

Millthorpe Public School

29 January 2020 Term 1 Week 1



Principal's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the 2020 school year after what I hope has been a relaxing time for families. I recognise that for some of our families the summer break did not get off to the best start with bushfires and the heat exacerbating drought conditions.

2020 promises to be a dynamic and full year of learning and teaching, with lots of opportunities to engage with the community as Millthorpe PS continues to progress.



Welcome to our new families

Along with a new cohort of Kindergarten students and their families we have a number of new families joining us in 2020. Welcome to the Butler, Dicker, Hayden, Mader and Turnbull families. We hope you enjoy your time at Millthorpe PS.

Bushfires and drought support

Our staff are very aware of the importance of looking out for one another and our students. Teachers are well-informed and have access to resources to offer support to your child if they wish to talk about the impact the bushfires and drought have had on them. In 2019, our Year 6 cohort made a generous contribution to the GIVIT organisation to support families affected by the bushfires and drought. On our Staff Development Day, staff also raised funds for the not-for-profit organisation, ensuring 100% of our donation goes to communities impacted by the NSW bushfires. Our thoughts are with communities who are still battling blazes and rebuilding after this significant natural disaster.

New staff

Yesterday we welcomed Mrs Joanne Mader, classroom teacher, who will be working across the school as one of our RFF (release from face-to-face) teachers. Miss Sophie McGrath, who may be a familiar face to many students, will join our Stage 2 team as a classroom teacher. In our administration office, we welcome Mrs Kathy Fardon as our School Admin Manager and Mrs Maxine Meek joins Mrs Thompson as our Admin Officers.

Our Best Always

UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM 1

Wednesday 29 Jan – Friday 31 Jan

Best Start Kindergarten Assessments

Wednesday 5 Feb 6pm

Extraordinary P&C Meeting

Friday 14 Feb 1pm – 1.30pm

Kinder Parent Info Session

K-2 Assembly 2:20pm 2M performance

Monday 17 Feb 9am – 10am

Leaders' Induction

Wednesday 19 Feb

School Swimming Carnival - Cowra

Friday 28 Feb

HCS District Swimming Carnival – Cowra

REMINDERS

School Sports Day Kinder to Year 2

Thursday – please wear sports uniform

School Sports Day Year 3 to Year 6

Friday – this includes the Year 3

students in 2/3W

HEALTH INFO

For advice about the Novel coronavirus from the Health Ministry, and supported by the Department of Education, please click the following link:

www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/coronavirus.aspx

For advice about air quality and bushfire smoke from the Health Ministry, please click the following link:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/air/pages/bushfire-smoke.aspx>

Our vision is to ensure all students are successful learners who are confident, creative and well-informed citizens.

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Class structures and staff

This year we have 303 students enrolled at Millthorpe PS across 12 classes.

KS	Room 2 (B Block)	Miss Lauren Swiatkiwsky
KF	Room 3 (B Block)	Miss Tegan Farrell
1A	Room 1 (B Block)	Miss Abbey McCann
1M	Room 4 (B Block)	Mrs Dayle Morton
2M	Demountable 1	Mr Nicholas Morgan
2/3W	Demountable 2	Mrs Carrol Webster
3/4M	Demountable 3	Mr Tom Mason
3/4H	Demountable 4	Mrs Deborah Hoolihan
3/4S	Demountable 5	Miss Sophie McGrath
5/6C	Demountable 6	Mrs Tanya Connor
5/6T	Demountable 7	Mr Michael Truloff
5/6M	Demountable 6	Mrs Bronwyn Maskill

Additional teaching staff include:

Library/Learning Support	Mrs Mary Gardiner
ICT/Learning Support	Miss Kim Jordan
RFF/Learning Support	Mrs Joanne Mader
Learning Support	Mrs Kerry Hunter
RFF	Mrs Virginia Begbie

The executive team consists of:

Mrs Penny Granger	Principal
Mrs Mary Gardiner	Assistant Principal Wellbeing
Mrs Tanya Connor	Assistant Principal 3-6
Mr Nicholas Morgan	Acting Assistant Principal K-2

School administration and support staff include:

Mrs Kathy Fardon	School Administration Manager
Mrs Louise Thompson	School Administration Officer
Mrs Maxine Meek	School Administration Officer

Mrs Paige Dickie	SLSO*
Mrs Bec Vaughan	SLSO
Mrs Raelene McNamara	SLSO
Mrs Kristy Bargwanna	SLSO
Mrs Natalie Sligar	SLSO
Miss Shani Payne	SLSO
*School Learning Support Officer (often called a teacher's aide)	
Mr Graeme Smith	General Assistant
Mrs Sharyn Travers	Cleaner
Mrs Tracey Bowman	Cleaner

School Resource Packages

Each year families are provided with learning resources organised by the school to ensure students have access to necessary equipment for a successful start. This is a service provided by the school to maximise buying power, reduce cost and save time in shopping for school resources. Payment (per student) is now due for the following items:

Handwriting and maths text books	\$25
School incursions and performances	\$50
Stationery package	\$30
Mathletics and Reading Eggs subscription	\$25

School Contribution

All schools can request contributions to enhance education programs. Our voluntary contribution for 2020 is set at \$40. If you wish to make the contribution with the resource package payments, the total is \$170 per student.

