Welcome to 2015
Millthorpe Public School
Newsletter

Issue 19

Principal’s Report

It has been a very busy few weeks at school for students, staff and parents. Students have been completing assessment tasks and teachers have been busy writing Reports. Reports will be sent home with students during Week 10.

Many thanks to all the parents who have assisted staff and students by driving and supporting our various teams and groups at local events in our district.

**Debating**

On Monday the school Debating Squad, accompanied and supported by Mrs Webster, travelled to Orange Public School to compete in the Western Debating Challenge. This highly motivated group performed exceptionally well debating that “Computers should be used instead of books”. Both teams debated the negative side and the teams came away with a win to Team 1 and a loss for Team 2. Mrs Webster reports that both teams debated well and are learning the valuable skills of debating. Well done to the debaters.

Team 1 – Ginger Wolters-Wood, Mia Davis, Emily Spargo, Loretta Francis

Team 2 – Ayla Bird, Caitlyn Parkinson, Annabel Fitzsimmons, Melissa Cowan

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**Dates To Remember**

- **Week 9 – ICAS Writing and Spelling Competitions**
- **School Footsteps Disco** - Thursday 18th June, 5.30 – 7.00pm in the hall
- **Dance Week** - 17th, 18th, 19th June (Week 9)
- **Jump Rope for Heart Day** - Friday 19th June
- **Final Gymnastics for Term 2** - Friday 19th June
- **Girls’ Softball** - Monday 22nd June
- **NAIDOC Public Speaking** - Tuesday 23rd June
- **Athletics Carnival** - Wednesday, 24th June
- **Whole School Assembly** - Friday 26th June, 9am - 11am

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**Weather Permitting**

**Athletics Carnival** - Wednesday, 24th June (K-6)
Principal’s Report Continued

Dance Week
This week The Footsteps Dance group is coming to Millthorpe Public School to deliver 5 sessions of dance instruction, plus help to run our School Disco
PLEASE NOTE - the new Disco Date is Thursday 18th June, 5.30pm - 7pm.
Please ensure that your child/children are delivered to the door of the Hall and also collected from the venue by an adult at 7.00pm promptly. We are unable to allow students to walk home, or leave with primary age brothers and sisters.
Glow sticks will be on sale (for 50c each or 3 for $1) thanks to the SRC.
No Gold coin entry is necessary for this Disco.

Athletics Carnival
Weather permitting, the Athletics Carnival will be held next Wednesday, 24th June. The Primary Carnival (for Years 3, 4, 5, and 6 students, plus those Year 2s who turn 8 this year) will commence at 10.00am, while the K-2 students (who aren’t 8 this year) will start after recess at 11.30a.m (at School). Infants will then move to the Oval for their 50m races and Relays.

NAIDOC Public Speaking
Two students (Emily Spargo and Isaac Power) will be participating in Public Speaking on Tuesday, 23rd June at Spring Hill PS.

Infants’ Assembly
It was wonderful to see such wonderful infants’ talent on display last week. A special thanks to Mrs Ruth Thompson for the preparation of the KM and KOR performances, plus the lunchtime practices that have prepared the Junior Choir. Students, staff and parents thoroughly enjoyed these items.

Jump Rope for Heart Day
Our jump-off day is scheduled for this Friday 19th June, under the COLA from 2 pm - 3pm.

Softball
Last Thursday, Mr Mason accompanied the Boys’ Softball team to Orange for their PSSA round-robin competition day. The boys played an amazing three games with 1 win and 2 very close losses. I have heard from several onlookers what good sports these boys were to other teams. Congratulations boys and Mr Mason. The Girls’ Team will be playing again next Monday.

Combined Assembly
Please join us for our final Combined Assembly for the term to be held on Friday 26th June from 9.15am in the school hall.

Regional Cross Country
The Regional Cross Country Trials were held at Geurie last Wednesday. 15 students from Millthorpe PS qualified to represent our district and from all reports ran extremely well. Four of these students came in the first 20 runners in their age group; Isabella Hopping (16th), Annika Jameson (17th), Ethan Wilson (17th) and Isaac Power (17th).

