Welcome to 2015
Millthorpe Public School
Newsletter

Issue 7

Dates To Remember

- **Infants assembly**, Friday 13th in the hall, 2-3pm. 1W are performing, and so is the Infants choir!

- **extraordinary executive P&C meeting** Friday 1.45 – 2.00 Ms J’s office.

- **Monday 23rd March** - school photos.

Principal’s Report

**Welcome to Week 7**

It has been quite a week already, the Leaders Induction ceremony was lovely on Monday, with all our students behaving so well during the formal proceedings, which were attended by Mr Peter Harvey, Director of Public Schools, Bathurst, and Mr John Mason, President of the Millthorpe Village Committee.

On Tuesday morning Mr Truloff and myself, with our student leaders were invited to Redmond Oval for a special funding announcement by Paul Toole regarding an application Mr Truloff had written. Paul Toole announced a $500,000 government grant for the upgrading of Redmond Oval, and a $25,000 grant for the Garden Ramble Committee to upgrade (build a new) kiosk!!

Enormous congratulations to Mr Truloff for his successful application on behalf of the Millthorpe community, and to the Garden Ramble Committee for their persistence in getting funding for a new kiosk. Our Oval will be a top-rate facility with this level of community involvement, which will benefit all our students, and the entire community. Well done!

Markets Markets Markets!

It’s time for everyone to pitch in. Volunteers needed for the markets.

Please return the volunteer form included in this newsletter.
Regional Swimming Carnival - Dubbo

From all reports our Mrs Roffe did a marvelous job encouraging all the Heritage Country Schools Swimming Team to cheer each other on, and support each other last Friday. There were many PB’s on the day, our small schools relay team is moving through to State, as is Imogen Drinkwater, Jock Clement and McKenzie Turner.

Extra-Ordinary P&C

P&C needs a quick extra-ordinary meeting to finalize some executive changes. This meeting will take place in the Ms Jacketts office on Friday, at 1.45 pm. Please pop in, as we need a quorum to hold a successful meeting. Do not be daunted by the chess club, who will be playing in the library! I hope to be finished in time to pop into the Infants assembly at 2pm to hand out the Merit awards and Banners!

If you are the parent of an infants child, perhaps you’ll be able to pop into the library on your way to Infants assembly for this meeting on Friday.

Millthorpe Markets Cakes

Trays are available from the front office for the Millthorpe Markets Cakes stall.

Millthorpe Markets

We had a good response last week to the request for volunteers for the fast approaching markets, so thank you, however the roster still has more than 30 vacancies, especially before 8 (i.e either starting at 5, 6 or even 7) and from midday onwards. **So I really need all those who can manage a shift to let me know ASAP.**

I am happy to be contacted by phone or email if it is more convenient and look forward to hearing from you. Many thanks
Jo
jolemnic@yahoo.com
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Name:___________________________________________________________________________

Email Address:____________________________________________________________________

Mobile Phone Number:_____________________________________________________________

Please rank your preferred times from 1 to 3, one of which needs to be an afternoon slot:

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If there is a particular stall you do not wish to be on please indicate here _____________________

Please tick the appropriate box:
I’m already a financial member of the P&C for 2015 ☐
I need to become a financial member for 2015 and have enclosed 50 cents ☐
More stuff to read

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

Markets Volunteers Note

A note will be coming home this week for volunteer children in years 2 – 6 to assist on Markets day. It is always a good idea if the children wear their school sports shirt on markets day, so visitors realize how wonderful the children are, and that the Markets is about the school. The children are an invaluable asset to teachers on Markets day – please return your note to school promptly, so the willing helpers can be allocated a job. We have 4 gates open for this market, plus drinks stalls, cake stalls, and Jumping Castles to organize, thanks Kids, and thanks parents!

Parent-Teacher Interviews

A note requesting a meeting time with your child’s class teacher will also be coming home in the next week. Interview week is week 9, 23rd March – 27th March. Please suggest a few alternative time-slots for your Tem 1 interview with the class teacher.

Australian Chamber Orchestra CD’s

Please enjoy the complimentary CD from the Australian Chamber Orchestra which is included in today’s newsletter. Thanks to the ACO and to Sarah, who has arranged the free CD’s for each family, and all the teachers. Even if you are not interested in classical music, have a listen with your children, or play it at bed-time, as classical music is very calming! I recommend track 5 – the Barber Adagio for strings for a quiet bedtime listen.

School Photos are looming!

Our school photo date has been set for Monday 23rd March. Envelopes need to be back at school by Friday 20th March. Family photo envelopes are available from the office – if you have more than one child at school – you can have their photos taken together, as a family group.

