



MILLER PUBLIC SCHOOL



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

It was wonderful to see so many of our families join us for our first Student Led Conference evening. Children loved sharing the activities they do in class with you and it was so nice to be able to welcome families, in a COVID safe way, into our classrooms. Thank you to those families who participated.



LUNCHTIME CLUBS

Across most school breaks we have clubs and activities students can engage in to develop social skills and provide opportunities for those students who would like to do more than just play outside. See the timetable attached. Teachers volunteer to run these in addition to their playground duties to support different student's interests.



EASING OF RESTRICTIONS

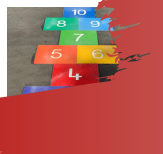
Recent changes to the guidelines released by the Department of Education, has meant that parents are welcome to enter the school site between 8:30am and 9:00am and of an afternoon for pick up from 2:50pm - 3:00pm. Any parent wishing to come inside the school grounds needs to follow our protocols around signing in, including scanning the QR code and signing our sign in sheet. Parents are asked to remain under the COLA and not to wander around the school.



CHANGE OF CLOTHES

If your child is in Kindergarten or Year 1, please send them to school with an extra change of clothes so that if their clothes get wet, they have dry clothes to change into.





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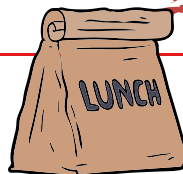
DROP OFF / PICK UP AND PARKING

This continues to be an area of great concern for the staff and I. Parents are using the school driveway to turn around, stopping in no stopping zones, performing U Turns up and down Shropshire Street and stopping directly across the road from the school requiring their children to run across the road. All of this behaviour is not only illegal, but poses an immediate risk to everybody's safety.

The executive staff and I supervise the gates to ensure people entering the school site are compliant with COVID guidelines but it is not our role to supervise traffic, cross children across the road and provide parking and driving advice to community members. PLEASE follow the signs on the road and respect the rules.

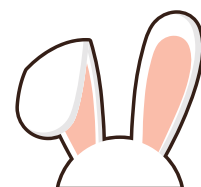
SCHOOL UNIFORM

This week we have seen the morning temperature start to drop. Unfortunately, with that we have seen students begin to wear jumpers that are not school uniform. Every child in either 2020 or on their enrolment in 2021 was issued with a school jacket and this is the only suitable jacket that can be worn. A lost property box sits in the school foyer and I would ask families to look through this for lost objects. Students who are not in school uniform will need to remain under the COLA at break time and they will not be permitted to attend excursions or PSSA. Please remember the school has black track pants for sale for students to wear in the colder months.



STUDENT LUNCHES

The canteen is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for student lunch orders. On a Monday and Friday we request families send lunch to school with their children when they leave in the morning. Where possible, please don't deliver lunch throughout the day, particularly delivering fast food or utilising a service such as Uber eats. Not only does this interrupt their school day it also promotes fast food as a suitable lunchtime meal. Our school canteen is required to serve food classified as healthy and we would request families support the same guidelines.

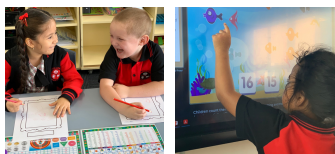


K-2 EASTER HAT PARADE

The Easter Hat parade will be held on Monday 29 March and will be for students in Years K-2 only. In order to ensure we adhere to COVID safe guidelines two guests per student will be able to attend the parade and will be required to sign in and maintain social distancing whilst on school grounds.

P&C

Our last P&C meeting was unable to go ahead as we only had three parents attend and this did not include any members of the P&C executives. The good news is that the new guidelines allow us to host the meeting during school time as has previously been our practise. With that in mind our next P&C meeting will be held Thursday 1 April at 2pm. The P&C is such an important group for us to have as a school and welcome any parents / carers to be part of this meeting.



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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

When is being away OK?

Sometimes it's hard to decide when it is acceptable to keep your child home from school. Below is a list of acceptable and unacceptable examples:

ACCEPTABLE

Unavoidable medical, specialist or dental appointments (Try to encourage appointments outside school hours, or close to home time.)
Religious holidays
Urgent family situation (E.g. funerals)
Sick or infectious disease (E.g. conjunctivitis)

UNACCEPTABLE

Shopping
Sleeping in
Working around the house
Minding siblings/other children/older relatives
Minor family events (birthdays)
Hair cuts
Weather conditions: Rainy/Windy/Hot
Frequent car problems
Frequent late train/bus
Airport/Visitors from overseas or other states
Other member of the family is sick
Hospital Visits to relatives or friends
Head Lice (This can be treated effectively at home after school)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Harmony Day - 22 March – Students to wear an orange accessory to school with school uniform

K-2 Easter Hat Parade – Monday 29 March – Years K-2 only

Cross Country Carnival – Wednesday March 31 – Students in Years 3-6 (Year 2 students who turn 8 in 2021) *NB Only return the note if your child DOES NOT have permission to attend.*

Light it up Blue for Autism – Thursday 1 April - Whole school Mufti Day – Gold coin donation

P&C Meeting – Thursday April 1 at 2pm

Last Day Term 1 Thursday 1 April

Students return to school Tuesday 20 April



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WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Recess	 	   3-6 Students		  	 
Lunch		    3-6 Students	  	   K-2 Even weeks 3-6 Odd weeks	   Year 1-2 students
		 			