

29th June, 2011

# MILLTHORPE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Principal's News

### Welcome to Week 10, and the end of a busy term

This week is very busy, with a host of interesting things going on.

The students from Port Hacking High School are conducting workshops and practise with our budding Millthorpe band as we speak, practising their low D's (more air apparently) and rehearsing for the big performance of Danza Africana in the afternoon, to the infants classes.

Mrs Gray is auditioning our senior classes for their Opera House records performance next term. If you are lucky enough to be selected (we only have limited places) keep up the practise over the holidays, and then we still have 4 weeks to get it right before we go to Sydney.

The rehearsal last Friday at Bathurst Public School went very well, with the composer of one of the pieces of music there to hear her piece being played.

Mrs Gray and the students have done a great job preparing for the Opera house, which was very obvious at the rehearsal, we were the only school who had learnt all their music, and had the largest group of people playing.

I was sooooo proud of Millthorpe again.

A big reminder to parents that the sale of tickets for the Mimosa concert (in which we are playing) go on sale on the 7th July. Information is in the pink sheets your child has bought home today.

### Combined Assembly this Friday

Wear your winter woollies, bring a rug, (and one for the kiddies too) gloves, hats and coats for the last outside wintertime combined assembly..... Our hall project has been approved, and is going to tender soon, but for now, we will have to brave the chilly outdoors for our assembly this Friday.

The combined recorders will be playing their Opera House repertoire for the assembly.

It starts at 1.30, a little earlier than usual. Let's hope for a sunny, calm day. We tried fitting into the infants room for Music a Viva, and discovered there just isn't room for us all plus parents, so we will have to brave the weather...rug up.

### Senior Percussion

Last week to return the expression of interest for senior percussion, if your child is already a drum student, call Rob for a special deal.

### Band visits this week

On Friday, 1st July, Sydney Grammar School Band will perform for the primary students between 11.30am and 12.30pm, in the Kindergarten rooms. We will have an early lunch break, from 12.30—1.30pm, and start the combined assembly at 1.30pm under the COLA. Bring a rug.... bmmr

### Dates to return to school

Information about return to school dates may help you with holiday planning. Staff return on Monday 18th July, for a day of training and development. NB this is a pupil free day. Students will return on Tuesday 19th July.

Mrs Gardiner will be relieving for me, while I take some leave, Ms Sissian will be relieving



Assistant Principal, for Mrs Gardiner, and Miss Alice Scrope will be taking 3/4G until I return to school on 8th August.

We will also have some final year practicum students at school for term 3, on Mrs O'Brien's class, (Victoria Bateman) and Mrs Gardiner's class (Penny Coleman). We welcome these extra teachers to Millthorpe, and look forward to them working in our school.

### After School Activities for term 3

For term 3, we are offering tennis for seniors, years 3-6, on Monday, with Glenn Goodacre. 3.15—4.15pm.

Put your name down in the office. This activity will start on Monday 25th July.

On Tuesdays Mrs Gray is now holding rock band. 3.00pm—4.15pm. Starts on Tuesday 19th July.

On Wednesday we have a brand new activity—"dance, move and sing" with Gabe Middleton. This is a groovy song performance activity, where "Young Hearts Can Run Free" This is for senior students, years 3-6.

Please return the expression of interest to the office.

This will commence on Wednesday 27th July.



An infants dance activity (Zumba) is yet to be confirmed.

On Thursdays Rob has senior percussion. 3.15—4.15pm. This is the last week for names to go down on Rob's list.

### Active After School Communities Training opportunity

As previously mentioned, there has been a change in regulations regarding Active After School Com-

munities. All providers are required to be registered and trained with AASC.

Beth Shea will be holding a training course on Sunday 10th July (during the holidays) in Orange which will allow you to be registered with the program, which will in turn allow you to be paid to run some active activities after school! We are always looking for new providers to run interesting programs. If you are interested in the training, please contact Beth on 0437 700 373, or email

beth.shea@ausport.gov.au It's a great training course, not hard, lots of fun.

### CWA Competition Winners

Congratulations to all our CWA competition winners this year. Iceland was an interesting topic and country of study, the senior students performed the ir-re-write of Do the MacKellars "Sunbunt Country" with great panache!