Ezra’s Tooth

We had a little incident on Monday, which involved Ezra knocking out a tooth, and chipping a few others. I would like to thank the teachers, and Dr Genie Poh, and the pharmacy staff who dealt with this emergency really well, and congratulate them on a terrific team effort to ensure Ezra’s tooth was recovered, and replaced! He is back at school on Tuesday, all smiles! Thanks to Mr Mason, Mrs Oldham, Mrs Bargwanna, Mrs Thompson, Mr Tuloff and Dr Poh. Ezra was totally brave, and is to be congratulated also!

Senior Citizens Week

Our clever violin players have been especially invited to play at Blayney Centrepoint for Senior Citizens week on Thursday 19th March. Murray Woods has kindly offered to drive all 9 players, and a few supporters, to and from Blayney. Remember to return your notes to the office!
P & C News
Welcome to Week 7 everyone,

Thank you to all the parents who attended the P & C AGM last Wednesday night. A huge thank you to those parents who have accepted a position on the executive! The executive for 2015 consists of so far, Tashir Orme-Smith and Andrew Parkinson - Vice Presidents, Emma Fitzsimmons - Treasurer Virginia Begbie-secretary.

Congratulations to the team of swimmers who represented our District at the Regional Swimming Carnival last Friday. It was a day filled with great swims and Pbs. It was fabulous to see the Heritage Schools children sitting all together and cheering on each other as a team. A huge thank you to a wonderful team manager, Mrs Roffe, who spoke to each child, ensuring they marshalled for their event, cheering them on from the sideline, checking & comparing their times and congratulating each one on their swim. Great work everyone!

Have a great week
Terri

PSSA Boys’ Cricket Knockout 2015 - 1st Round Match Report

Last Wednesday our boys' cricket team travelled to Cudal to play Orange Small Schools (OSSA) in the first round of this year’s cricket competition. With many 'rookie' players and with few opportunities to train and work together as a squad we headed into the match, more hopeful than confident. In spite of these challenges we were able to post a great total and then bowled out the opposition well short of their target!

The boys played with great sportsmanship, supporting each other throughout the match. As well as a great all round team effort, there were some notable performances. Ethan Wilson starred with the bat, scoring 40 (retired not out), Max Truloff took 3 wickets in one over to finish off the opposition and Hayden Goodsell chimed in with some valuable runs late in the innings and took a couple of wickets in his first cricket match ever!

Congratulations boys, a wonderful victory! For our second round match, we will play Orange East Public School tomorrow in Orange.

Garden Club
There will be NO Plant stall at the Markets.

Please find in today’s newsletter a bulb drive. Please send it back to school by March 30th.

Millthorpe Junior Soccer Club

Online Registrations to be completed by the 22nd March 2015

Information Day this Sat 14th March under the COLA 10am-1pm

Please pass on the message to people who may be interested

Thankyou

A huge thankyou to Mary and Des Taylor who have kindly donated a basketball playing strip to Millthorpe Public School.
Canteen News

**Term 1 Week 7**

The canteen has a real need for another chest freezer, to allow us to prep more food and reduce our delivery costs. If you have or know of someone that has a chest freezer in good working order and are willing to donate or sell to the canteen, could you please contact Jo on 0417 284 383 or jcparko@bigpond.com

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Dear Disco Dancers

On behalf of all the SRC representatives, we would like to thank all the parents who helped their children attend the disco last week. But most of all we would like to thank the children for dressing in bright and colourful clothes. Through your donations we raised $476 which is going to the Hogs for the Homeless. Hogs for the homeless are an organization who gives money to homeless children.

SO A BIG THANKYOU FROM THE SRC ! written by Ginger, Emily, Cate, Campbell, Isaac and Max.

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Walla Rugby is coming to Millthorpe

Walla Rugby is a form of rugby for the complete novice. Players compete in a non-contact “tag” based game that focuses on ball handling and running skills. Similar to Touch Rugby, this 9-a-side game is designed to combine basic skills with Rugby Union concepts in a fun environment, suitable for both male and female players. We are seeking expressions of interest to see if your child would be interested in joining a team to play on the occasional Sunday in a Gala day format. It will be a great way to introduce new rugby sporting skills in a fun and safe manner. Walla Rugby is aimed at junior members (6, 7 and 8 years old) as a transition into the larger format of the game. Tim Jamieson and I are interested in coaching a Walla Rugby team at Millthorpe on Thursday afternoons after school finishes. If you could put in your expression of interest to the office at the school we will endeavour to put a team together from there.

Thanks! Tom Mason

Orange Apple Festival
Friday 8th May – Sunday 10th May 2015
Call Cath Thompson
6365 2298 0425 259 350

Millthorpe Motel is looking for an experienced cleaner to join their team. Casual hours, mostly consisting of weekend mornings. Please contact Tanya or Bruce at the motel reception on 6366 3653 if you are interested.

Garage Sale
Sat 14th March
13 Church St Millthorpe
Kids Toys, Books, Bric a Brac and lots more
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 by Thursday 19th February.

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 ___________________________