Welcome to 2015

Millthorpe Public School

Newsletter

Issue 9

Principal’s Report

Welcome to Week 9

Wow! What a busy week! The Markets were simply stunning, there were so many helpers, both children, staff and parents that I had constant positive comments about the wonderful community spirit which is Millthorpe Markets. The Markets team did another totally astounding job, in order to support our beautiful school. Thank-you all from the bottom of my heart!

THEN we had photo day the Monday after markets – and well done mums and dads on the appearance of the children, uniforms looked fantastic, the photographers commented on the standard of the uniform, as well as the manners and behavior of the children. The staff were another matter...however! Photos were taken on the new play equipment this year, I think they will look great! We’ll see in term 2, when they come back!

Dates To Remember

- **Friday 27th March** Primary assembly 2-3pm, in the hall. 5/6T are performing.
- **Wednesday 1st April**. April Fools Day P&C meeting - 6.00pm, in the library.
- **Wednesday 1st April** Combined Infants and Primary end of Term 1 assembly, 1.30pm – 3.00pm. In the hall. The senior choir are performing.
- **Thursday 2nd April**, Easter Scripture service, 11.30 – 12.00(ish) in the hall.
- **Thursday 2nd April** Easter Hat Parade, 2.15 – 3.00 under the COLA.

Athletics Carnival Date Change

We have decided to move our Athletics Carnival date from Week 1 to Week 5, next Term, due to pressures of time, and clashes with ANZAC day preparations, Cross Country Carnival, and NAPLAN assessments.
Principal’s Report Continued

**Forming a new class**

We are all ready to form our new year 2 class NEXT WEEK! Miss Beme and the children will be getting organized in the new classroom during week 10, getting furniture, books, pencils and gear all ready for a fresh class in term 2. Miss Wilkins’, (1W) Mrs Mortons’, (1M) and Mrs Gardiners’ (2G) classes will all be slightly changed next week. There will be some minor changes to school routines during the week.

Miss Beme is looking forward to meeting the parents of her students during week 10, she has issued a general invitation to pop in and say hello after school between 3.00pm and 4.00pm.– their classroom is demountable 2.

**Library Stocktake**

Be kind to Miss Jordan – she is stocktaking in the library on Thursday and Friday.... It’s a big job!

**Sporting Schools**

Great news! We should be receiving funding to kick off after school sports programs again in term 2. We are looking at Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons for a range of sports! Keep your eyes posted in next terms early newsletters for the details.

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**Millthorpe Markets**

Millthorpe Markets day was fantastic!
More stuff to read

Returns for this week include the *Incursion form, and $40*
Thanks parents – please return these items to the office.

**Easter Hat Parade**
Our Easter Hat parade for kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will take place on Thursday afternoon, between 2.15 and 3pm. Children have made their Easter hats at school, as part of their craft lessons, there is no need to rush out and make one. The Infants children will be parading around the COLA, and performing some tricky Easter dance moves as a finale to our first Term. Come along and join in the fun as you start on your Easter holiday.

**Parent-Teacher Interviews**
Thanks to all those who have come in for their interviews this week. Please try to make up a time if you missed out, as the teachers have been working very hard with the children all term, and want to share the news!

**Bulb Orders**
Remember to return your bulb orders to the office, and have a blooming good garden for spring!

**Return to School Date**
In order to assist your holiday planning, please be aware that students return to school on Tuesday 21st April.

ie, Monday 20th is a pupil free day. We will be marching in the ANZAC day March on Saturday 25th April, and asking for donations of ANZAC biscuits for our mooming tea in the hall afterwards. Perhaps the children can help you whip up a batch of ANZACs over the holidays?

**Assemblies**
Our next assembly is a Primary assembly – on **Friday 27th March**, in the hall between 2pm and 3pm. 5/6T will be performing.

This will be followed by the final end of Term 1 combined assembly (all infants and primary together) which will be on **WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL** NB change of assembly time!! We will be starting this assembly at **1.30pm**, and finishing at 3.00pm. The Senior Choir will be performing at this assembly for the first time, they are sounding terrific, come along and hear their beautiful singing!

**Democracy BBQ**
Kallie and Taylah Sargent (with a little help from their mum and dad) and Sarah Coleman with her dad will be providing a BBQ at the election stall at school this Saturday, to continue to raise funds for their futsal trips. Pop in and snag a snag from 8am.

**Why is the newsletter late?**
Mrs Sharp and Mrs Thompson have been in Dubbo at training!
Jack Sargent is another amazing Millthorpe Student doing amazing things! Jack has made the group 10 under 12s NSW team. Great stuff Jack!
Term 1 Week 9

Can you help out for Term 2?????

Please contact Jo on 0417 284 383 or jcparko@bigpond.com

### Term 2 Roster

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Thank you!

Millthorpe Markets was an amazing success! The committee would like to say a big thank you to all of the families and students who contributed to this by volunteering their time and baking skills. A lot of work goes into the day and without all hands on deck the markets would not be possible. The money raised will be spent on educational resources needed at the school. If you would like to be involved in this process, please come along to a P and C meeting.

The markets highlight what an amazing school community we have. The teachers, support staff and Jo help out not just on the day (all day), but in the weeks before hand. Their help, time and patience are essential and very much appreciated.

If you would like to help out on the committee or offer some constructive feedback, please contact me at info@millthorpemarkets.com

On behalf of the Markets committee, thank you again,

Johannah
COLOURED LENSES HELP:

- Reading
- Concentration
- Homework
- Behaviour

Call Ruth Simmons for an appointment to see if coloured lenses could help your child. Ph: 0427 463 401

Now visiting Molong regularly

Only $44 for initial assessment! ($33 for travel/hire costs)

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Literama

Integrating literacy and drama

Holiday programme

Tuesday April 7th & Wed April 8th

Primary Years 1-6

$40 per day

Further info: Silvia 0498364277

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Learn recorder/music for free on

Wednesdays at 8.15am in the music room D2

With Mrs Gray

Years 3-6

It’s fun and the group is growing so come along and join in!
ETHICS NOTE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Ethics classes are now available in NSW public primary schools as an option for children who are in Non-Scripture.

The NSW government has authorised Primary Ethics, a not-for profit organisation, to design curriculum and deliver these classes. Classes are inquiry based and children use dialogue and discussion to learn how to think about ethical matters through the give-and-take of reasoned argument. Trained and vetted volunteer teachers lead discussions.

The curriculum is age appropriate with classes for Kindy, Stage 1 (years 1 & 2), Stage 2 (years 3 & 4), Stage 3 (years 5 & 6).

We can start ethics classes at our school in each stage when we have at least 8 children enrolled. Please let me know if you are interested in choosing Ethics for your child by returning the slip below.

The more children and stages we have requests for, the more teachers we will need. The Ethics Coordinator/Teacher for Millthorpe PS is Darrin Yates who is a parent of children at the school. If you are interested in being an Ethics teacher, there is more information at www.primaryethics.com.au or you may email Primary Ethics info@primaryethics.com.au with any questions you may have.

Signed

Jo Jackett - Principal

Please return this form if you are interested in choosing Ethics for your child.

Child’s Name: ___________________________ Class: ___________________________  

Signed: ___________________________ Date ___________________________