### Life Education Van

First day back for students is also the first day for the Life Education Van (Healthy Harold) visits.

Please return permission and money for this if you haven't already done so, everyone enjoys their visits from Harold, the program supports our work in PDHPE on healthy living and how the body functions. If you would like to know more about the programs being offered, call in and talk to Mrs Gardiner.

Have a great holiday, look after the children for us, we'll see you back at school on Tuesday 19th July.

Regards

*Jo Lockett*

Could all families check over the holidays if they have other children's school clothing. There are a number of missing jackets, jumpers etc which may have gone to the wrong home, so if you could double check the name inside your child's clothing that would be great!

Thanks



## BOOKCLUB

### ISSUE 4.5

IS DUE ON FRIDAY  
1ST JULY  
by 9am, so it can be ordered before the holidays, and will come back at the beginning of Term 3

### THANKS



## P&C President's Report

Hi all,

Last night we held our monthly **P&C meeting** it was great to see a couple of new faces. Many of you would have received your copy of the minutes already thanks to the extremely efficient Mrs Anderson. If you have not received a copy please email me and I will forward them on pronto. [warrenqong@activ8.net.au](mailto:warrenqong@activ8.net.au).

The **future of the canteen** was discussed at the meeting. A number of alternative ways of management were discussed including leasing. Leasing is currently not an option due to the poor quality and size of our canteen. Discussions were held about the possibility of a new canteen for school and this is something we all agreed would be beneficial and worth looking into over the next couple of years. The canteen can not continue to be run by a volunteer co-ordinator as we just don't have the volunteers to man the operation.

It was decided we would aim to have a couple of **special food days** a term. E.g pizza day or pasta day. If you would like to help in organising or volunteering time to work on the canteen on one of these day please email me and we will set some dates for term 3.

Next term the P&C will be helping organise a **social evening** at the Millthorpe bowling club. The evening will include a fantastic band (one of our groovy teachers plays the drums), and they will be supported by a local up and coming band rumoured to be full of talent. More details to follow next term.

We were all very excited and relieved when Jo delivered the news that the hall will still be going ahead. At the same time Jo is looking at some refurbishments to the playground area. Until this happens the P&C have decided to purchase some **new soft fall** for the play equipment as the current soft fall has compacted under many little running feet. Hopefully this can be organised ready for term 3.

Don't forgot school uniforms are available from Sally and Louise on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Rumour has it they have lots of warm polar fleeces to keep the kidlets warm through winter.

I hope you all have a relaxing holiday, next months meeting is set for August 9<sup>th</sup>.

Stay safe and warm Kate

### Attention Year 6 Parents !!!!!

In preparation for the end of year slide show for year 6, Jo Copelin and Alicia Wilson would like to get the ball rolling, so if you have any video footage and photos(6 or 7) of your child you can drop them into the office or contact Jo on 63663738 or Alicia on 63663400 Thanks



### Important ROCKBAND Notice Term 3

Dear Parents of Rockers,

In Term 3 ROCKBAND with Mrs Gray will be on TUESDAY AFTERNOONS instead of Wednesdays. The times will remain the same- 3pm to 4.15pm. PERCUSSION with Rob will be on THURSDAY AFTERNOONS. This swap allows me to attend the Wednesday staff meeting. I hope this doesn't cause too many disruptions for you all. With thanks, Helen Gray



## Literacy Program-Volunteers needed

Some of our wonderful literacy program volunteer parents will be having a break next term. We would love to have a few more fabulous volunteers to help with this very worthwhile program. It only takes a short time to conduct. Full training provided! Please contact Helen Gray at school if you are able to spare a little time!

Thanks

**Betweeners**  
Ministry of Blayney Community Baptist Church

**Youth Group for Years 5, 6, 7 & 8**

Friday Nights 5pm to 6:30pm  
Millthorpe Uniting Church Hall (Church St)  
Contact Andrew Parkinson 0417 415 716

JACKEROO RANCH

HORSE RIDING

SCHOOLHOLIDAY RIDING CAMPS

Jackeroo Ranch is located at Bingletree Station at Upper Turon and are holding holiday camps in the first and second week of the holidays in July 2011.

This is not just a camp -it's a wonderful farm experience your child will treasure forever.

