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Term 2 Week 6 Wednesday 5th June 2013

Millthorpe Public School

Principals Report

Welcome to Term 2 Week 6!

Welcome to Week 6…. Debating week, peer support week, assessment week and report writing.

Bus run news

The Central Western Daily is giving our bus issue some terrific coverage, they are coming out to take more photos of the hard working parents putting together some visual evidence for a new submission this afternoon. Well done P&C!

Assembly

Next assembly is a Primary assembly – Friday 14th June, 2.10pm, in the hall. 3C is scheduled to perform for us, there's the new school slide show to watch while we all arrive, and the heaters will be on! Come along and join in the fun.

The combined Primary and Infants assembly will be held on the MORNING of Friday 28th June, from 9am – 11am. The boys Hip-Hop group will be performing, the recorder group**,** will be performing, (senior classes 4/5M, 5O'B and 6M), I think the Rock band are ready to perform a piece for us also. There will be lots of end of term awards and celebrations. Pop it in the diary.

School Uniform reminders

It's that time of the year when everyone needs to please check names on jumpers, hats and anything that can get lost!

Kallie Sargent is a soccer legend

Kallie Sargent has been representing our school and Western Region at the PSSA State Soccer carnival recently. Congratulations on your selection Kallie, I hear you played like a demon!

Head Lice

I am continuing to nag you all about treating head-lice, as the problem is persisting. PLEASE CHECK HAIR AND TREAT REGULARLY.

Please treat your children, and yourselves. If the kids have headlice, so do you, and treating one without the other simply means constant re-infestation which is a waste of time and money. Use an insecticide based treatment, and continue to treat regularly. Any nits (eggs) not killed by treatment will hatch and re-infest every 5-10 days.

A great hint for both boys and girls who have been treated, and don't want to be reinfested at school is to send students to school with hair "product" in their hair. A generous spray of hair-spray can be effective in preventing lice from attaching to clean and recently treated hair. Keep hair tied back, and plaited for girls with lovely long locks to avoid contact with other hair. Lice like to attach to single threads of hair, so if it's sprayed into place, they have less purchase and may not move in. Gels and mouse products can also assist the boys, who might not want to have hair spray in their hair.

I need to remind you that ongoing failure to effectively treat hair is negligent and can led negative outcomes both socially and academically for you and your children.

Good Luck Debaters

Our senior debating team – Chloe Begbie, Sally Uttley, Jack Wickes and Sunday Wolters – Wood will be competing in their first round debate against Manildra School on Thursday.

They are debating the pros and cons of fast food in the school canteen. They will be accompanied by Ms Jackett. We wish them all lots of luck in their first debate.

Our second debating team of Ed Taylor, Angus Ellem, Jack Goodsell and Will Cornally are debating on Wednesday at school against Calare Public School on the same topic. Good luck guys

Socceroos March Past

Mr Mason has succeeded in gaining some places for students to attend the Socceroos match against Iraq on Tuesday 18th June. There are a limited number of parent seats available on the bus,($35) and limited parent tickets for the match available via Mr Mason ($40) return your pink notes ASAP to gain a spot! Well done Mr Mason.

Opera House Recorders

The Dates for our performance and excursion are **29th and 30th August**. We will be performing in the Mimosa concert, on Thursday evening. Pricing for the excursion will be finalised shortly. It is usually in the vicinity of $150 - $200. Friday 30th August is the Regional Athletics carnival, (in Dubbo) students who are keen recorder players and excellent athletes need to be aware of this clash.(and be prepared to make a choice) This year, for the first time, students need to provide their own plain black t-shirt, (round neck, no logo, patterns or variations) and black pants or skirt for the performance.

There will be a country cluster rehearsal with Susan Sukkar (conductor of the Festival) on Friday 2nd August, at Bathurst Public School. We will take a bus from school to Bathurst and return, there will be a small transport fee involved. Notes will come home shortly for this.

Tickets for parents go on sale from **Monday 29th July to Thursday 1st August**, tickets are only available from the Sydney Opera House Box Office. Tickets are $39 full price and $32 for concessions. Tickets sell out very quickly, within hours of the Box office opening. There is a limit of 4 tickets per booking. Be prepared to get in quickly! Ours is the Mimosa concert – Thursday night.

The exciting news here is that we have once again been offered extra places in the Opera House Festival of Instrumental Music Mimosa concert. This is because other schools have withdrawn, and our reputation for sending competent players has grown over the years. For this we must thank Mrs Gray, for the great work done in teaching a tricky and difficult repertoire to the 3 senior classes. We are now able to take approximately 50 students (this constitutes a bus load, and helps keep the prices down for everyone).

