



# MILLER PUBLIC SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER  
JULY 2022

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Welcome to Term 3. Our students and staff have jumped straight into our learning programs.

## COMMUNICATION

Across a school week there is a great deal of information we need to share with families and it is not physically possible to do all of this through a printed paper letter. Currently we share information through the following channels:

- Skoolbag - whole school announcements
- Email - please ensure we have your most recent email address
- See Saw - this is generally for learning related information
- Facebook - used to share very important information and celebrate achievements or success

## RAT KITS

Last week all students were issued with another multipack of Rapid Antigen Kits to support families who are experiencing flu like symptoms. Please contact the school office if you need more supplies.

## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The current weather and forecast for this week has meant we have had to postpone the carnival scheduled for Monday 25 July. We are planning for Monday 1 August. All families will need to sign a new permission note. Please note this carnival is a normal school day and student attendance is expected.



Seesaw

facebook

SkoolBag

## COMMUNITY CONNECT

These valuable and engaging sessions organised through Mrs Tong will commence again this week on a Tuesday afternoon from 2-3pm. As always we encourage as many families as possible to join for these informal catch up sessions.





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## P & C MEETING

The next P&C meeting is scheduled for Thursday 4 August 2022 at 2pm. We would love to see any new faces.



## COVID GUIDELINES

Earlier last week all students received a note detailing our COVID safe measures to start the term. As has been widely publicised an increase in COVID community numbers is currently being witnessed and this, combined with the traditional flu season, is expected to move into our school settings. For this reason we are asking all visitors and staff to the school site to wear a face mask indoors for the first four weeks at least.

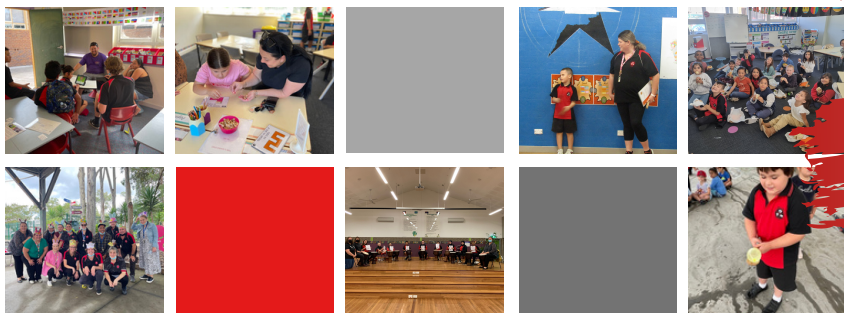


## NCCD

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the NCCD guidelines (2019). Please contact the school office if you have any concerns around this data collection.







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## NURSE

We are delighted to welcome our new wellbeing nurse, Ms Chentel Hidalgo.

Chentel is a registered nurse who will be working across our school, with our learning and support team, to help connect students and families with health and community services. She is here to help support students and families in addressing health needs, coordinate appropriate assessments and assist with referrals to any needed medical or social services.

This is a new role and we will be sharing Chentel with Miller THS, Busby PS and Cartwright PS. She will be available at Miller on Wednesdays. If you would like to speak to Chentel, or any other member of our learning and support / wellbeing team, please contact Mrs Boyle and a referral will be made to Chentel.

This isn't a First Aid position. Chentel is employed by the Local Health District and is one of around 100 similar roles which are being introduced in schools across NSW in a partnership between NSW Health and the Department of Education.

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/kidsfamilies/youth/Pages/whin-coordinator-program.aspx>].

## MILLER MINIS

Our 2023 Kinders started their preparation for big school last week. There were smiles all round - not a tear to be seen. Please if you or your neighbours have a little person who turns 5 before 31 July 2023 they are eligible to enrol for Kindergarten in 2023. Call the school office for further information.

**When do I start?**  
Thursday 21 July 2022  
9.30 - 12.30pm

**What days do I attend?**  
Every Thursday and Friday

**Welcome to**

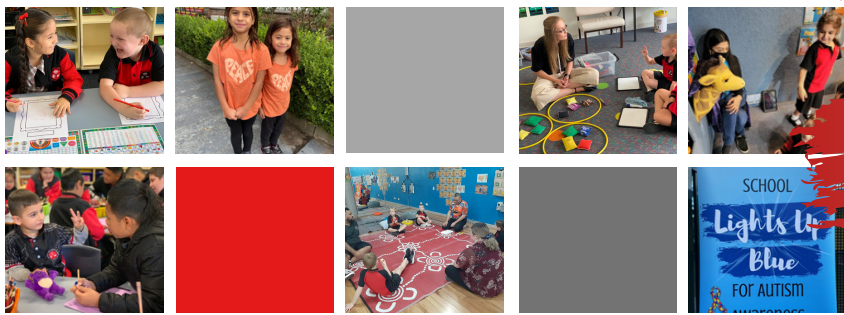
**MILLER  
MINIS 2022**

**Where do I go?**  
Miller Minis  
Room at  
Miller  
Public  
School

**Who is the program for?**  
Children ready to  
start school at  
Miller PS in 2023

**What do I pack in my school bag??**  
-hat  
-water bottle  
-piece of fruit  
-morning tea  
-change of clothes

**What do I do now?**  
Call our school office  
on 96078293 or come  
and visit us.



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## NAIDOC WEEK

GetUp! Stand Up! Show Up! Is the theme for NAIDOC week which fell during the last school break. We will be celebrating this as part of our Education Week celebrations during week 3. More information will come shortly - stay tuned!



# GET UP! STAND UP! SHOW UP!

## EDUCATION WEEK

Creating futures - education changes lives is the theme for Education Week 2022. This week will be celebrated in week 3 of this term. Further information will be made available to all families soon.



## TELL THEM FROM ME

The Tell Them From Me surveys provide schools with student, teacher and parent perspectives about the engagement and wellbeing of their students. This information is valuable to schools and can be used to identify strengths and successes, as well as areas to target for improvement. We will be sending out a link for all families soon and we would request as many families as possible access this survey.



HELP US TO ACHIEVE POSITIVE AND PRACTICAL CHANGE AT SCHOOL



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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)

## Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

**1** day per fortnight  

**= 4** weeks 
**= Over 1** year missed

**1** day per week  

**= 8** weeks 
**= Over 2.5** years missed