



Date Claimers

- **Monday, 22 October** - Pupil Free Day
- **Monday, 5 November** - School Swimming commences
- **Friday, 30 November** - Awards Night - 6:00pm
- **Friday, 14 December** - Final day of Term 4

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Office Hours:

8:30 am to 3:30 pm

P & C Meeting

Monday, 5 November
General Meeting
5:30 - 6:30 pm

In the School Library.

Thank you for your continued support.

Principal's Note

Welcome Back: I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to school for the start of Term 4. We have a lot to do over the next 10 weeks. This week we kicked off the term by recognising Queensland Mental Health week, students have been discussing in class what it means to be mentally healthy and participating in a number of organised activities. This will include a visit from Theodore Instrumental Band this Thursday afternoon at 2:00pm coordinated by visiting Instrumental Music teacher Mr Chris Allen.

Student Free Day: The Term 4 Student Free Day (SFD) will be on **Monday 22nd of October**. This is the only SFD that is held during school time each year. Staff will be involved in Professional Development and Moderation processes combined with the rest of our Cluster schools.

Swimming: I would also like to remind everyone that swimming will commence in Week 5 this term and as such the invoices will be coming home soon. If you have a family pass to the pool or intend to get one, please present this to Administration by **3:00 pm on Friday 12th October** so that your invoices can be adjusted accordingly.

Kindy to Prep Transitions: We have planned two Parent information sessions, this Thursday afternoon 3:30pm and Saturday morning 9:00am in the Prep classroom, for parents of children intending on enrolling for Prep in 2019. These sessions aim to provide information and offer an opportunity to answer questions you may have in preparing for starting Primary school next year. We ask that parents bring their child's Birth Certificate in order to confirm their eligibility. These parent information sessions will be followed by a series of sessions for the children aiming to help them become more comfortable in the environment and with routines.

NAPLAN Online - Many Queensland state schools are currently undertaking training activities in preparation for NAPLAN Online.

To help schools prepare for NAPLAN Online, our school will participate in a School Readiness Test (SRT) from 8 to 26 October 2018. The SRT is a familiarisation activity to help confirm each school's technical, student and staff readiness, and will help our school prepare for a transition to NAPLAN Online.

It is not an assessment of student ability and there will be no reporting of student test results. The SRT provides two tests that take approximately 40 minutes to complete: a writing test for Years 5, 7 and 9 and an omnibus test for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. The collective learnings of Queensland schools taking part in the SRT will help transitioning schools to have positive experiences with NAPLAN Online.

The NAPLAN Online SRT is delivered to students using a locked-down browser so that students cannot access the internet or spell checkers while testing. Interested families can view the technical requirements on the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority's (ACARA) assessment platform website: <https://www.assessform.edu.au/layouts/Technology/Overview.aspx>

NAPLAN Online will provide a better assessment for all, more precise results and faster turnaround of information. It will:

- **Feature tailored testing which gives students questions that are more suited to their ability resulting in better assessment and more precise results.**
- **Provide a more engaging test experience for students.**
- Allow test results to be available within three weeks so teachers can identify learning priorities and meet individual student needs early.

“BUILDING, SHARING,

Parents and carers can also familiarise themselves with the NAPLAN Online platform by using the public demonstration site available at: www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site . Further information about NAPLAN Online including frequently asked questions and answers are available at: www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online.

We will keep you up-to-date with how the training is progressing, but if there's anything you need in the meantime you can contact the school to arrange a meeting with me to discuss.

Have a wonderful week.

Steven Bennett

Principal

This term the 1 /2 B class are learning about how to write different types of poems. The poems include acrostic, colour poem, cinquain and diamanté. As part of the students learning they have started with looking at what an acrostic poem is and the structure used to write the poem The next stage of learning will be around the structure of a cinquain poem. At the end of the unit each student will have an anthology of poems.

The focus in maths at present is skip counting in 2's, 3's, 5's and 10's. The students have also looked at fractions $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{8}$. Fractions of a shape and a collection.

Science this term is focussing on learning about the forces of push and pull. The unit will teach the children about the different forces we encounter in our everyday lives and identify real life examples.



Choir News

Mrs Bidgood is currently on leave and will return in Week 3. Consequently, there will be **NO CHOIR REHEARSALS** for Weeks 1 and 2, **including After School Choir on a Thursday afternoon.**

If you have any queries, please contact the office on 4628 0333.