This will mean students need to be practising the recorder at home, with parents encouraging mastery of this beautiful medieval instrument. The opportunity to perform in the world's most beautiful Opera House doesn't come around too often in a person's life. Encourage some practise, and help to ensure your senior student this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Wear a jumper or a coat

The clothing pool has exhausted its supply of recycled jumpers, as we have had so many children forgetting to bring or wear a jumper, and coming to the office to borrow one when they get cold. Please ensure your children wear, or bring a jumper or coat to school every day. The weather can be changeable in autumn. I also bring to your attention a disturbing trend amongst some of our (senior) students to refuse to wear a jumper or coat, and to wear shorts to school on particularly cold days. I believe it has something to do with being "tough". Time to be sensible, not tough, and dress appropriately please.

Paying School Fees

If you have opted to pay your school fees by $50 instalments each term, now's the time to pay for Term 2. There are a small number of families who haven't yet paid their Term 1 fees. This is a not – so – gentle reminder to put aside some of your hard-earned cash toward your children's education, and send in your school fees payments. Thanks.

Long Weekend & Reports

While you relax at home over the long weekend, spare a thought for the teachers who will be busily writing reports for your children. As we have already had Term 1 interviews, we will be sending home reports only, and will not be having mid-year interviews this year. If you would like to book an interview with the class teacher, please phone the office so we can schedule a time for you. Thanks.

Coming up in the next weeks

- **Robotics competition** for year 6 selected participants. **Tuesday 11th June** at CSU Bathurst. Ms Jackett to accompany students.
- **Stage 1 excursion to Dubbo Zoo**
  Friday 21st June. Return notes and money to ensure your little ones attendance.
- **CWA International day (Morocco)**
  Millthorpe school hall, **Friday 21st June** with morning tea Years 3 & 4 will be performing.
- **School Disco – Thursday 27th June** 5.30 – 7.00pm school hall**.** This term, the disco will be conducted by the Footsteps Dance Group, who will be teaching dance moves each morning in Week 9 in preparation for the disco. Gold coin donation to cover the cost of the dance teachers please.
- **End of term Combined Assembly**
  Friday morning, 9am – 11am **28th June**

School resumes for students Tuesday 16th July

Have a lovely long weekend, see you on Tuesday 11th June.

Kind regards

Jo Jackett

Infants Assembly
31-5-13

KOR
Amber Fazakerley, Daphne Cotter,Shakira Cuzner, Taylah Buchtmann, Ned Jamieson, Wyatt Thomson, Lauren Hanson

KG
Olivia Kingham, Henry Coles, Sheridan McGoldrick, Ruby de Vries, Jye Orenshaw, Henry Cornally, Ella Sinclair

1M
Saskia Reimers, Matilda Lochrin, Joel Davis, Codie Collins,Sara Coffield, Jordan Brun, Sarah-Jane Bottom, Skye Stone-Hayek

1/2T
Bren Millgate, Heidi McMahon, Lily McDonell, Mathew McKenna, Megan Roweth,Chaase Cowan, Rylie Heller, Finn McDonell

2G
Annika Jamieson, Alicia Wilson, amy Copelin, Zack Ryan, Kaity Davis, Mitchell Foran, Finn Taylor, Amelia Thomson, Noah Yates

Award of Merit

Codie Collins, Jessica Wallace, Ethan Bird, Finn McDonell, Lily-Anne Vaughan

Red Banner

Kaity Davis, Rylie Heller, Finn Taylor

P&C NEWS

There is a **P and C meeting on tonight**. Come along to the **school staff room at 6pm** to have your say and be involved in issues affecting your children. On the agenda tonight is;

- **The bus run**
- **Playground equipment**
- **The sports program for term 4**
- **The new demountable classroom**
- **The latest canteen news**

Rachelle has received a couple **of letters supporting a second bus run** but we need more.

There is more information about the need for another bus and why the P and C are backing the cause on the MPS website (under P&C - correspondence). You can read the letter Andrew has written and use it as a template to outline your concerns.

Another very interesting read which supports our case is the fairly recent inquiry into school bus safety in rural and regional NSW state as their top two recommendations;

'A phased program to provide ADR 68 compliant buses fitted with lap/sash seat belts for all Rural and Regional school student bus travel operating outside of lower speed urban environments as soon as possible, to be completed within 10 years'

AND

'The elimination of standing passengers where buses are required to travel on unsealed roads or on roads with a speed limit of 80km/h or more that are outside of urban areas, no later than day 1 of term 3 of the 2013 school year.'

