout the day. Congratulations on your wonderful achievement, boys & girls!



Indoor Cricket

Congratulations to Ryley B in the Hawks class. Ryley was successful in gaining a place in the NSW Under 13 Boys Indoor Cricket Shadow Team. Ryley travels to Dubbo on Saturday, 14th May to play four games across the weekend. We wish you the very best, Ryley.



School Fun Run

Our school Fun Run will be held next Thursday, 19th May. We will begin the Fun Run straight after morning assembly. Please ensure that you send along an extra bottle of water for your child on the day. It would be a great idea to ensure that your child is wearing sunscreen before school starts as well. Families and friends are welcome to come along on the morning and support our students. Family and friends can even run a couple of laps of the Fun Run track if they wish! Sponsorship forms were sent home before the school holidays. Thank you to the families who have been busy fundraising for the event. The proceeds will go towards new learning resources for our students. Sponsorship forms and money are due back to the office on or before 23rd May, 2016. You can also take advantage of online fundraising by creating a student profile page at schoolfunrun.com.au. See the sponsorship form for more details. We are looking forward to a great morning!



Athletics Carnival

The Small Schools' Athletics Carnival will be held at Woodberry Oval on Friday, 27th May. The carnival is for all students K-6. Families are welcome to come along and stay all or part of the day. Parents will need to arrange transport for their child/children to get to and from the event. Permission notes will be sent out shortly.

Premier's Sporting Challenge

Millers Forest students are again participating in the Premier's Sporting Challenge (PSC) this year. The PSC is a ten week challenge for all students K-6. The challenge aims to engage our young people in sport and physical activity and encourages them to lead healthy, active lifestyles. Students are enthusiastic about participating in the challenge and have been busy recording their efforts in their special PSC folders. Good luck, boys and girls!

Cathy Bray - Sports Coordinator

Honey Tasting

Thank you to Matilda and her family for bringing in the honeycomb from their beehive. Almost every student had a taste of the delicious honey. They all enjoyed sucking and squeezing the honey out of the honeycomb with many of them making a big, sticky mess.

Tom Walker – Rainbow Lorikeets Class Teacher



P & C News

The Millers Forest P & C Association are providing a **FREE** sausage sizzle for all students participating in the Adidas School Fun Run at school on Thursday, 19th May.

Please fill out your child / children's name/s on the slip below if they would like a sausage sizzle on the day to assist us with catering.

Millers Forest P & C

Fun Run - Sausage Sizzle

Student' Name/s:

Sausage Sizzle Required: Yes / No

Important Dates to Remember

NAPLAN Years 3 & 5	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10th, 11th & 12th May, 2016. (Testing in Bluebirds room.)
Guitar Payment Due	Tuesday 17th May, 2016
Parent Teacher Interviews	Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 18th, 19th & 20th May, 2016
School Fun Run	Thursday 19th May, 2016
Fun Run Money Due	Monday 23rd May, 2016
Small Schools Athletics Carnival	Friday 27th May, 2016

Assembly Awards

Week 2 – Term 2	
Principal's Award	William – Improved reading.
Citizenship Award	Koen S – Giving compliments to his classmates.
Rainbow Lorikeets Awards	Michael – Counting backwards from 32. Crystal – Excellent sounding out when writing.
Bluebirds Awards	Corben – Improved independent application towards written tasks. Cooper – Outstanding work during addition activities.
Hawks Awards	Lauchlan – An enthusiastic & independent approach to writing. Kaiden – A terrific effort in narrative writing.
Art Award	Cohen M – Improved art work.
Fitness Award	Axel – 'Having a Go'.
Assembly Award	Trey & Matty – Listening well.



Maitland Horse Sports Day

Hosted by: Iona Public School



Friday 19th August 2016

at
Maitland Polocrosse Grounds, Anambah Rd Rutherford
(1km off New England Highway)
Commencing: 8.00am Gear Check by Team Manager,
8.30am start

All forms will be available on the school website soon

www.iona-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Entry Fee: \$30 per rider * (See conditions of entry) – limited to 180 riders
** Fee increase due to NSW Ambulance Paramedics will be in attendance**

Riding Events: Riding Classes Sporting Events TBA
 Hacking Classes
 Pleasure Hack

ENTRIES CLOSE Friday 5th August 2016

All Enquiries

Fiona Lawrence
Email: f.lawrence5@bigpond.com
Phone: 02 4930 1415 (school hours)
Mobile: 0448 300 023

Facilities:

Canteen – Will be available all day from 7.30 am

Wallaroo State Forest Fun Run

Sunday, May 15th at Wallaroo State Forest

Just 10 km north of Raymond Terrace.

Turn off the Pacific Highway at Nine Mile Creek Rd,
600m south of Medowie Rd.

(at the overhead electronic road advisory sign)

Starting times:

10km – 10am 6km – 12:00 2km – 1:30

The 3 runs follow fire trails through a tranquil forest setting.

Entry fees - \$15.00 per adult, \$10.00 for 16 yrs &
under, \$40.00 per family,

\$5.00 per additional run.

Entries on the day will be accepted up to 30 minutes
before each run.

Categories include: individual, husband & wife,
parent & child, school team.

Trophy and medals for the fastest school team in the
2km.

Trophies for the winners of each run. Medals for
category winners. Lucky draw prizes.

Cure Brain Cancer merchandise, including audio
beanies also available.

Hosted by Raymond Terrace Athletics Centre

Entry forms available on
www.raymondterraceathletics.com.au or Wallaroo
facebook page.

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