

Newsletter

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Virtues for Weeks Six & Seven

This week our virtue is **Gentleness**. Being gentle means moving wisely, touching softly, holding carefully, speaking quietly and thinking kindly. When you feel angry or hurt, use your self-control instead of harming someone, talk things out peacefully.

Next week our virtue is **Compassion**. Compassion is caring and understanding when someone is hurt or troubled, even if you don't know them, it is wanting to help, even if all you can do is listen and say kind words. Forgive your mistakes. You are a friend when someone needs a friend.

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



Queen's Birthday Holiday

Don't forget that it is a Public Holiday on Monday, 12th June.

P&C Meeting

Monday, 5th June is our next P&C meeting. We will meet in the library. All welcome! Please bring some morning tea to share.

Virtues Fun Session

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

You are invited to come to school on **Friday, 2nd June** and join in with two fun sessions starting at 11.30am. The school will be split into two groups and then swap around. Groups will be art/craft decorating in the library and parents verses students in a soccer match. Parents may order their lunch from the P&C and stay for lunch with their child. Attached is a lunch order for parents.

Nepal Day

Thursday, 8th June is Nepal Day. Students will learn about life in Nepal and participate in activities with the CWA from Morpeth.

Ms Phelps – PRINCIPAL



Small Schools Soccer Knockout

On Friday, 19th May, the Millers Forest Public School soccer team took on Bob's Farm Public School in the soccer knockout competition. In a very tough game we took a 1-0 lead into half time thanks to an excellent goal by Riley F. Despite our best efforts Bob's Farm scored a goal to make it 1-1 at full time. Even after extra time the teams couldn't be separated so unfortunately Bob's Farm goes through to the next round because they had more corners. It was a sensational performance by every single player in the team and they should be very proud of their effort. Well done team!



Mr Walker

Soccer Coach & Lorikeets' Class Teacher

Young Leaders Day

On Wednesday, 24th May, Year 6 went to Thornton Public School to participate in Young Leaders Day. They joined with other Year 6 students from Thornton, Woodberry, Tarro, Blackhill and Beresfield primary schools as well as with students from Francis Greenway High School. All the students had lots of fun participating in leadership activities and they especially enjoyed the talk from Poppy Starr, a world famous pro skateboarder. Magician Joel Howlett also gave an inspiring talk and performed some tricks for the students. Our students learned a lot about effective leadership and working towards their goals in life.



Term 2 Sport

Millers Forest Public School students will be participating in Touch Football for sport in Term 2. Sporting Schools has provided funds for a qualified coach to come to the school each week to run Touch Football activities for students.

Mrs Bray

Sports Co-ordinator & Hawks' Class Teacher

Art News

Congratulations to Cohen (Bluebirds) and Ryan (Hawks). Their portraits have been selected to hang in the Maitland Regional Art Gallery's "Make a Face" Exhibition which runs from 3rd June – 10th September.

The official opening is on 18th June. Students, parents and teachers are welcome at 11:00am to go along.

It is a wonderful opportunity for the community to see the high standard of artworks that are created by students from both Kindergarten to Year 6 and high school.

Another big congratulations goes to Skye N (Bluebirds) for winning "Our Local Area" creative arts competition and winning a \$100 Mortels voucher. Students were asked to draw, paint or collage an artwork depicting the Uggboots and the Giant they belong to.

Cohen, Isaac and Matilda's work was also entered. (This competition was for Years 1 and 2.)

Ms Merrilees – Art and Library Teacher



Important Dates to Remember

Virtues Fun Day	Friday 2 June 2017
P & C Meeting	Monday 5 June 2017
Book Club Due	Wednesday 7 June 2017
Nepal Day	Thursday 8 June 2017
Small Schools Athletics Carnival	Friday 9 June 2017
Life Education Van	Thursday 15 June 2017
Mary Poppins	Thursday 22 June 2017
Last Day of Term 3	Friday 30 June 2017
Staff Development Day	Monday 17 July 2017
Students Return for Term 3	Tuesday 18 July 2017

<i>Assembly Awards</i>	
<i>Week 4 – Term 2</i>	
Principal's Award	Zeke – Improved handwriting.
PBL Award	Braiden – Being peaceful with class mates.
Citizenship Award	Ariana – Keeping our playground tidy.
Rainbow Lorikeets Class Award	Xavier – Doing his best work & making great improvements.
Rainbow Lorikeets Virtues Award	Zak – Being a calm & peaceful member of class.
Bluebirds Class Award Bluebirds Virtues Award	Shikiyia – Increased confidence when reading aloud. Matty – Bringing peacefulness & calmness to our class.
Hawks Class Award Hawks Virtues Award	Imogen – A huge effort in writing activities. Evan – Finding peaceful solutions to problems.
Art Award	Cohen – A great portrait.
Assembly Award	Avalon – For singing joyfully.
Secret Compliment	Ally – For being a good sport.

<i>Assembly Awards</i>	
<i>Week 5 – Term 2</i>	
Principal's Award	Charlotte – Self motivation in improving her Maths. Jemima – Outstanding Lexia results.
PBL Award	Lacey – Using assertiveness to solve problems.
Citizenship Award	Charlotte – Always being courteous & respectful.
Rainbow Lorikeets Class Award Rainbow Lorikeets Virtues Award	Brandon – Always trying hard with his work. Zeke – Having great ideas & expressing them well.
Bluebirds Class Award Bluebirds Virtues Award	Shelby – Improved focus & completing set tasks on time. Karla – Using assertiveness to give her opinion.
Hawks Class Award Hawks Virtues Award	Corben – A concentrated effort in all areas. Jemima – Expressing her own ideas & thinking for herself.
Art Award	Oliver – Great improvement in art.
Assembly Award	Lacey – For great listening & singing.
Secret Compliment	Michael – For having great fun when he is playing.

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.