



Date Claimers

- **Friday, 17 August** - M&D Athletics Carnival - Miles SHS
- **Monday, 20 August to Friday, 24 August** - Book Week
- **Friday, 24 August** - Book Week Parade
- **Thursday, 30 August** - Miles SS Irlen Clinic - Please refer to back page for more info.
- **Thursday, 20 September** - Spring Concert

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Office Hours:

8:30 am to 3:30 pm

P & C Meeting

Monday, 13 August
General Meeting

5:30 - 6:30 pm

In the School Library.

Thank you for your continued support.

Principal's Note

It is good to be back! - I must say I thoroughly enjoyed my long service leave. It was a great opportunity for me to have a fishing holiday, although I would have like to catch some more fish! I also enjoyed the opportunity to play a more active role in my children's daily life. I enjoyed the little things like being able to help out with school drop off and pick up, something I don't get to do regularly.

I would like to extend a note of thanks to Mrs Raelinda Allwood and our wonderful staff for their ongoing support of our school and its students. I am thankful that we have such dedicated people looking after our children.

2018 Athletics Carnival - The 2018 Athletics Carnival was another testament to our terrific P.E. teacher Miss Suzaan Stoltz and the efforts of our staff and volunteers. Sincere thanks for your commitment to provide our students with an opportunity to participate in such a well organised and structured event.

Our students demonstrated fantastic effort and I witnessed many examples of students displaying great sportsmanship. The competition across the two days was something to behold, with many students achieving individual success. Congratulations to each of our age champions, a real accomplishment given the high standard of completion.

It was wonderful to see so many of our Kindergarten students participate in the carnival for the first time. These children aged 3-6 participated in a number of events including bean bag toss, 50 m Sprint and novelty events. We hope that this will prove to be a beneficial inclusion to the transition of kindy children into Prep and the Athletics Carnival in the future.

School Opinion Surveys - I would like to encourage parents to participate in the School Opinion Surveys for 2018. This survey is designed to obtain the views of parents/caregivers, students and school staff from each school about what they do well and how they can improve. This provides us with really useful feedback.

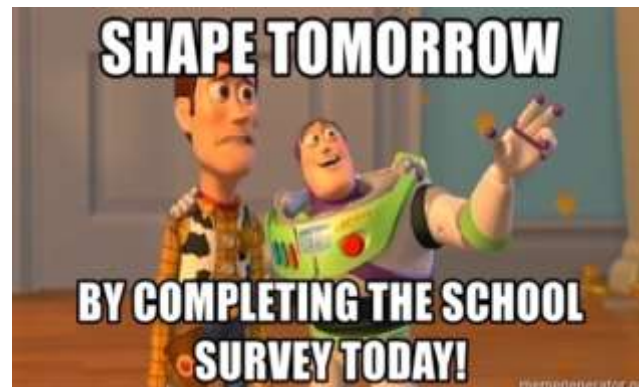
Parent Survey forms with login details went home with the eldest student in the family on Monday, 30 July. Opinions on the school, student learning, and student wellbeing are sought from a parent/caregiver in all families and a sample of students from the school. Opinions on the school as a workplace are also sought from all school staff and principals. There are additional questions for teaching staff on their confidence to teach and improve student outcomes. If you have not received your information sheet and login, please contact Claire Goodchild on 4628 0333 or cgood137@eq.edu.au.

Road Safety - I would like to remind our all students and parents of the need for continued vigilance around road safety. I have been made aware of some near misses involving vehicles and students. Please ensure that you have a conversation with your child/ren about safe road practices at pick up and drop off. We will continue to actively promote road safety, particularly at our School crossings and bus zones, to ensure all students make it home safely. I will be meeting with representatives of our local school bus drivers, Miles Police and Western Downs Council to explore additional measures to ensure the safety of all students in this area.

Have a wonderful week.

Steven Bennett

Principal



“BUILDING, SHARING,

Year 1/2L: Ms Katrina Lucas

This term in Science we are learning about the features of a day landscape and the Earth’s natural resources. So far we have investigated different types of landscapes and also ways we could conserve water at school. We have also had a bonus bit of Science this term with the Shell Questacon Science Circus coming out to visit us. We all became Scientists and embarked on a learning journey to investigate how things work.

This term we have also been enjoying the freedom of space in our new room! We are now able to spread out during our literacy, math and spelling rotation times and have enough wall space to house a learning wall for each of our subjects. Our learning intention this term for English is “I can independently write my own information text”. You can find this, as well as our success criteria and work samples up on our English learning wall...feel free to come in and have a look!

Ms Lucas



CREATING, CARING”



Messages for Students

We request that parents discuss with their children, how they will be getting home and/or where to meet with their children prior to them starting their school day.

We understand that emergencies sometimes arise and plans change, however it is very disruptive having to phone classes to advise of changes, or confirmation of plans, for a growing number of students, often on a daily basis.

If you have any urgent messages, please ensure that they are phoned through to Office Staff, rather than emailed, so they can be acted on in a timely manner.

