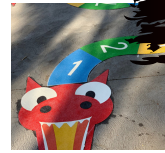




# MILLER PUBLIC SCHOOL



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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Welcome to Term 4!

It's week 7 and so hard to believe we only have three weeks left of Term 4. The staff are finalising academic reports, preparing for the Presentation Day assemblies, organising the Year 6 Farewell, transitioning our Year 6 students into high school and our Miller Minis into Kindergarten all the while starting our planning for 2021. This time of year is always busy in schools.

Mrs Selena Gandy  
Principal  
27 November 2020



### School Captains 2021

Year 5 students have had the opportunity to submit written applications to run for the prestigious role of School Captain and Vice Captain for the 2021 school year. Nine students submitted applications and they have all met with Mrs Gandy and Mrs Jones. These students are preparing speeches to present via a virtual assembly to the students in Years K-5. Following this, students in years K-5 will vote. We are in the process of preparing a virtual link to share with the families of those students speaking to allow them to be part of the event. Student privacy may prevent us from sharing this link with the entire school community but we are looking into this.

### Presentation Day Assemblies

Families should all have received a letter detailing our plans to hold three end of year assemblies for Years K-2, Years 3-6 and students in the support unit. Students receiving an award will be able to have two guests attend. We are limited in the numbers we can invite due to the ongoing COVID19 pandemic. Invitations will be sent home this week so families have time to make arrangements to attend. Unfortunately, younger siblings not yet attending school are also unable to attend.

### Miller Minis Graduation

This will occur Thursday 10 December instead of the final Miller Minis session. Guidelines will be similar to that for Presentation Day with two guests only per child, no younger siblings. Invitations for this event will be sent home this week.

# NOTICES



## Kindergarten Orientation

On 3 December the Miller Minis session will look a little different in that it will commence at 9:30am and students will work in the Kindergarten classroom with some of our 2020

Kindergarten students. This will be our formal orientation session. Unfortunately, current guidelines do not support parents attending but a link to a virtual parent information session will be shared with parents when they drop their children off that day. Staff have worked extremely hard to compile key information to welcome families to our school.

## School Gates

Each morning there appears to be a group of students arriving well before 8:30am. The school gates are not open and there is no staff member responsible for supervision. Can I ask all families to ensure children are not left unsupervised at the gate before they open at 8:30am.

## 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.

## Behaviour

This continues to be an area I ask for parent support. We are so close to the end of the school year and it would be a shame to have students unable to participate in events, including the year 6 farewell, because of their behaviour.

## Year 6 Farewell

This will take place on Thursday 10 December from 6pm at the Liverpool Catholic Club. I must stress there will be strict guidelines around this event given the current COVID situation.

Parents will drop students off at the club entrance and then students will immediately be escorted into the club. There will be no mingling outside of the club so hiring a fancy car is not recommended. Parents will not be able to attend the function in any capacity, the staff will take photos.

## Staff Development Day – Friday 18 December

The last day for students to attend school this year is 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.

## UPCOMING DATES

3/12/2020

- Kindergarten orientation

10/12/2020

- Year 6 Farewell at LCC

- Miller Minis Graduation

- Support Unit Presentation Day

11/12/2020

- Reports to be sent home

- K-2 Presentation Day

- 3-6 Presentation Day