

Newsletter

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Virtues for Weeks Nine & Ten

This week our virtue is **Friendliness**. Friendliness is being a friend, through good times and bad. You take an interest in other people and make them feel welcome. You share your belongings, your time and yourself. Friendliness is the best cure for loneliness.

Next week we will focus on **Joyfulness**. Joyfulness is an inner sense of peace and happiness. You appreciate the gifts each day brings. Without joyfulness, when the fun stops, our happiness stops. Joy can carry us through the hard times even when we are feeling very sad. Joy gives us wings.

For more information about the virtues please go to www.embracevirtues.com

End of Year Play Items Required



Dear Parents & Caregivers, if you out shopping these holidays and come across any of the items listed below could you please donate one of these items to the school for our play.

Blue flashing lights, one rubber chicken long, one large washing machine box, plastic axes x 2, one plastic hotdog, plastic guitars x 3, one cheap drum set, one old record player and one disco ball - large if possible.

Thanking you in advance. C. Phelps & C. Bray

Harmony Day

Harmony Day is tomorrow - Tuesday, 21st March. We will have a special assembly to celebrate Harmony Day after our usual morning assembly. If the weather is fine, we will have the assembly under the shade cloth. If it is wet, we will hold the Harmony Day assembly in the library. Students can wear orange clothes to school, the Harmony Day colour. Students can also come in any country's traditional national costume. For students who put their order in, there will be a fried rice lunch provided by the P&C. Those who did not put an order in for fried rice bring their own lunch as usual. Weather permitting; the P&C will help the students paint the sandpit as a special Harmony Day project. It is going to be a fantastic day!



Hawks Parent Interviews

Just a reminder that Mrs Bray will be holding parent/teacher interviews on Friday.

Alumni

We are reaching out to all ex students who have attended Millers Forest Public School to try to start alumni for our school. If you know of any ex students who are interested please ask them to email the school.

Toys at School

No toys or soft animals are to be at school please. These are lost and sometimes damaged. This leaves the owner very upset. If your child has an item for news it **MUST** be placed on the teacher's desk in the morning.

Return Date for Term 2

Students return to school for Term 2 on **Wednesday, 26th April**. On this day we will have a formal **ANZAC service** at **11.30 am under the Cola**. All parents are welcome to attend.

Term 2 – Winter Uniform

Students are required to wear their winter uniform in Term 2 agreed to under our uniform policy.

Uniform Change for 2017/2018

Over the last two P&C meetings it was voted to adjust the school uniform slightly to come in line with strong student wishes. This will be phased in over the next two years.

The basic change will be a new college style, extremely warm jacket which will be available from the end of Term 2 when orders will be taken. Students will then transition to wearing the green shirt all year around with the new jacket. The white shirts and ties plus the blazer will be phased out. These items however, will be retained in a pool for special representation by students outside the school. If you have any questions, please attend the next P&C meeting for on-going discussions.

Ms Phelps – PRINCIPAL

Zone Soccer

Riley F was selected to attend the Zone Soccer Trials last Thursday, 16th March. He represented Millers Forest Public School with pride and determination. Well done, Riley!

Cross Country

Our in-school Cross Country Run will be held on Wednesday, 29th March for students in the Hawks and Bluebirds classes. Students will need to wear their joggers to school on this day and pack an extra bottle of water.

The in-school Cross Country Run is being held in order to select student representatives for the Zone Cross Country trials. To represent our school at Zone Cross Country, students must be turning 8 years or older this year. The 8-10 year olds must be able to run two kilometres within a reasonable time and 11 and 12 year olds must be able to run three kilometres within a reasonable timeframe. Not all children will be able to do this and that is okay. Many students choose to walk the in-school Cross Country course or combine running or walking to complete the course.

We still need helpers on the morning of our in-school Cross Country Run on Wednesday, 29th March. Please fill out and return the slip **below** to the office if you are able to help. Thank you.



I can help out on the morning of the in-school Cross Country Run on Wednesday, 29th March.

Name: _____

Cathy Bray

Hawks Class Teacher & Sports Co-ordinator

Important Dates to Remember

Harmony Day	Tuesday 21 March 2017
In-School Cross Country	Wednesday 29 March 2017
Great Big Science Show	Wednesday 5 April 2017
Last Day of Term 1	Friday 7 April 2017
Staff Development Day	Monday 24 April 2017
ANZAC Day Holiday	Tuesday 25 April 2017
Students Return for Term 2	Wednesday 26 April 2017
Anzac Service	Wednesday 26 April 2017

<i>Assembly Awards</i>	
Week 7 – Term 1	
Principal's Award	Mason M – Great maths work.
PBL Award	Ryley B – Being a considerate student.
Citizenship Award	Matilda – Always following school rules.
Rainbow Lorikeets Class Award	Mason M – Terrific independent work habits.
Rainbow Lorikeets Virtues Award	Rylan – Always being a nice friend.
Bluebirds Class Award	Ella – Improved confidence & persistence in class.
Bluebirds Virtues Award	Caitlin – Being a kind & considerate member of class.
Hawks Class Award	Jemima – Writing creative, clever & entertaining narratives.
Hawks Virtues Award	Katie – Always being kind & considerate to others.
Art Award	Brandon – Great artwork.
Assembly Award	Rylan – For listening well.
Secret Compliment	Ryan (Year 6) – For having a great start to Millers Forest Public School.

<i>Assembly Awards</i>	
Week 8 – Term 1	
Principal's Award	Willow – Improved writing.
PBL Award	Kaiden – Improved leadership in all areas.
Citizenship Award	Shikiyia – Always being courteous & respectful.
Rainbow Lorikeets Class Award	Xavier – Staying on task to complete work.
Rainbow Lorikeets Virtues Award	Blaze – Being a mature & reliable classroom helper.
Bluebirds Class Award	Will – Improved effort & persistence in class.
Bluebirds Virtues Award	Trey – Being a reliable & trustworthy member of our class.
Hawks Class Award	Ryan (Year 4) – Persuading a challenge in maths.
Hawks Virtues Award	Tyrone – Tyrone can be relied upon to always do his best!
Art Award	Austin – Improved art work.
Assembly Award	Max – Being a good listener.
Secret Compliment	Oliver – For being a good sport.

Transition to the New NSW Public Schools' Finance System and a New Bank Account

Dear Parents and Carers

Millers Forest Public School will transition to the new NSW Public Schools' finance system and a new bank account on **24 July 2017**.

To ensure a smooth transition, there will be changes to the way we accept payments from parents and carers.

- **Cash and cheque payments:** Between **17 July 2017** and **24 July 2017**, we will not be able to accept payments by cash or cheque as we prepare to close our current bank account and transition to the new one. This is the first week and part of the second week of Term 3. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding cash or cheque payments before **30 June 2017** (the last week of Term 2). From **25 July 2017**, cash and cheque payments will be accepted as before.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we transition to our new finance system. If you have any questions, please contact Millers Forest Public School on Ph. 4987 2520