

Newsletter

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Virtues for Weeks Two & Three



This week our virtue is **Purposefulness**. Being purposeful is having a clear focus. Begin with a vision of what you want to accomplish, and concentrate your energies. Some people let things happen. When you are purposeful, you make things happen.

Next week (week 3) our virtue is **Peacefulness**. Peacefulness is being calm inside. Take time for daily reflection and gratitude. Solve conflicts so everyone wins. Be a peacemaker. Peace is giving up the love of power for the power of love. Peace in the world begins with peace in your heart.

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

Easter Hat Parade

Thank you to all our creative parents for organising the most wonderful Easter hats for our parade. Your helpfulness is most appreciated. The students had much fun in guessing who the Easter Bunny helper was. Thank you Mr Bunny Walker.



Uniform Change for 2017/2018

Blazer Donation Call

As we gradually switch over to the new jackets, parents wishing to donate their school blazers to the school pool can be assured that these blazers will still be worn by students who represent the school at formal occasions such as A.N.Z.A.C. Services, Leadership Days, Debating competitions, Premier's Spelling Bee competitions etc. The blazers will be cleaned and maintained by the school for these special events. Any student representing the school will have access to a dry cleaned blazer for such an occasion.

Warren Monkley

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of Warren Monkley. Warren lived behind the school in the two storey house. He was also a past P&C President of Millers Forest Public School. Our thoughts are with his wife June and his family.

A.N.Z.A.C. Service

Thank you to the staff and students who represented our school at the Beresfield ANZAC Day dawn service. The students displayed reverence and an outstanding level of behaviour. Tyrone did an outstanding job reading a prayer during the ceremony.

Also thank you to James Carter for attending our school service on Wednesday. All students were very respectful during the ceremony and made impressive poppies for the service.



The Sand Pit is Restored

Thank you to our wonderful P&C for donating the new sand and cover for the sand pit. Students showed their virtue of **helpfulness** by filling up the sand pit on Friday.



Lunch Orders

There will be *no lunch orders this week* due to the Total Field Day stall.

Drop-Off's in Morning

Dear Kindergarten Parents,

This term we are focussing on independence. We would please ask that you drop your child off at the gate or quickly leave after your goodbyes so that the kindergarten students can settle in and join in play of a morning. This will encourage independence when walking to lines and assist them to join in morning games and routines. Thank you.

Ooshies

Students are please asked not to bring ooshies to school. Some ooshies are collectable like the red ooshy which costs \$500.00 just for one. Students get extremely distracted by these toys in class and upset if they are misplaced or lost.

Guitar Lessons

Guitar lessons for Term 2 for students in Years 1 to 6 will start tomorrow. The cost for these lessons remains at \$45.00 per student. The payment for this term is due by Tuesday, 23rd May.

Ms Phelps – Principal

Zone Touch Trials

The Zone Touch Trials have been rescheduled to Monday, 8th May at Lakeside Sporting Ovals. We wish Kaiden and Ryley B all the best for the try outs.

Zone Cross Country

The Zone Cross Country Trials will be on Friday, 12th May. Good luck to our competitors: Eddie, Riley, Kaiden, Ryley and Tyrone.

Young Leaders Day

Year 6 will attend the Gateway Community Young Leaders Day at Thornton Public School on Wednesday, 24th May. Students will listen to keynote speakers Joel Howlett, a professional magician and speaker, and Poppy Star, who is one of the world's most exciting and successful skateboard stars. Students will also participate in leadership and team building workshops on the day.

Cathy Bray

Hawks' Class Teacher & Sports Coordinator

Important Dates to Remember

No Lunch Orders	Friday 5 May 2017
Zone Touch Football	Monday 8 May 2017
Book Club Due	Monday 8 May 2017
NAPLAN Years 3 & 5	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9, 10 & 11 May 2017
Zone Cross Country	Friday 12 May 2017
Mother's Day Stall	Friday 12 May 2017
Guitar Payment Due	Tuesday 23 May 2017
Young Leaders Day	Wednesday 24 May 2017
Small Schools Athletics Carnival	Friday 9 June 2017
Life Education Van	Thursday 15 June 2017

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