All enquiries: Mrs Pattie Hudson on 63377173 (nights are best)



SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

The team from orange CraftNCare will be running their hugely popular program CRAFT, GAMES & FUN!!! During the July 2011 School Holidays!(suitable for ages 5-11)

Where: Orange Baptist Church hall 59 Sale St Orange

When: Monday, Wednesday, & Friday  
(commencing Mon 4th July)

Time:12-5pm each day

Cost: \$15 per child per afternoon or \$40 for a family of 3 kids

A delicious lunch is included each afternoon!

Bookings and further information phone Mr Terry Findlay on 0458603186

(between 9am and 8pm)



Orange Indoor Tennis

**July School Holiday tennis Clinics**

**Camp1 : Monday 4th –Friday 8th  
July 9-3.30pm**

**Cost: \$150(whole week) \$35 day**

**Camp 2: Wed13th– Friday 15th  
July 9-12 noon**

**Cost: \$65 (whole week) \$25 day**

**Further inquiries phone Chris or Hannah on 63629811**



## Peer Support Week 10

This is the last session of the Peer Support module *Being Positive*. The children will reflect on what they have learned over the past seven weeks. To celebrate, the group will make a poster to be put on display. This will help them to reflect on and remember the strategies they have learned and encourage them to make their school a friendly, safe and supportive place.



## Expression of Interest

### Millthorpe Public School Senior Percussion group

My child \_\_\_\_\_

is interested in joining the senior percussion group in term 3 &4, 2011.

Parents name \_\_\_\_\_

Parents phone contacts \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

## Expression of Interest

### Millthorpe Public School Band Program

My child \_\_\_\_\_

is interested in joining the band program in term 3, 2011.

They would like to play the..... (please circle)

flute, trumpet, saxophone, clarinet, trombone,

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

## Expression of Interest Sing Dance Move

My Child \_\_\_\_\_

Is interested in joining the Sing Dance Move program in Term 3, 2011

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

An email from a student who is part of the Sydney Conservatorium of Music who attended our school in May :

Hello,

I just wanted to say how much I enjoyed my time at Millthorpe School and how impressed I was by the students. In the week I spent out in the great western region, it was Millthorpe that impressed upon me the most. Your love of music education really stood out for me.

I noticed that in the library and art room where the violin class was taken, there was no piano. Which brings me to the reason for this email. I know of a couple of pianos here in Sydney that need a good home and I was wondering if you would like to have one?

My friend and I are planning to start up an organisation called "Keys to the country" where we send out unwanted pianos to music programs in the great country regions of Australia. We would have it delivered, tuned and provide any other services. Also hold a concert where we would raise money to provide a mini scholarship where a student would receive 10 lessons. Would love to chat about this, I'm away singing in Asia for a week but if you have any questions please feel free to email me

Kind Regards

Javier Vilarino



## Country Womens Association of NSW Millthorpe Branch International Day 1st Prize Winners

1st year 3 Poster Jennifer Dwyer

1st year 4 Poster Nathan Schubert

1st year 6 Travel Brochure Ben Wratten

1st Open Craft Taylah Sargent

1st Open Essay Bailey Penrose

All the 1st prize winners are being safely retained to be judged in Orange in September 2011 at the Central Western Group meeting.

Thank you to all the children who entered.



### Yoga Classes in Millthorpe

**Steph Bestwick is starting yoga classes next Term for anyone who is interested which will be held at the at St Marks Anglican Hall. They will be on Tuesdays at 6pm & Thursdays at 9.30am. Cost is \$18 per casual class or \$15 per class if booked for the term. Contact Steph on 63687229 for further info and bookings. Thanks**



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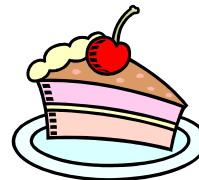
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### Millthorpe Junior Soccer 2nd July 2011

There are no games for U6s through to  
U11s this week and over the holidays.

The first game back will be Saturday  
23rd July 2011

There are games however for:

Under 13s v Oberon United 10.55am at  
Millthorpe

Under 16 Girls v Bathurst  
United 12.10pm  
at Millthorpe



### FREE TO GOOD HOME

Pure bred kelpie pups

Black and tan

10 weeks old

Contact Sally 63 655191