Neither of these recommendations have been taken into account for the children on the Forest Reefs bus run!

Read more at;
http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/b2b/bus/m236-school-bus-safety- report_web.pdf

Please support the application for a second bus run by writing a letter and emailing it to Rachelle Wilson at wilson234@bigpond.com **by Friday 7th June2013.**

Johannah

Canteen News

Term 2 Week 6

Now available Gluten Free Raisin Toast for 60c

I still need a helper 14th June.
Please call/text me on 0417 284 383 or email me on jcparko@bigpond.com if you can help fill the spots.

********* Friday 21st June *********

Due to Stage 1 - Zoo Excursion & Stage 2 - Moroccan CWA Day

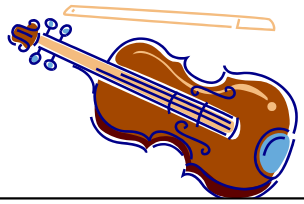
The canteen WILL NOT be open for Recess, it will ONLY be open for LUNCH.

Day	Helper 1	Helper 2	Helper 3
Thur 6th June	Kim Davison		
Fri 7th June	Johannah Francis	Donna Jones	Lindsey Hudson
Thur 13th June	Terri Latimore		
Fri 14th June	Simone Walsh	Russell Spargo	
Thur 20th June	Rachelle Wilson		
Fri 21st June	Sue Richards	Craig Richards	
Thur 27th June	Brenna Thomson		
Fri 28th June	Di Cullen	Brendan Cooper	Alex Baker

Violin Wanted!

A student needs to buy a half size violin as they have out grown the smaller size! If you think you can help you can contact Jen on 0409982065 or leave details with the office ladies

Thanks



Angus Hobba, our School Captain is part of the 2nd Orange Scout Group and they are having a Lamington Drive! If you would like to order any lamingtons you can do so at the school office! They are $10 a dozen or $6 for half a dozen. Orders and money need to be in buy Friday 14th June 2013.

Hi Kids!

Don t forget to continue collecting sponsorship money from your sponsors! Keep practising your skipping skills and keep your heart healthy by making great food choices! Don't forget our **Jump Off Day** is on the **20th of June** and your sponsorship money needs to be in to the office by the **13th of June**.

Thanks for your support and keep on skipping!!!

Library NEWS…….

Now is the time for your child to bring in their reading log books for PRC, the office ladies will photocopy them (and give the original back to your child to continue listing their books) and I will then begin entering their books on the system. Also you don't have to have a hand sewn library bag to borrow a library book, any type of bag will do, so don't forget to bring your library "bag" to borrow!

Happy Reading! Ms Jordan

Kinder's Police Visit

Kindergarten is learning about workers in the community and they were lucky enough to have a visit from Constable Holden from Bathurst Police last week. They really enjoyed it and are very grateful that we have such wonderful people in our community keeping us safe!

ORANGE MULTIPLE BIRTH ASSOCIATION
Are you a parent of twins, triplets (or more)?
Are you expecting twins, triplets?
Then this is for you! The recently formed Orange Multiple Birth Association is looking for members.
Our Playgroup meets the 1st Tuesday of the month, 10am - 12pm
Next Meeting Tuesday 4th June
Church of Christ, 69 Burrendong Way, Orange NSW
To join or for further details, please contact:
Ph: Rebecca 0409 982 292
Email: orangemultiplebirths@yahoo.com.au
Facebook: Orange Multiple Birth Association

Millthorpe Junior Soccer 8th June 2013

No Soccer this weekend due to the long weekend!

Attention all Under 10s players there will be NO training this week, but will be back next Friday 14th June!

If there are any parents who are free on a Monday or Wednesday to help out with fluency (doesn't matter what time, just whatever works for you), please contact Helen Gray at school on 63663104, thanks!

DAY	Parent helper	Program
MON	Tachir Orme-Smith VACANCY	Multi-Lit Fluency
TUES	Linda McGoldrick Roanne Hoadley	Multi-Lit Fluency
WED	Helen Bottom VACANCY	Multi-Lit Fluency
THURS	Dianne Dixon Sean Dixon	Multi-Lit Fluency
FRI	Di Cullen Mary Taylor	Multi-Lit Fluency

Please drop in your earn & learn stickers or sticker sheets to the school office, we are collecting them again this year! So get your nans, pops, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends to start collecting! Thanks

Further information

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