Mrs Penny Granger | Principal

Welcome to our new staff



Miss Sophie McGrath
Classroom Teacher



Mrs Joanne Mader
RFF Teacher (M-W)



Mrs Kathy Fardon
Admin Manager



Mrs Max Meek
Admin Officer

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Extraordinary P&C Meeting – Wednesday 5 February 2020 6pm in the School Library

As a result of Penny Granger accepting the Principal position, the position of Assistant Principal was made vacant and the school can now proceed with an open merit advertisement. Open merit is the process of forming a panel comprising the principal, a staff representative, a delegate of the Director and a parent representative voted by the P&C body. Once the panel is formed, specific criteria are written, the position is advertised and the recruitment process follows.

Further recruitment throughout the year can sometime occur, therefore we would like to elect not only a representative for this panel but a 'pool' of suitable candidates who would be willing to serve on future panels within the next 12 months. Essentially, 3 to 4 people (minimum 1 male) who would make themselves available at any time during the year to sit on a panel. The individual from the pool would be selected through consultation with the P&C president depending on availability and possibly gender balance requirements.

To fulfil this process we need to hold an extraordinary meeting on Wednesday 5 February 2020 at 6pm in the school library. This will be the only discussion item and we hope the meeting will be short and sharp and would very much appreciate as many parents as possible to attend.

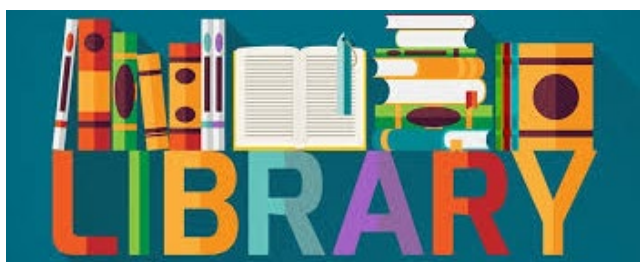
Ms Danica Bunch | P&C President

Communication

In 2020 our school will use three main channels to communicate with the community. Our Facebook page is a wonderful celebration of our achievements and values. Follow and like our page at <https://www.facebook.com/millthorpeps/>

The SchoolStream app will be used to distribute the newsletter, provide you with day-to-day information, reminders and urgent updates. The SchoolStream app can be downloaded on all devices.

Finally, the school website is a great place to learn more about our school and the Department of Education. The website will be updated as the year progresses.



Welcome to 2020 in the school library. The shelves are overflowing with an exciting selection of well-loved and new titles. Library lessons for all classes will commence in **Week 2**.

- Monday - Kindergarten (KF and KM) and 2M
- Tuesday - Stage 2 (3/4H, 3/4M, 3/4S) and Stage 3 (5/6C, 5/6T, 5/6M)
- Wednesday - 1A, 1M, 2/3W

Please ensure that all children are ready for borrowing by having a **clean** library bag of some description. March will see the commencement of the Premier's Reading Challenge, so please start preparing for that by recording books that students are reading. More details on that will follow.

Mrs Mary Gardiner | Librarian

From the office

The admin office will be **open from 8.30am to 3.30pm** each school day.

The **newsletter will be published every second Wednesday** starting on the 5th February. The newsletter can be accessed on the school website and via the SchoolStream app. If you would like a paper copy sent home with your child, please contact Mrs Thompson to arrange this.

Student banking is to be handed in at office each Thursday at the start of the school day.

Mrs Thompson will work from Monday to Thursday each week and Mrs Meek will be in the office on Thursday, Friday and every second Wednesday.

Hats and school bags are available from the office.

Mrs Kathy Fardon | Admin Manager



PRESENTS



MILLTHORPE BIG BASH CRICKET 2019-20

Very Social T-20 format – modified rules
Just turn up and play

- \$5 per game
- Sausage sizzle and drinks for purchase
- Shirts and equipment provided
- Families and spectators encouraged
- BYOB and nibbles
- First come first served for a spot on a team
- No previous experience necessary
- All proceeds go to MJCC

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2019

Sun Nov 24

Sun Dec 8

2020

Sun Feb 9

Sun Feb 23

Sun Mar 8

ALL GAMES

4:30 – 7:30 PM

REDMOND OVAL

Park St
Millthorpe

For more info contact

Darrin Yates

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MILLTHORPE YOUTH CLUB IS OFFERING...



MARKET STALL LOANS FOR YOUNG LOCALS

**WANT SOME HELP TO
PRODUCE A PRODUCT TO
SELL AT A MARKET?**

MY Club are offering
local young people
\$100 loans to help
you develop your
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