Welcome to Week 3

Swimming carnival
Our swimming carnival was a great success, with many excellent times recorded. Ribbons will be presented on morning assembly on Friday 12th February.

Wet and Wild
Infants students were certainly wet, and I hear some may also have been a little wild, on Friday. Another great day for our infants and non-swimmers.

Parent Information sessions - Teachers of Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will be holding information sessions on Friday 12th, during lunchtime. Kinder will be in KM’s room from 1pm and all Stage 1 will be in 1M’s room at 1.15 pm. This will be immediately followed by the first Infants assembly for 2016.

First P&C
Our first P&C meeting for 2016 will take place on Wednesday 10th, from 6pm, in the school library.

Hip-Hop has a change of venue
Our Hip-Hop class on Friday will occur under the Hall COLA. There will be netball training under the big COLA.

Family Information Sheets
These information sheets, with accurate contact details, medical information about your child/ren, and generic permissions, are essential to the smooth operation of our school office. Please return the completed forms (remember to read the back) to the office, in their plastic sleeves, as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please phone the office for advice. Thanks.

Infants assembly
Friday 12th @1.45 in the hall. 2G to perform.

Sporting Schools Programs
We are working on the confirmation of our Sporting Schools after school programs for Term 1.

Athletics will be available with Kate Lynch for students in years 3-6 on THURSDAY afternoons, between 3.15 and 4.15. This program will START on Thursday 11th, and conclude on Thursday 24th March. Places are limited. Please put your name down in the office to join this activity. There is no cost.

Basketball will be available for students in years 3-6 with coach Grant Cole on TUESDAY afternoons, from 3.15-4.15. This program will START on Tuesday 16th, and conclude on Tuesday 29th March. Places are limited, please put your name down in the office. There is no cost.

Dates to remember
- Infants assembly Friday 12th 1.45pm
- Infants info sessions from 1pm Friday 12th
- District swimming Friday 26th Feb
- Primary assembly Friday 19th Assembly
Leaders Induction Assembly

Our special leadership induction ceremony for School Leaders, SRC, and House Sports captains will take place on Thursday 18th February, between 9am and 10am. Parents are warmly welcome to attend. Part of the importance of this ceremony is the pinning on of new badges by parents, and the signing of the Register. If you are unable to attend, classroom teachers will proudly step in for you.

The Leaders register is an interesting document, harking back to 1980. There are photos and signatures of all the past school leaders.

Our new School Director, Mrs Toni MacDonald will be in attendance to assist in the induction.

Congratulations to all those elected representatives, remember to wear your full school uniform for the induction assembly.

Millthorpe Public school belongs to two learning communities.

The Heritage Country Schools Learning Community consists of neighboring schools who work together to create relationships between students who then move onto Blayney High School together. Heritage Country Schools Consist of:-
- Blayney High School,
- Blayney Public School,
- Millthorpe Public School,
- Trunkey Creek Public School,
- Carcoar Public School,
- Mandurama,
- Lyndhurst, and
- Neville Public Schools.

Each Year HCS organize a KLA day, focusing on one area of the curriculum, and an annual Art Show for our students. We hold Sporting Gala days, and have our own PSSA District. Principals and teachers meet regularly to organize these events.

Pre 2 Learning Community

Millthorpe Public school is also a member of the Pre2 learning community. The membership of this group consists mainly of the larger Schools in the Orange Network.

This Learning community has offered Video Conferencing activities for students, and loads of training and development opportunities for the staff. Pre 2 also holds major student events during the year, and coordinates a combined training and development session for the staff. By working in these teams of schools, we are able to offer our students and our staff greater opportunities.
Senior Choir & Junior Choir

This week our senior choir met for the first time. It was great to see 35 keen year 3-6 students joining the choir.

There is a 3-week window of opportunity for students to decide to commit to choir, after this repertoire will be started, and a commitment will be required. So if you didn’t make it to choir this time, remember to come next week!

Mrs Ruth Thompson will be teaching choir to seniors between 9am and 9.40 on Tuesday mornings.

Already the choir is beginning to prepare to perform for some major community events, the first of which will be our community ANZAC Day service.

Senior choir students have been asked to think about a name for our fledgling choir - perhaps something including “vocal”, “ensemble”, “singing like a bird” or “songsters”. Have some ideas ready for next Tuesday!

Junior choir will meet next Tuesday during second half lunch for their first session, they will be learning some songs to sing at combined assembly.

District Swimming Information Session

Mrs Gayle Gordon, our Carnival judge has been to the school to talk to our District Swimmers about style and disqualification rules for the District carnival.

Please note: BREASTROKE swimmers are allowed one dolphin kick on each turn, that in breaststroke and butterfly a DOUBLED HANDED TOUCH is required at both ends (25m and 50m finish). We congratulate all the students going to District. We are very proud of you. Enjoy the photos from our carnival.

Ribbons and the announcement of winning house will be made on FRIDAY MORNING ASSEMBLY.

P&C tonight!

Wednesday 10th @6pm in the library.

District Swimming carnival on Friday 26th
Casual Canteen Assistant at MPS Canteen

Day - Friday

Hours - 8.30am and 1.30pm

Commencing - 26th Feb, 2016

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.

Please see enclosed flyer for the roster, thanks.

Garage Sale

Sat 13th 8.30-12noon 710 Spring Terrace road, Forest Reefs