Thank you



Instrumental Music

We have a full term ahead of us in Instrumental Music, with the Award's Night in week 8 (further details to follow). To help with this, all students have received their new timetable, homework sheet and practice sheet. Each week at the end of our lesson we write in our homework for the week so we know what to practice, so keep an eye out for these!

Senior Band rehearsals are at 8:30-9:00am and Beginner Band rehearsals are at 11:10-11:35am on Tuesdays. It is a requirement of the program that students attend rehearsals so please encourage your child/ren to attend. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at ktayl417@eq.edu.au. Mrs Taylor

CREATING, CARING"



Be Active



Connect



Give



Keep Learning



Care



Take Notice



Mental Health week is being celebrated and acknowledged this week at Miles State School. We value Mental Health by following six steps, be active, connect, give, keep learning care, and take notice.

We are having a healthy breakfast with some of the services that we can seek help from. Thanks to QLD Police for joining us on Tuesday. They

assisted in handing out kids helpline cards.

Students are working towards positive steps to mental health by developing an awareness of the six steps by creating a class bunting. We are being active with staff / student games at lunchtime including a handball competition organised by our school Chappy.

Next week Years 5 & 6 will be engaging in an interactive kids helpline session on positive friendships.

Annette McLean , Guidance Officer.



SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB - 2018

Brochures will be distributed to classes this week. Orders need to be returned to the red box at the School Office by **no later than 9:00 am on Thursday, 18 October.**

Our preferred method for ordering and payment is the LOOP ordering system offered by Scholastic. This is a fantastic way to order your Bookclub, without having to worry about finding correct money, or if your child has delivered their order to school on time. Instructions for LOOP ordering can be found in the documents section of our web page - www.milesss.eq.edu.au.

If you are paying by cheque, please ensure your cheque is made payable to SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB. Thank you!



Free WOMEN'S HEALTH CLINIC

Wed, 17 Oct and Tues, 31 Oct 2018

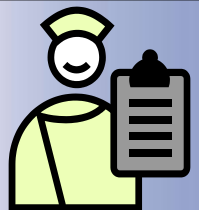
Between 10:00 and 1:00 pm

Conducted by Barb Milne at Miles Hospital

For further information, please contact
4628 5600

Services provided including

- ★ Cervical Screening;
- ★ Breast Care;
- ★ Women's Health Checks;
- ★ Healthy Lifestyles
- ★ Information and education on women's health; and
- ★ Information and support relating to domestic violence and sexual assault.





School Swimming - Term 4, 2018



School Swimming will be taking place in the later part of Term 4, with a tentative starting date of 5 November. A timetable will be produced in the Newsletter for your information beforehand. **Invoices of approximately \$16 per child will be distributed to each Student in Week 2, for payment by Wednesday, 31 October.**

The cost of \$16 is comprised of entry to the pool, and bus travel to and from the pool.

If your family is planning to purchase a Seasonal Ticket to the pool, please provide us with a copy of your Family or Child's pass or your receipt, or your intention to purchase a pass, in writing, or by email (admin@milesss.eq.edu.au) prior to 3:00pm on 12 October. No late passes, or advice of an intention to purchase a pass can be accepted after this time. This will reduce the Swimming Cost for each child to approximately \$6.00.

If you have any queries regarding School Swimming costings, please do not hesitate to contact Claire Goodchild on 4628 0333. Thank you.



2019 Prep Parent Information Sessions

Children born between 1 July 2013 and 30 June 2014 are eligible to attend Prep in 2019.

Choice of two dates -

Thursday 11th October - 3:30pm
OR
Saturday 13th October - 9:00 AM

Enrolment packages will be available at the Information Sessions or during office hours from the School Office on Constance Street.

If you wish to bring along your child's birth certificate, it will be copied during the Information Session and returned.

If you have any questions, please contact the office on 4628 0333.



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Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 23rd October 2018
Columboola Room, Miles

7:00pm Meeting & Annual Reports
7:30pm Guest Speaker Bruce Uebergang



Everyone welcome

A light supper will be provided

For more information

Contact Murilla Community Centre Inc. on 4627 2027 or mccm@bigpond.com



NOW SHOWING:

Term 3 Celebration Day

Be quick, the slideshow changes over the weekend!