

MILLER PUBLIC SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER
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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to Week 4!

Berry Street Staff Professional Learning

I had been planning to write to you today to inform you of the professional learning all staff were supposed to do last Saturday 13 February. Unfortunately, the Victoria shutdown impacted on us here at Miller. The trainer had arrived from Victoria prior to the announcement so we thought we would be fine to proceed, however, advice from NSW Health required him to either return to Victoria or lockdown for five days. As a result of this the whole staff will complete this training on SDD at the start of Term 2. Unfortunately for us this is the second time the situation in Victoria has impacted our training. This serves as a timely reminder for us that whilst NSW is currently travelling well with COVID it is essential we continue to follow current guidelines.

Mrs Selena Gandy
Principal
Tuesday 16 February 2021

After School Sport

This started on Monday this week with the students who returned signed permission notes. Parents are reminded that siblings not participating are not to remain at school. Please collect your child from the front gate at 4pm.

Leaders Induction

This Wednesday at 10am students who have been elected as either a School Captain or Vice-Captain, House Captain or House Vice-Captain and class SRC representative will receive their badges at a special assembly. This assembly will follow a similar format to presentation day where only students receiving a badge will attend and two immediate family members will be invited to attend. We will again have a seating plan and parents will be required to scan a QR code to enter the school site and complete a COVID declaration. As a school we are very aware, as parents you like to share these special memories with your children so we appreciate you adhering to the COVID guidelines we have in place, supported by a COVID safety plan, to ensure we can host the event safely.

See Saw

As classes are now established for 2021 teachers will shortly send home invitations to link to your child's learning through See Saw. Whilst we are not learning remotely anymore as a staff we value highly the opportunity See Saw provides us to share learning with our families. We will also be using this tool for students to talk through their learning with you later in the year at Three Way Parent - Student - Teacher interviews. In addition to all of that, your children love seeing that you know what they do all day in their classes. We hope to be able to hold some parent information sessions to help families learn to use See Saw effectively.

NOTICES



Canteen

The canteen has had an extremely busy start to the school year. As we work through the initial teething concerns can I please remind you of the following:

- Every student needs their own bag with their name and class clearly marked
- Lunch orders need to be placed in the basket on the school steps before school each morning
- Students can order ice blocks as part of their lunch. These will not be delivered in the bag, students have been told to take their bag to the canteen and collect them during play time.

Drop Off / Pick Up

This continues to be a hectic time for us both before and after school. Recently I have had a parent or two express their frustrations with me at the manner in which people disobey the road rules and signage. Unfortunately, this is out of my control. I can only continue to reinforce the rules and ask parents not to stop directly opposite the school or above the pedestrian gate. If you do this you run the risk of receiving a parking fine from the parking inspectors and police who frequent the area.

Stage Overviews

This week, you will receive a Stage overview. These contain all of the important information relating to class programs.

PSSA

This kicks off this Friday with selected students from years 3-6 participating in a Junior and Senior Mixed Newcombeball competition. All students are required to wear full school uniform, including school hat and contribute \$2 towards the cost of the bus. Students who have issues with behaviour during the week may be prohibited from attending.

Indigenous Shirts

These shirts form a valuable part of our school uniform here at Miller for all students. Please remember they can only be worn to school on a Wednesday and days of cultural significance.

School Photos

School Photos will take place next Monday 22 February for all students. Please ensure students are in full school uniform. Individual student envelopes will be distributed this week.

Learning Intervention

As a school we have refined the way in which we support students requiring intervention with their learning and in the learning of English as an additional dialect. Mrs Boyle is leading a team of staff in implementing five week learning boosts. These boosts will occur 2-4 times a week in small groups of 3-4 students. The students are selected based on the data around their learning needs in target areas. For Term 1 we are focusing on students in Years 1, 3, and 5 in the areas of phonics and phonological awareness.



RAINBOW DAY

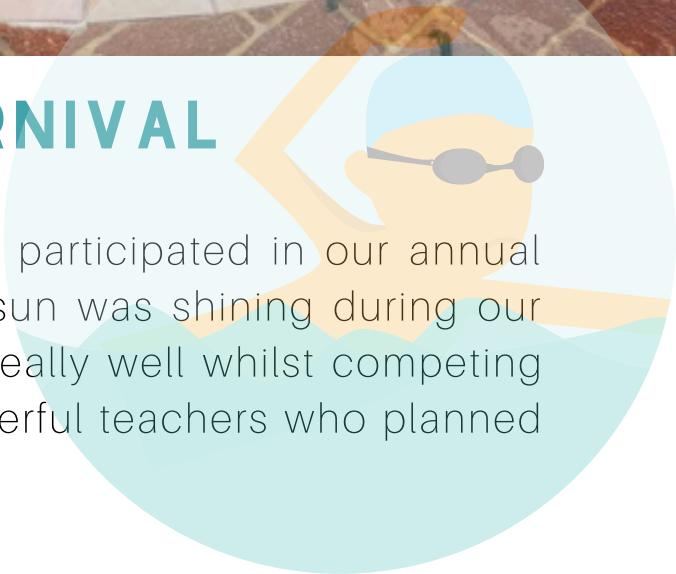
Our Kindergarten students had a colourful day on Tuesday 16 February as they participated in a range of wonderful and bright activities on Rainbow Day. Our glowing Kindergarten teachers planned for an amazingly fun day where our students painted rainbows, learnt all about the colours of the rainbow and ate delicious colourful jelly.





SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in our annual school swimming carnival. Thankfully the sun was shining during our swimming events and our students swam really well whilst competing against their peers. Thank you to our wonderful teachers who planned for and supervised the event.



Water Fun Day

On Tuesday 16 February the students in Year 1 and Year 2 had Water Fun Day! The fabulous teachers across these classes planned an exciting day full of fun activities. The students (and teachers) had a great time splashing in the water and getting wet whilst tossing sponges and squirting each other with spray bottles during relay races.

