

Newsletter

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Virtues for Weeks Eight & Nine

This week our virtue is **Orderliness**. Orderliness is being neat and living with a sense of harmony. You are organised and you know where things are when you need them. Solve problems step by step instead of going in circles. Order around you creates order inside you. It gives you peace of mind.

Next week our virtue is **Thankfulness**. Thankfulness is being grateful for what we have. It is an attitude of gratitude for learning, loving and being. Appreciate the little things that happen around you and within you every day. Think positively. Thankfulness brings contentment.

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



New Drum Group

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen by Mrs Kingston to be in our new drumming group called 'GEMBAY'. Ryan, Evan, Charlotte, Ally, Malcolm, Katie, Chloe W, Chloe C, Lacey and Jemima. The drum group will practice every Friday afternoon with Mrs Kingston.

All students in the drum group will be receiving special red t-shirts as their uniform for performances. These t-shirts have been funded by the school.

Uniform Changes

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

The P&C voted on Monday, 5th June along with many parents voting on the P&C Facebook and through the return slips for a change of school shirt. The results were 25 for and 4 against. Let me be very clear and state that the new shirts will not be available to order until the end of the year and the old shirts may still be worn over the transition period which is a two year period. No parents will be asked to go out and purchase new shirts next year unless they wish too. The aim of the changes is to make the uniform simpler for both parents and students. More information will be coming over the coming months regarding the uniform.

Beanies for Winter



Students are permitted to wear black or dark green beanies in winter when the weather is very cold. Please do not send your child to school in a coloured beanie or hat. All students must wear black shoes to school. Black joggers are permitted.

Mr Walker Returns

Mr Walker returns from paternity leave today. We would like to thank Mrs Grabda for teaching the Lorikeets class while Mr Walker has been away.

Mary Poppins Excursion

The Mary Poppins excursion is this Thursday, 22nd June at the Civic Theatre in Newcastle. Payments for this excursion **were due last Friday, 16th June**. Currently there are only **3 tickets left** to the show, so it is now first in best dressed for those students who have not paid to go. Any students who are not attending are to come to school as normal on this day.

Recorder Festival

Our Opera House recorder group will be attending the Recorder Festival this year on Wednesday, 6th September. Tickets for parents or family members wishing to attend this event come on sale at the box office from today, Monday 19th June until Thursday 22nd June. **Ticket sales for our concert open at 9:00am on Thursday, 22nd June.** **Information regarding how to book the tickets has been sent home again today with those students in the Opera House recorder group.

School Holidays

The last day for students for this term is Friday, 30th June. Students return for Term 3 on Tuesday, 18th July, 2017.

No Lunch Orders this week

It has been decided that there will be no lunch orders this week due to the Mary Poppins excursion on Thursday and our athletics carnival on Friday.

Ms Phelps – PRINCIPAL

Debating

Our Junior Debaters, Austin, Jemima, Katie and Chloe W participated in a debate against Paterson P.S. on Wednesday, 7th June. The topic was 'Children should not have homework' and our debaters argued for the negative side. Our debaters had prepared a strong case and developed some clever rebuttal during the debate. It was fantastic to see students in Years 3 and 4 confidently arguing their case! Paterson's rebuttal was a little stronger and they won the debate. I am immensely proud of our team's effort, well done boys and girls, and good luck for your future debates!

NEPAL DAY

Representatives from the Morpeth CWA came to Millers Forest P.S. on Thursday, 8th June to give a presentation to the students about Nepal. The CWA ladies spoke about how they raise money for a different country each year and this year they are trying to help Nepal after the 2015 earthquake. The CWA are raising money to buy bricks to build new schools which were destroyed in the earthquake. The ladies showed the students where Nepal was and spoke about the weather, food and Mount Everest. They told the students that Nepal didn't have McDonald's- which many of the students thought was crazy! The students watched videos about two 12 year old's school life and discussed the difference in their education compared to ours here in Australia. The CWA ladies also played a video which showed a lot of Nepal's scenery as well as facts about money and attractions in Nepal. The students enjoyed delicious Nepalese biscuits that the ladies had prepared for them. The CWA donated two books to our school library; 'I See the Sun in Nepal' and 'First to the Top: Sir Edmund Hillary's Amazing Everest Adventure'. Thank you to the CWA for such an interesting and informative morning.

Speeches

Information went home previously about the Millers Forest Public School Public Speaking Competition. All students should have had a speech prepared for their class, today Monday 19th June. Class teachers will be listening to the students' speeches throughout this week. Please refer to the information note already sent home for further details. There are notes available in the office if you need another one. Class teachers will select two students from each stage to represent our school in the local area public speaking competition to be held next term.

YEAR 6 Fundraiser

Year 6 are holding a fundraiser this Wednesday, 21st June. Students can pay \$3 to wear a onesie or pyjamas to school on the day. Students who have contributed \$3 towards the fundraiser will receive a donut and a hot chocolate from the P&C at recess. The money raised will go towards the Year 6 gift to the school.

