

# MILLER PUBLIC SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER  
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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Well what a different looking term we have had here at Miller and indeed across the state. We have experienced home learning, face to face teaching and kiss and drop at the gate in the last 10 weeks. It does feel as if the term has been longer than that and I know both staff and students are really looking forward to the opportunity to rest and recharge for two weeks.

Can I take this opportunity to wish all families a safe and happy break. I hope you have the opportunity to enjoy some quality time with family and friends that we were not able to experience in the last holidays.

Stay safe!

Mrs Selena Gandy  
Principal  
3 July 2020

### Staffing

Mrs Tong leaves us this Friday to commence her maternity leave. We wish her and her husband and son all the very best as they welcome Baby Tong version 2.0 into the world. We will miss her greatly but know this is a special time for her and her family.

Mrs Harding has advised she will not be returning to Miller PS. Mrs Tong was working as our Instructional Leader / Deputy Principal and as such I have advertised to fill this position. We hope to have somebody in this role from week 2 term 3.

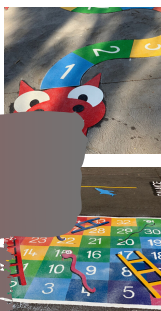
### Behaviour

Unfortunately, over the past few weeks the executive staff and I have had to make a series of phone calls to parents around behaviours their children are displaying, particularly physical aggression, disrespect towards staff and comments of a racist nature. This behaviour will not be tolerated at our school and goes against every one of our school values.

To support our consequences around playground behaviour we have commenced a games session both breaks in the Koori room. Students may be asked to attend one of these sessions to facilitate the development of social skills, to separate them from another student they are experiencing difficulties with or to allow them extra time to reflect on their current behaviour.

In this room students have the opportunity to play Lego, do puzzles, draw and interact positively with other students. We have also had a small group of students who ask to join this room at breaktime as they enjoy the opportunity to engage in play with their friends. If your child comes home and tells you they were in guided games within the Koori room this is what they have been doing.

# NOTICES



## Front Gate Upgrade

Over the school break we will be having the front entrance upgraded and a new school gate and security system installed. I anticipate this will be finished for the start of Term 3 and look forward to the additional security it will offer, as well as an enhanced street appeal for the front of our school.

## Miller Minis

We are ready to start on the first Thursday back after the holidays and we have the names of about 8 very excited little people BUT we want more! If you have a child who turns 5 before 31st July 2021 they can be part of our transition to school program. Please contact the office to make a time to complete the enrolment application. Students must be fully enrolled for Kindergarten 2021 to participate in Miller Minis. This program will run in Term 3 and 4 on a Thursday and Friday morning from 9-12.

## Pick Up / Drop Off

We will continue with the current arrangements as per the advice of the Department of Education with regards to visitors onsite at the start of Term 3. Please ensure you adhere to parking rules and regulations.

## P & C Meeting

With the current restrictions in place we have been unable to meet for a lengthy period of time. Our next meeting will be held in the library on Thursday 6 August at 2:00pm, this space should allow us to adhere to social distancing requirements. Parents will need to go to the school office and sign a declaration before they enter school grounds.

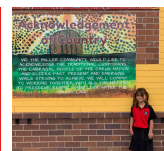
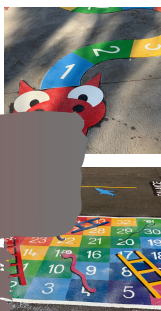
## School Uniform

It is pleasing to see so many of our students wearing school uniform each day and understanding the importance of doing so. The polo top provided by the school with the logo, the jacket provided by the school with the logo and plain black bottoms are the expectation. The school still has black trackpants available for purchase at \$10 a pair. Please contact the school office to arrange to buy these.

## Reports

The staff are currently in the process of writing reports for all students for Semester 1. The report will be a modified version of our traditional school report to reflect the learning environment across Semester 1, including home learning. Days absent from school will also be included on this report and will reflect whether students engaged in learning at home either online or via booklets. Reports will be sent home Friday of week 2 next term – Friday 31 July.

# NOTICES



## Canteen

There will still be no canteen for Term 3 and parents will need to continue to send recess, lunch and a drink bottle to school. Please encourage your children to ask for assistance if they forget any of these items each day.

## Crazy Hair Day

Today, the students of Miller Public School raised money for the P & C by participating in Crazy Hair Day. All of the students were encouraged to come to school with crazy hair and bring in a gold coin donation.

We saw lots of crazy hairstyles, including coloured sprayed hair, hair with ribbons and bows and even hair with feathers and sparkles. Thank you to all of the students and teachers who got involved in this crazy event!

## Upcoming Dates

Monday 20th July - Staff Development Day

Please note the school office will be closed for the full day as all staff will be completing professional learning at an alternative venue. There will be no staff onsite.

Tuesday 21 July - Students return for Term 3