Whilst best efforts are made to forward messages to students, due to time and activity constraints, guarantees cannot be given. We look forward to your co-operation with this procedure.

The Miles State School Great Book Swap

The Great Book Swap is a fantastic way to celebrate reading in our local community, and raise much-needed funds for remote Indigenous communities. The idea is to swap a favourite book in exchange for another, for a gold coin donation. Last year, the Indigenous Literacy Foundation raised over \$190,000 from the Great Book Swap and this year their goal is to raise \$300,000 to gift 30,000 new books to remote communities who have few to none. After all, how can you learn to read without books? Help us help them by attending our great book swap and donating old books and making a gold coin donation to take a book home to enjoy with your family.

How does the Great Book Swap work?

1. Collect any books or good quality magazines you have at home that you would like to donate to the book swap. Bring them to the school so we can sort and display them for the Book Swap. (You can bring them on the day but earlier is great.)
2. Let all your friends and colleagues know the book swap is on so they can join in. Into Social Media? Share information about the Indigenous Literacy Foundation and the Great Book Swap.
3. Come along during the swap week with your coins to donate and select some books to take home. **Book Swap will operate before and after school every day during Book Week August 20 – 24.**



All money raised goes to The Indigenous Literacy Foundation to promote literacy in remote Indigenous communities. We can't donate books directly to the communities because the Foundation is seeking to source and publish culturally relevant books to the communities. Some of the books they have published are in local languages, contain traditional legends and stories or have indigenous author and illustrators.

Student of the Week

- ☺ **Prep D — Bailey B.** — Excellent effort when writing sentences.
- ☺ **Year Prep/1S — Kobe D.** — Demonstrating awesome persistence and courage in English.
- ☺ **Year 1/2B — Aurora C.** — For using spelling strategies in her writing.
- ☺ **Year 1/2L — Rylee G.** — For demonstrating such enthusiasm for learning new things and always having her hand up ready to share her ideas.
- ☺ **Year 2/3C — Evelyn O.** — For improving on her reading and completing her homework. Well done!
- ☺ **Year 3F — Lewis F.** — For his enthusiasm to his Maths learning. Keep up your excellent work ☺.
- ☺ **Year 3/4H — Nishimia H.** — For demonstrating persistence in your learning. Great work Nishi!
- ☺ **Year 4/5J — Mick E.** — For approaching school work with a smile and infectious enthusiasm, you are an absolute joy!
- ☺ **Year 5/6G — Isaiah A.** — For quickly adapting to a new school and doing a fantastic job in being a part of the school community.
- ☺ **Year 5/6N — Remmi B.** — For great listening in Maths. Your work effort is fantastic!



Irlen Clinic at Miles State School

Miles State School is pleased to be able to offer an Irlen Clinic with Mrs Jo Slater as our Diagnostician. To book an appointment for Thursday, 30 August, please phone Claire on 4628 0333.



NOW SHOWING:
SHELL QUESTACON
SCIENCE SHOW AND YR
6 BAKERY VISIT -

BE QUICK, THE
SLIDESHOW CHANGES
OVER THE WEEKEND!

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



COCO (PG)
BLACK PANTHER (M)

TICKETS PER MOVIE

\$5 Kindy / Primary School
Under 4yo Free
\$5 Adult Accompanying
Primary School Ages to
Children's Movie
\$8 Secondary Student
\$8 Adult Member
\$12 Adult Non-Member

WHAT TO BRING

BYO Picnic Dinner
Feel Free to Bring Your Own
Comfy Movie Watching
Seats / Pillows

WHAT ELSE???

Movie Snacks available for
purchase
Bar Operational

WHEN

August, 11th 2018
Doors Open 5:30pm
Coco (PG) - 6:00pm
Black Panther (M) - 8:15pm

WHERE

Leichhardt Hall Miles
29 Dawson Street, Miles

MINI MAKERS

• Explore • Engage • Create



SATURDAY 11 AUGUST 2018
with Karen Gaskell

Create clay animals to stake out in the garden with inspiration from Looking Forward, Looking Back exhibition

MiniMakers an informal art program for school-aged children, allowing them to explore, engage and create.

Session time 11:00AM to 12:30PM

All materials are provided. Cost: \$5 per child.

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE. BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL.
Contact Dogwood Crossing, Miles on

4628 5330 or dogwood.crossing@wdrc.nsw.gov.au



Book Week is coming!!!

We are all looking forward to the annual Book Week Celebrations. There will be number of fun activities, with a literature base, happening within the school during Book Week. As the week draws nearer the children will be informed of the things they may join in with.

The dress up day will be on **Friday August 24th**. This year's theme is **Find Your Treasure**.

Already we are thinking all things pirate. Buccaneers, cabin boys/girls, pirate captains, parrots, jewels, treasure chests, spy glasses, maps, eye patches, wooden legs, mermaids and all things pirate. In secret the teachers are practising their pirate phrases. "Walk the Plank!" "Scrub the decks" "Land Ahoy!"

