



# MILLER PUBLIC SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER  
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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We made it! Today marks the end of the 2020 school year. In a year that has been like no other we have loved the opportunity to work with you and your children, to watch them grow and learn and to build a positive environment where they feel safe and happy. I would like to wish each and every family a Merry Christmas. I hope you enjoy a safe and restful holiday with family and friends. To the families leaving us today we wish you well in the next chapter of your learning journey and to those returning next year we look forward to seeing you all in 2021.

Mrs Selena Gandy  
Principal  
16 December 2020



### School Captains 2021

Congratulations to Tamato (Marko) and Rafeef our new School Captains for 2021 and Shalom and Haneen our Vice Captains for 2021. I would also like to acknowledge the five other students who courageously put themselves up in front of the student body to be judged. I am sure they will all contribute positively to our school in 2021 as senior students.



### Week 9 Celebrations

Week 9 was a huge week for us at school as we celebrated the Miller Minis graduation, three Presentation Day assemblies for students in the Support Unit, years K-2 and years 3-6. There was also the Year 6 Farewell, the yearbook and the sending home of academic reports for all students. Each of these events required extensive commitment and organisation from staff. Whilst they couldn't all occur in a manner which we are used to, we did enjoy sharing photos from each event across social media and home with families. We hope you are as proud of our school as we are.



# NOTICES



## So long, farewell... thank you for your hard work

As the year draws to a close it is time to say goodbye to some members of staff who have worked at Miller in 2020.

Miss Harriet Watson has been the K Aqua teacher this year. Miss Watson is moving to Canterbury Vale School in 2021 to work with high school students in a specialist environment. We wish her well in this new role.

Miss Jessica Haydon has worked with 5/6 Cyan this year. She has led fundraising, the Year 6 Farewell and assisted with the Yearbook. Miss Haydon is moving to Ashcroft Public School and we wish her well.

Miss Rebecca Tierney will be leaving us, only temporarily at the moment, to work as a Learning and Support Teacher at Robert Townson High school. We hope she enjoys this new opportunity until we see her back at Miller in the future.

Miss Amanda Vassallo has been the class teacher of K/1 Blue this year and will be leaving us to take up a permanent appointment as class teacher support at Curran Public School. She has organised After School Sport, previously led the Learning Support Team and has played a valuable role in rolling out our school's Wellbeing Program. We wish her well as she starts her career in a permanent capacity in a new school setting.

Mrs Wendy Brooks has been a teacher at Miller since 1999. In this time she has taught many students across numerous grades. Mrs Brooks has also relieved as an Assistant Principal in her years at Miller. We thank her for her many years of service to our school and community and wish her every success in her new role as teacher at Currans Hill Public School. We know she will enjoy being closer to home and her family.

WHEREVER YOUR  
PATH TAKES YOU, WE  
WISH YOU SUCCESS  
IN EVERYTHING  
YOU DO.  
GOODBYE!

## Welcome Back



This week we welcomed back Mrs Tong from her five months of maternity leave. The students have been excited to see her at the gate each day and we look forward to working with her in her new role as Deputy Principal / Instructional Leader in 2021.

### 2021 Classes

Plans are well underway for 2021 classes and staffing. It is really important that we have an accurate idea of student numbers. If you know you are leaving Miller in 2021 please call the school office and pass on this information. Additionally, if you know you will be starting late in 2021 because of a holiday or other reason, I ask you to also let us know that. Finally, if you or your neighbours have a child who should be attending Kindergarten in 2021 and they have not yet enrolled please encourage this to occur as a matter of urgency.

### Staff Development Day - Friday 18 December

The last day for students to attend school this year is today, Wednesday 16 December. The staff will participate in professional learning at school on Thursday 17 December but the school will be officially closed on Friday 18 December. This includes the school office. Staff have completed extended professional learning on two evenings in Term 3 and early Term 4 to facilitate the required hours.

Last Day for Students – Wednesday 16 December

**Years 1-6** Students return Friday 28 January 2021

Kindergarten start Tuesday 2 February 2021