NAIDOC WEEK

On Wednesday, 14th June, the whole school participated in a range of activities to recognise and celebrate the importance of NAIDOC Week, which will be in the school holidays. Some of the Hawks presented an assembly to the school explaining what NAIDOC means, before the whole school got involved through Indigenous cooking, art, ball games and stories. All the students got to enjoy their cooking at lunch time and used beautiful manners sharing their cakes all around. The event was great fun and many of the students loved the cooking so much that they asked for the recipe to try out at home, so here it is below:



Johnny Cakes:

10 minutes preparation + 20 minutes cooking

Ingredients:

1KG self-raising flour
250mL milk
500ml water

1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon margarine
1 tablespoon canola oil

Steps:

1. Warm margarine in microwave for anywhere between 15-30 seconds
2. Add milk and water to the margarine, and stir
3. Put 900g of flour into large mixing bowl
4. Add 1/3 of the liquid at a time to the flour, and mix it until it turns into dough
5. Use the remaining flour to sprinkle over a bench
6. Place the dough on the floured bench and knead
7. Flour your hands with dough to reduce stickiness, and break off small pieces of the dough, about the size of an apricot
8. Roll these into a ball, then flatten with your hands or a rolling pin to make a small patty
9. Heat oil in a frying pan at 200 degrees Celsius
10. Cook the patties for 1-2 minutes on each side until golden brown
11. Remove from pan and let them cool down for 5-10 minutes as they continue cooking inside
12. Sprinkle with icing sugar and serve with jam, honey, Nutella or any serving you like
13. Finally – enjoy your cakes!! ☺

Spelling Bee

Millers Forest Public School will be having an in-school Spelling Bee for students in Stage 2 & 3 on Tuesday, 27th June. Participation in the Spelling Bee is optional. The two winning students from each Stage will represent our school at the Premier's Spelling Challenge next term.

Athletics Carnival

The Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday, 23rd June. Families need to organise transport for their children to get to and from the carnival. Students need to meet the teachers at 8:45am at Woodberry Oval to have their names marked off the class roll. The Infants' activities will conclude around 12 noon. Students should wear their sports uniform and take plenty of water to drink. For further information, please refer to the permission note sent home previously. A copy of the canteen menu has been included with this newsletter. Teachers will distribute a program of events at the carnival.

Canberra Excursion

Our students in years 5 & 6 are getting very excited about the upcoming excursion to Canberra. Please note that the cost of the excursion needs to be paid in full by this **Friday, 23rd June**. No late payments can be accepted.

Cathy Bray - Hawks' Class Teacher

Important Dates to Remember

Year 6 Fundraiser	Wednesday 21 June 2017
Mary Poppins	Thursday 22 June 2017
Small Schools Athletics Carnival	Friday 23 June 2017
Final Canberra Payment Due	Friday 23 June 2017
Spelling Bee	Tuesday 27 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

Photos from our Healthy Harold Visit



<i>Assembly Awards</i>	
<i>Week 6 – Term 2</i>	
Principal's Award	Skye – Outstanding Art abilities.
PBL Award	Matty – Using flexibility at school.
Citizenship Award	Rhianna – Being considerate to others.
Rainbow Lorikeets Class Award	Kalani – A great story about Humpty Dumpty.
Rainbow Lorikeets Virtues Award	Nakayla – Co-operating in all activities.
Bluebirds Class Award	Cohen – Improved focus & effort in all tasks.
Bluebirds Virtues Award	Benjamin – Being flexible – ability to accept other opinions & change.
Hawks Class Award	Cooper – Excellent results in Mathletics.
Hawks Virtues Award	Chloe C – Being flexible & adaptable.
Art Award	Oliver – Hard work in Art again.
Assembly Award	Mitchell – Excellent singing.
Secret Compliment	Lacey – Being careful at school.

<i>Assembly Awards</i>	
<i>Week 7 – Term 2</i>	
Principal's Award	Austin – Improved maths effort.
PBL Award	Eddie – Cooperation in games.
Citizenship Award	Isaac & Cohen – Helping a younger student in a time of need.
Rainbow Lorikeets Class Award	Blaze – Trying hard to sound words.
Rainbow Lorikeets Virtues Award	Elijah – Being gentle in all dealings with his classmates.
Bluebirds Class Award	Madelyn – Improved persistence & independence in writing.
Bluebirds Virtues Award	Michael – Being a calm & gentle classmate.
Hawks Class Award	Evan – Maintaining high standards of work in all areas.
Hawks Virtues Award	Ally – For being a gentle & kind friend.
Art Award	Karla – Gentle use of colour.
Secret Compliment	Kiara – Being a kind friend.

...Our Virtues Fun Day...

