It is a very exciting day for everyone when our new Kindergarten students start at “Big School”.

Tuesday was the day, with happy smiles and beautiful manners, our 46 new kindergarten students began their educational career.

The children were happy, confident and very very grown up, Mrs Deehan, Mr Morgan and Mrs Roffe were blown away by the manners of their lovely new students.

Welcome to the Millthorpe school community parents and families,
I hope we’ll see you at Kindergarten information session on Friday 12th
Let's go!
Morway
Munjurra
Yindingee
Canobee

School Organisation 2016

We have started the year with 269 students, in 11 classes.

Classes are as follows:

KD - Mrs Deehan
KM - Mr Morgan
K/1R - Mrs Roffe & Mrs Oldham
1M - Mrs Morton
1/2R - Mr Ross
2G - Mrs Hurt / Mrs Granger
3R - Miss Ryan
3/4M - Mr Mason
4WM - Mrs Webster & Mrs Maskill
5/6T - Mr Truloff
5/6C - Mrs Connor

Mrs Gardiner is teaching Reading Recovery and Library.
Miss Jordan is teaching learning support and IT lessons.
Mrs Thompson is teaching music and choir on Tuesdays.
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Mrs Gray is teaching Teacher relief on Wednesdays and Thursdays.
Mrs Hunter is teaching student support on Tuesday and Wednesday.
Mrs Gail Farley is our School Welfare Teacher, on Thursdays.
We have 6 Learning Support officers - Bec Vaughan, Paige Dickey, Haley Nunn, Kristy Bargwanna, Raelene MacNamara, and T'Meeka Cusack.
Mrs Thompson and Mrs Sharp are our permanent office staff.
Mr Smith is our General assistant.
Mrs Radburn and Mrs Travers are our cleaners.

Say hi, and introduce yourself to the staff. They are very friendly!

Our school swimming carnival will be held this Friday - 5th Feb, permission notes and bus monies should be returned to school pronto. If you are available on the day, we are always in need of helpers to time events. We bribe you with free coffee and cake... please consider coming along to participate in our first sporting carnival for 2016. House cheering and engagement is essential to a great carnival. Please accessorize in house colours, but avoid crepe streamers course they clog up the pool!

Juniors will remain at school and usually end up pretty wet and happily exhausted after enjoying some wet and wild activities in the playground. Ribbons and age champion trophies/medallions will be handed out on a morning assembly in the coming weeks. (TBA)

NB we have timed finals, so although your child may come first place in their heat, they won’t necessarily have the fastest time, and receive a ribbon. We are all incredibly proud of them for being able to swim, and for gaining house points.

Saluting Millthorpe Public School
Extra Activities at Millthorpe

At Millthorpe Public school we try to offer a wide range of extra curricular activities to engage and enthuse the students.

Music
This week we have lessons starting with Robyn Stonestreet on violin, phone Robyn on 63682996 if you would lie more information.

We also have piano lessons with Vicky Gascoyne, call 63621913 for more information about piano lessons.

Rob Shannon will return as guitar, percussion and drum teacher, call Rob on 0415 223 267 for more information.

We have held our first concert band lessons this week with Mr Brent Dickson. If you would like your son / daughter to start band, simply return the expression of interest form. When hire fees are paid new instruments will be distributed.

Choir
On Tuesdays Mrs Thompson will be conducting junior and senior choirs.

Chess club
We run chess club during Friday lunch-time, with Mr Cummins.

Sporting schools
After school sporting activities are still being arranged, and will be advertised soon.

After School French
Lessons with Nancy start next Thursday, 4th Feb. call or message Nancy on 0403 639 085 If you are interested in French language lessons for your children.

We have a new special FREE after school activity on Friday afternoons, with Miss Jasmin. A boys only Hip-Hop class for years 2 - 6 under the COLA from 3.15 - 3.45. See below for more details.

New Leaders announced
House captains and SRC elections have been held this week.

Congratulations to the new leaders, joining the team!

House captains for Munjara are Thomas Cooper and Makayla Hudson

House captains for Yindigee are Gloria Brun and Aiden Bird.

House captains for Morway are Liam Francis and Kate Cornally.