Incursion Reminder
The Incursion Fee is now overdue. Incursions are school performances and programs that involve external deliverers. These are Dance Week and Disco (this week), and also Musica Viva and Life Ed. Please ensure this fee is paid by Wednesday, 17th June. Don’t hesitate to speak to Mrs Thompson or myself if payment for these events is difficult at the moment.

Have you met our new residents of Millthorpe Public School yet? Their names are Mega Penny, Pudding and Sunny! Campbell Roweth is our chief chook whisperer, and already Mega Penny is laying eggs. Thankyou to the Heller family for their donation of these lovely chickens!

Mary Gardiner
**Infants Assembly 12-6-15**

**KM** Xavier Ash, Matthew Denzel, Danielle Gouge, Finn Hobba, India Worland, Penny Worland

**KOR** Imogen Walker, Mirabelle Cotter, Henry Redfern, Darcy Stewart, Nyah Simmons

**1M** Georgia Yates, Olivia Watts, Mia Robey, Matilda Redfern, Jack Power, Scarlett Petty, Coby Hutchison, Finn Czyzewski, Archer Bingham

**1W** Lucy Bonham, Charlotte-Rose Casey, Billy Hogben, Caleb Anthony, Jacob Bird, Heidi Zwiers, Molly Vaughan

**2B** Maddi O’Brien, Isabelle Lynch, Sheridan McGoldrick, David Stone-Hayek, Nathan Denzel, Lauren Hansen

**2G** Lachlan Watts, Sam Taylor, Tully Reimers, Evangelene Gallo, Leila Esson, Daphne Cotter, Henry Comally

**Award of Merit**

Reilly Wilson, Mia Hudson, Olivia Kingham, Miles Heller, Maddi O’Brien, Georgia Yates, Jacob Bird

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**Jump Rope for Heart**

This Friday students will be participating in our Jump Off Day. To celebrate, we are wearing red casual clothes, red sporty clothes as we will be jumping and skipping. Skipping will start straight after lunch at 1:50.

Thank you for supporting our program this year. Any money that has been raised for the Heart Foundation can be returned to the office.

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**P & C News.**

**To All MPS Parents and Guardians,**

At our last P&C Meeting, the issue of the ongoing sustainability of our wonderful MPS Canteen was raised. Over the past few years, as the school has grown, so has the Canteen. What used to be a small, volunteer job has by necessity grown to a 2.5 day a week paid position to cope with the over 200 lunch and 90 recess orders every week. However, the canteen still relies on volunteers to cope with these numbers. In term 4 last year it was deemed necessary to employ a second person 1 day a week due to a lack of volunteers. But this, in conjunction with ever increasing costs and a determined effort to keep prices down so as to make canteen affordable, has meant that this year the canteen has been running at a loss.

Stock is already being sourced as cheaply as possible, some saving have been made possible by buying in bulk now that we have more storage in the new, larger canteen, and we have been forced to make some modest price increases. However, despite the best efforts of the canteen committee and canteen manager the canteen is still not covering its costs. The P&C are willing to subsidise the canteen for the rest of 2015, however, a long term solution is needed. One idea that was floated and will be discussed at the next P&C meeting on the 5th of August is a Canteen Levy. This would be itemised on the school fees invoice that would be issued at the beginning of the next school year (i.e. 2016).

Other options and strategies are also being investigated, but we believe that you need to be aware of the situation so that we as a school can continue to have “The Healthiest Canteen in The Central West”.

Please contact Will Armstrong (0411579288 or email will.c.armstrong@icloud.com) at any time should you wish to discuss further.

