Principal's Message

The children have settled in very well to Term 2 and are working well. They are very responsive to our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) and it is pleasing to see them striving to achieve their ‘Personal Best’ in the classroom and playground.

Congratulations to James Green for receiving the April, Kiwanis ‘Q Award’ for his quality work. Well done James for your overall effort and achievement.

As we have said to the children on many occasions, it is very difficult to give the uniform award each morning because they all look so smart in their Millers Forest uniforms. Could you please ensure that all parts of the uniform are labelled as it makes it much easier to return to the owner if lost.

The new playground equipment continues to be a great attraction for all children, K-6, who play all sorts of athletic and imaginary games on it and thankfully the new sandpit is nice and big because there are many children playing in it each day.

I would like to thank all parents for the effort you make in sending your children to school dressed in their winter uniform. At the morning assembly it is great to just see green and black.

We have purchased some new balls this year and we feel there are plenty for all children to be able to share or play with a ball if they wish. We have asked the children not to bring balls from home, firstly because we
have enough balls at school for them to play
with and secondly private property may be lost,
stolen or ownership disputed and we wish to
avoid that occurring.

After children have been dismissed from class in
the afternoon to go home they are not allowed
to play on the equipment, so if you are picking
up your children from school we ask that you
reinforce what we are telling them and not allow
them to play on the equipment after school.

**Lenore Sparkes**
Relieving Principal

**The Premier’s Sporting Challenge**

Students at Millers Forest Public School are
participating in the Premier’s Sporting Challenge.
The aim of the 10 week challenge is to
courage our students to participate in sport
and physical activity. So far, our students have
been very keen and have been very active. Well
done boys and girls. Keep up the great effort!

**Small Schools’ Soccer Competition**

Our first game in the Small School’s Soccer
Competition will be against Mulbring Public
School on Tuesday, 3rd June, 2014. Most of the
students in the 2/6 class have opted to be in the
school soccer team and we have been busy
practising our soccer skills. A big thank you to
Mrs Lidbury for giving up her time & training our
soccer stars of a lunchtime. A note will be sent
home soon with further details about the
upcoming game, but set aside the date. It
promises to be an awesome match!

**Public Speaking Competition**

This week all students are to present a speech to
their class on a topic of their choice. A note went
home two weeks ago about presenting the
speeches. Thank you to all the students who had
their speech ready today, we enjoyed listening
to them. After hearing all the speeches, the
teachers will select some students to represent

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Millers Forest Public School at the Zone Public
Speaking Competition.

**Digi Ed Workshop**

Students in Years 5 & 6 have the opportunity to
be part of a digital animation workshop at Tarro
Public School on Thursday, 26th June. Please
note that the permission note which was sent
home last week and payment of $35.00 needs
to be returned to the school office by this
**Friday, 23rd May.**

Mrs Bray
2/6 Teacher / Sports Coordinator

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**Important Dates to Remember**

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**P & C News**

**Lunch Orders**

The lunch orders this week are from Subway.
Please note that orders for this week only
need to be returned to school by **Wednesday**
to allow time for the orders to be placed with Subway.

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| **Week 3 – Term 2**                                  |                                                                  |
| **Principal’s Award**                               | Nic – Fantastic writing.                                         |
| **Citizenship Award**                               | Mason – Looking out for others.                                  |
| **Kindergarten Award**                              | Mason – Fantastic sight word activity.                           |
| **Infants Award**                                   | Asha – Super news presentation.                                  |
| **Playground Award**                                | Charlie – Showing our school rules.                              |
| **Sports Award**                                    | Tyrone – Doing well in all sports.                               |
| **Assembly Award**                                  | Charlie – Great singing                                          |
| **Q Award**                                         | James – Quality work.                                            |
| **Art Award**                                       | Lacey – Efforts in visual art.                                   |
| **TREE of the WEEK**                                | Eddie – Congratulations...                                       |

### Reforms to P&C Federation

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at [http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php).

### Too sick for school?

As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.

School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser:

[www.bit.ly/1hytn2E](http://www.bit.ly/1hytn2E)