House captains for Canobie are Liam O’Brien and Alicia Wilson

SRC in 3R are Daphne Cotter and Henry Cornally

SRC in 3/4M are Lily McDonell and Noah Cooper

SRC in 4WM are Abbey Roweth and Mathew McKenna

SRC in 5/6T are Grace Hill and Finn Taylor

SRC in 5/6C are Eliza Haynes and Ky Hurst

Boys Hip-Hop classes after school
Our newest free after school activity is for BOYS ONLY!

We need at least 6 keen students in years 2 - 6 to join a fantastic new Hip-Hop group with Miss Jasmin on Friday afternoons under the big COLA.

Lessons will start in Week 3 (12th Feb) and conclude week 8 18th March.

Start time is 3.15, and finish time is 3.45. Put your names down in the office to do this great activity.
Kindergarten parent information session & Infants assembly

We will be holding a special information session for the parents of new kindergarten students on Friday 12th February, between 12.45 and 1.40pm in the Kindergarten classrooms.

NB you might have to sit on very small chairs. This will be followed by our first (very important) Infants assembly, between 1.40 and 3.00pm, in the hall. NB you can sit on bigger chairs for assembly.

So come along to school, enjoy some time in the playground and stay on for our first assembly of the year.

2G will be performing for us at assembly, and we will be handing out lots of special awards and merits.

Parents will be finding out about the L3 literacy program, THRASS and other mysteries of modern education.

We are looking forward to seeing you and sharing your starting school stories.

More information from the Principal

P&C
Our first P&C meeting for 2016 will be held in the school library on Wednesday 10th February, starting at 6pm.

P&C is a great way to get involved in school, meet new people who share an interest in their children’s education, and make a very valuable contribution to our school.

P&C meetings are informal, friendly, and accompanied by cheese and biscuits.

Come along and meet the current P&C, see you at school Wednesday 10th.

Photo in the paper
Each year the central western Daily (CWD) come to school to photograph the new kindergarten students, and the new school leaders for 2016.

CWD will be at Millthorpe on Thursday 11th to take photos for the paper - the publication date will be announced soon!

School leaders need to ensure they wear their full school uniform (including tie) and their badges for this day.

Chook name needed
Our school chooks are back in their yard, after a summer holiday with the Hellers (Thanks). We have a problem, however, as there is a new chook, who doesn’t have a name yet... put your thinking hats on and submit your chook names to the office next week. We’ll draw a name out of the hat on morning assembly.

Eleanor Matheson-Clark is the new chook wrangler for 2016, and is doing a lovely job looking after Henny Penny and ???

Thanks Eleanor.

Dance classes
Millthorpe Ballet studio will continue to hold dance lessons in the school hall throughout 2016. See Jasmine Brun for details. Phone 0429 548 576.

School banking
Will commence week 3 Tuesday 9th Feb.

Newsletters
Newsletter day will continue to be Wednesdays. Check the bag, and the website.

Scripture day
Scripture and Ethics classes will be held on Thursdays, and will commence later in the Term.
Collecting Kindergarten

We have decided to make a slight change to kindergarten collection zone after Tuesdays hectic overcrowding in the infants corridor.

From Wednesday onwards, the kindergarten teachers will take the classes out onto the grass area between the COLA, and the cricket pitch, students will have their bags packed, and be wearing their hats, and there you can collect your little one.

Library, IT and music days

Each class has a timetabled library lesson each week. Students require a library bag to protect books from leaking drink bottles and banana skins.

Monday - 4WM (with Miss Jordan)

Tuesday - 1/2R, 3/4M, 3R and 1M (with Mrs Gardiner)

Wednesday - KD, KM, K/1 R and 2G (with Mrs Gardiner)

Thursday 5/6C and 5/6T (with Mrs Gray or Miss Jordan)

Band day, choir day and music for Stage 1 and 2 is Tuesday.

In addition, each class has an IT, computer technology lesson with Miss Jordan during the week.

So expect your little one comes home talking about a different teacher / lesson.

Opera House recorders

This year we have applied for 20 places to perform at the Opera House Festival of Instrumental Music.