Kind Regards, MPS P&C Executive
CANTEEN NEWS Term 2 Week 9

To celebrate the end of term we are having a **Special Meal Deal BBQ** on **Friday 26th June** at Lunchtime. Please find the order sheet enclosed in this newsletter and return it by next Tuesday with the money. Please note that this will be the ONLY lunch menu available on the day, recess will be as normal. Term 3’s roster is below, please find a date when you are free and let us know asap. Contact Jo on 0417 284 383 or jcparko@bigpond.com

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**Library News**

Each year as Book Week approaches the Teacher-Librarians from the Pre-2 schools (schools from the Orange District) work collaboratively to involve the children in an activity that is shared across the schools. This year we hope to video several children from each school discussing their favourite books, most interesting authors, past Book Week costumes etc. The clips from each school will be collated and during Book Week all the Pre-2 schools will be able to watch the presentation during library lessons.

I will be choosing a small number of children who are interested and working with them over the next 2-3 weeks to create a 30 second clip. If you would prefer your child not to participate, if that opportunity arises, I would appreciate it if you let me know as soon as possible. Thanks.

**6 Weeks Advance Notice! Book Fair and Book Parade**

This year our Book Fair and Book Parade are scheduled for Week 3, Term 3. The theme this year is “Books Light Up Our World”. This year’s Book Parade costume should reflect a book (not a movie) that has “lit up” your child’s life. It may be a book that has always been their favourite.

It may be a book that has been so engrossing that they couldn’t put it down.

It may be a book where they have read the whole series.

It may be a book that has a strong emotional connection – humour, life experiences etc.

Your child can dress up as a character from the book or as a representation of the book. They can work as an individual or as a small group with school-aged siblings or classmates. The costumes can be made from borrowed clothing, cardboard, fabric scraps. Be creative!

More information will follow closer to the date.

Thank you. Ms Jordan

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**MPS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2015**

**WEDNESDAY 24th JUNE**

**Infants’ Carnival: 11:30 - 12:45**

Infants students (students who turn 5, 6 or 7 this year) will take part in a variety of tabloid events to be held in the school grounds from 11:30 till 12:45 and will then move to Redmond Oval at 12:50 ready to start their 50m races. Infants will then have lunch while watching the last rotation of events (1:30 - 2:10) prior to commencement of relays.

**Primary Carnival: 10:00 - 3:00**

We will meet under the COLA at 9:30, assemble into sports houses and then walk to Redmond Oval ready for a 10:00 start.

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Please note, there will be no canteen available on the day and students will need to bring recess, lunch and plenty of drinks (there is currently NO water bubbler at oval). Students are to wear their sports uniform, however they may wear a shirt in their house colours. Students MUST wear a wide-brimmed hat (coloured sports hat would be great).

Also, to ensure that the carnival runs smoothly we will be asking for parent assistance during the day. Please consider whether or not you might be able to help out, any assistance will be greatly appreciated! Fingers crossed for good weather!

MPS Staff
MILLTHORPE JUNIOR SOCCER

Hi Everyone!

Another great weekend of soccer last Sat.

This weekend is our last game before the school holidays.
There is a general Bye Sat 27 Jun, Sat 4 Jul, Sat 11 Jul. First game back will be Sat 18 Jul.
Don’t forget those raffle tickets please.
The end of the season will be upon us before we know it! Please return them to your team co-ord/coach, or direct to Heather 0439 318767 or Jane 0403 238372. If anyone would like to buy / sell any extra tickets, we have plenty.
Contact Heather.
For updates to the draw refer: www.orangefootball.org.au
A couple of pairs of boots and a pair of shin pads available to buy/swap – see our facebook site. A couple of our U6 teams below, out in the sun having a great time.

Students doing amazing things............

Loretta Francis from 5/6M was inspired by the famous Japanese woodblock print, The Great Wave Off Kanagawa, and created this fabulous artwork for her homework! Loretta used chalk on Slate and mounted it on a wooden easel with the help from home. Very Wabi Sabi Loretta!

Free to good home
Gorgeous puppy call Sally on: 0438365208

Millthorpe Mozzies

Stickers are available from the school office @ $2 ea
Go the Mozzies !!!!