Date Claimers

- **Friday, 27 January** - Miles SS Swimming Carnival - Please note Miles SS Tuckshop will not be operating.
- **Friday 10 February**—M&D Swimming Carnival.
- **Monday, 20 February**—
P&C AGM

Principal’s Note

**WELCOME TO TERM 1**

I would like to wish you all a very warm welcome to Miles State School for 2017. I hope you had a wonderful holiday and return refreshed and reinvigorated ready to start the School year. To our new students, families and teachers I welcome you to the Miles State School community and I look forward to meeting you individually. Our team have been diligently preparing for the start of the school year and have an action-packed term ahead for our students. There is much to look forward to on our School calendar in 2017.

This year we have decided to provide information booklets that outline the school-wide policies, procedures and preferences as well as information specifically relating to each class including routines and expectations. This will be in lieu of parent information nights that have operated in the past. This decision was made in response to the very low numbers that attended last year. Having said that, we encourage all parents to make themselves known to teachers and staff and welcome you to establish lines of communication that allow us to work in partnership for the benefit of your child. These booklets will be developed and distributed in the coming weeks.

As in previous years, students have been working in year level groups for the first few days of classes. I am pleased to announce that all classes have now been allocated and students will be informed of their teacher for the year this afternoon. Students will be moving into their new class groups today, Wednesday 25th January. I am pleased to announce that all classes have now been allocated and students will be informed of their teacher for the year this afternoon. Students will be moving into their new class groups today, Wednesday 25th January. Every child has been considered carefully as to their allocation to classes and while we are never going to please everyone, decisions have been made based on our knowledge and with the intent of optimal student success.

Our first sporting event of the school calendar is our School Swimming Carnival scheduled for **Friday 27th January**. This carnival is for students who in 2017 turn 9 years old and over to qualify for district and regional carnivals in coming weeks. Participating students should assemble at school as normal on Friday. Teachers will mark their rolls and make their way to the Miles pool for the day and return to school for a normal 3pm pick-up at the completion of the carnival. Students should bring sunscreen, hats, food and drinks and swimming gear (towel, hat, goggles, swimmers and rashie) with them to school. The pool has made provisions for food and drink should you wish to purchase. We wish all our swimmers the best of luck – we hope they have a great day.

I look forward to working with you all in 2017!

Have a great week.

Steven Bennett

Principal
MILES STATE SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL – 
Friday, 27 January (9 – 12 years)

The Interhouse Swimming Carnival will take place this Friday, 27th of January. This carnival is for students in years 4-6 with a focus on participation and for everyone to have fun. Students in year 3 who were born in 2008 and are turning 9 this year are also invited to participate. All students are to meet at school for an 8:50 am parade and roll marking, followed by everyone walking to Miles Pool. Please ensure your child brings along usual swimming attire including sunscreen and a broad brimmed hat for sun protection. For the successful running of this carnival we require parent support. Any help will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Miss Stoltz (sxsto10@eq.edu.au) if you are able to help out.

Same day absence notification & emergency contacts

It has become policy, that we are required to advise parents if their child is absent from school, and we have not received a notification of that absence prior to 9:00 am on the morning thereof. From Monday, 30 January we will commence using Infoways, a same day notification SMS service. Rolls will continue to be marked at 9:00 am in the classroom, and any absences which are unexplained, will trigger a SMS to be delivered - in the first instance the message will be forwarded to the mother’s mobile contact number, or the father’s mobile contact number in the instance of a sole parent.

If you receive an absence notification, please advise us as soon as possible either by return SMS, emailing admin@milesss.eq.edu.au or calling 4628 0333 to let us know where your child is.

If your child is unable to attend school, please advise by email - admin@milesss.eq.edu.au as soon as possible prior to school commencing for the day.

With the beginning of the year, if your contact details or address details have changed, please advise us as a matter of urgency. If you are unsure, contact us regardless, as it is of the utmost importance that we are able to contact you in the case of an emergency.

The easiest way to advise us is by email - admin@milesss.eq.edu.au, by phone - 4628 0333 or in person.

Thank you ☺️
Tuckshop News

Tuckshop will be closed this Friday, 27 January due to the Swimming Carnival.

Tuckshop will resume normal times from Wednesday, 1 February.

Our Price List from the end of 2016 will remain in place. Copies can be found on the Miles State School website on the front page in Quick Links or in the documents section. Alternatively, copies are available at the front office.

Forest Fruit flavour slushy - $2.20 Cheeseburger - Beef patty with cheese and tomato sauce - $3.00

Both the new Slushy flavour and Cheeseburger will be available for Term 1.

We look forward to your support this year!

Miles Tennis Club - CALLING NOMINATIONS FOR TENNIS FIXTURES

Nominate as a team or individual to commence week of 6th February

Fast 4 Format - 5 players per team

Further details Contact: Di Gray 0427 271 543 or John Keam A/H: 4627 1445