We will be calling for keen students to learn their Opera House repertoire during before and / or after school lesson times. Deanne Millner is offering music tuition on recorder, clarinet and saxophone, consider calling Deanne to book up some lessons to give your keen recorder student a head start on the Opera house repertoire.

**Music Lessons in Millthorpe**

Clarinet/Saxophone/Recorder

Qualified teacher (Bachelor of Music Performance, Bachelor of Primary Teaching, A.Mus.A.)

A.M.E.B. exams or just for fun from beginner to H.S.C. level children and adults!

Phone or email Deanne: 0401 445 736
deanne.millner@gmail.com
School Fees Now Due

Fees for the 2016 school year are now due.

Fees for each child are $220.00.

This covers the cost of
- school packs of note books and stationary,
- Subscriptions to online educational sites - Mathletics and Reading
- Eggs - available at home, and used as homework in some classrooms.
- Textbooks - New Wave Mentals, and Handwriting texts
- Incursions - four visiting performances during the year, footsteps dance, two musica viva sessions, and Life Ed van.
- All art equipment, paper and paints
- Photocopying and newsletter costs
- Glue, scissors, bandaids, first aid, tissues and toilet paper

Please pay fees at the school office. Thankyou.

Millthorpe Mozzies

Mighty Millthorpe Mozzies Rugby Union Club

2016 season sign-on

Under 7s, 9s & 11s

20 February [11 am – 3 pm] – Millthorpe Public School 21 February –
Blayney Farmers Markets

Match details:
Millthorpe Mozzies travel to Rugby Gala Days across the Central West. These are held on Sundays and involve about three matches for each team.

Head gear and mouthguard are compulsory for all players.

More information:
Simone Walsh 0437 861 127

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Millthorpe Mozzies Cont’d

Under 7s: played across a small field with seven players on the team. Touch only, no scrums or line-outs. Fees $55

Under 9s: half field with ten players. Tackle with rucks, line-outs and scrums are uncontested. Fees $70

Under 11s: 12 a side tackle played on full field with contested line-outs and scrums. Fees $70
Welcome to 2016!!!! Make sure you check out our NEW SUMMER MENU and put it on your fridge today. You will notice some changes to the chicken wraps, they are now on the “green” menu as they are made with fresh chicken breast meat and no longer a crumbed processed chicken product.

We need 1 helper for Thursdays and 2 helpers on Fridays. If you are free between 8:45am and 2pm on any of the below days we would love to have your help! Contact Jo Parkinson today - jcpar-ko@bigpond.com or 0417 284 383.

Junior Soccer
To stay updated on what’s coming up. A welcome day will be held Sat 20 Feb from 9-12am At Millthorpe Public School, under the COLA. The committee will be available for information and socks and caps will be available for purchase. We are also happy to advise on the online registration system for all newcomers.

Millthorpe Junior Soccer
HI everyone. The 2016 season is coming your way. Online registrations will be opening soon. Existing club members will be able to sign up using their FFA ID details. Registration fees unchanged from last season. All new players welcome! Please feel free to “like” our facebook page: Millthorpe-Junior Soccer

Canteen News Week 1

Canteen Days
Thursdays and Fridays

Pay - Grade 1 Casual award rates apply
(Fast Food Industry Award 2010 MA00003)

Interested applicants should apply in writing to Millthorpe P&C Canteen Sub-Committee no later than 15th Feb, via School office.

Applicants should mention any previous canteen / food handling experience and must have a Current WWCC number or be prepared to have the Working With Children Check done.

Casual Canteen Assistant at MPS Canteen
Day - Friday
Hours - 8.30am and 1.30pm
Commencing - 26th Feb, 2016

Millthorpe Junior Soccer
Millthorpe Band Expression of Interest

Millthorpe Public School Band Program 2016

Expression of Interest

YES! I would like my child ____________________________ to join / continue (please circle) The Millthorpe Public School concert band Program in 2016.

Instrument (please CIRCLE)

clarinet
flute
alto saxophone
trombone
tenor saxophone
percussion (costs vary for students having drumming lessons)
bass guitar (costs vary for students having guitar lessons)

signed ________________________________ dated ____________________