



MILLER MESSENGER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

17 March

ALNF Program

Open Girl's Netball

IEC Spelling Bee Round 2

20 March

Y12 Review Panel

Harmony Week

Day 2 NAPLAN - Reading Y7 & Y9
Assembly

21 March

Homework Centre

Women's Group

SRC Harmony Day Event

Harmony Day

Day 3 NAPLAN - COL Y7 & Y9

22 March

Day 4 NAPLAN - NUM Y7 & Y9

23 March

Day 5 NAPLAN - Catchup Y7 & Y9

Souths Cares Program

Parent's English Class

Homework Centre

24 March

ALNF Program

25 March

NSW Elections - Voting in Hall

Y12 Sausage Sizzle - Fundraising

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Volume 56

Dear parents/carers,

As we journey together towards the end of this term, perhaps it is timely that we reflect on our core values of Respect, Inspire, Safe and Excel (RISE) and how we have engaged in our learning since our last edition of Miller Messenger.

Our school's core values in establishing these ideals provides the foundation for building the type of atmosphere we want to foster.

- Respect meaning accepting that each person has rights and responsibilities.
- Inspire meaning bringing out the best in myself and others.
- Safe meaning thinking about the consequences of my actions.
- Excel meaning always trying to do better.

These values offer a way of thinking to communicate our school's story and desired outcomes in 'promoting growth and development - our school's vision.

International Women's Day

On Wednesday 8 March, we celebrated International Women's Day, a Global Day of Recognition which celebrates the cultural, economic, social and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality. The latest Australian Government Gender Equality Scorecard (external link) was published in December 2022, we still have a way to go!

In celebration, student leaders attended Liverpool Quota International Women's Day breakfast at Warwick Farm. The keynote speaker, Liverpool City Councillor Charishma Kaliyanda, delivered an inspirational speech about - "Embracing Equity in our Community; helping local women achieve their full potential". Following her address, Charishma spoke with the Miller students and fielded many questions they had on women shaping our future.

In today's world, teaching values are more important than ever, with students being given the opportunity in class to write a letter, on a pre-designed card, to an important woman in their life or a woman they admire. Purple coloured cupcakes, a photo booth and a lolly guessing competition were further highlights of the week.

The Supporting and Linking Trade Women (SALT) program also provided students with an opportunity to work with tradeswomen from industry. In discussions with the students, they were amazed at the opportunities and

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enjoyed developing newfound skills. An apprenticeship or traineeship offers hands-on experiences, a salary, and the opportunity to train while you work.

International Women's Day is a celebration of the tenacity, determination, and leadership of women and girls. A big thank you to MsGolightly and student leaders Lena Hasouni, Kerene Busime and Shavana Hussain for sharing on assembly your understandings of the immense contributions and accomplishments of women for more peaceful and democratic societies around the world.

2023 SRC Elections

Leadership is about having a vision and aim. It is about influencing and positive, impactful communication. It is about listening and accepting change. Above all, student leadership is linked to commitment, determination, teamwork, loyalty, and earning respect.

On 10 March, our school's democratic values were clearly displayed during the election of 2023 Student Representative Council. In listening to the nominees' speeches from the Intensive English Centre, High School and Support Unit, there were many powerful messages about what student leadership looks like and feels like in our school.

One message that was consistent within the student speech was Australian values. The values of freedom, respect, fairness, and equality of opportunity were essential for our country, our community to remain as a secure, prosperous, and peaceful place to live.

A big thank you to Mr Nugent, Ms Atkins, Mr Yacoub, Ms Thompson (Intensive English Centre) and Ms Azzi (Support Unit) for your unwavering support in promoting student voice and leadership in our school. I would also like to commend the student body on the respect shown when listening to the students' speeches.

The newly elected SRC members, are excited, unassuming, and looking forward to their Induction Ceremony to be conducted in Week 10.

Sporting Achievement

When we Excel, we are "always trying to do better". In the sporting arena, congratulations to the following students who were selected in Bernera Zone sporting teams.

- Elizabeth Afungia - Open Girls Netball
- Cyrus Toleafoa & Cedric Pese - Open Boys Rugby League
- Jamal AlKhatib - Open Boys Soccer

With excellence in the result of sustained effort and perseverance, well done to Kerem Tuncbilek who will completing in the upcoming Sydney South West swimming carnival in freestyle and backstroke.

Premier's Debating Challenge

Often, people who have never had a leadership role will stand up and take the lead when a situation they care about requires it. As such, students in Year 11 and 12, under the mentorship of Mr Nugent, have taken up the gauntlet to participate in the Premier's Debating Challenge for the Hume Barbour Trophy.

Through debate, students have the chance to improve their written and oral communication skills and critical thinking. Topics of interest test heighten research, organisational and collaboration abilities as students work with team members to develop their best arguments.

Friendly competition is central to debating, and with challenge being conducted, face-to-face for the first time in two years, we wish the Year 12 students involved success as they pit their skills against Marrickville High School on 20 March.

So, as we reflect on the past weeks, I would like to thank you for your presence and contribution to the life of our community. We have achieved much across curricular and co-curricular pursuits. Congratulations to all staff and students for your resilience and commitment to learning.

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In finishing I would like to leave you with the following words to reflect upon from Year 11 student Aaicha Alajai Student Representative Council speech. She said to an audience of peers:

"You are not ordinary; you are extraordinary. Do not back down, and do not give up. Do not look back on your life with regrets. You will find your way if you believe in yourself and your future."

Powerful words about self-belief and learning from the past to guide the future.

Please continue to check our various online communications, including the High School (<https://miller-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>) and Intensive English Centre (<https://milleriec.schools.nsw.gov.au/>) websites, MTHS Facebook page and School Stream. We are also contactable through our email - miller-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au or Miller IEC at miller-i.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

If you have any immediate needs or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the main High School office (Office Hours 8.30am-3.00pm).

Dr Ken Edge - Principal

INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY

Miller Technology High School kicked off the International Women's Day celebrations this year with a whole school assembly where we heard speeches from the Girl's Adviser Miss Golightly, incredibly powerful speeches from Shavana Hussain, Lena Hasouni, Kerene Busime and Lorielle Saeni. On Wednesday the whole school participated in writing a card to a woman they admire. The International Women's Day celebrations ended with a cupcake sale, photobooth, lolly guessing competition and message board! #EmbraceEquity2023.

Ms M Golightly - PDHPE Teacher & Girl's Engagement Coordinator



WOMEN'S GROUP

Happy International Women's Day to all from the Women's Group to our school community.

Ms S Shiba - Community Liaison Officer



SALT

On Tuesday the 7th of March, 20 selected female students from years 8 to 12 were invited to attend Supporting and Linking Trades-Woman Program (SALT). The program promotes females in the construction industry with the presenters all having a trade background.

Students listened to the experiences of the presenters regarding being a female in a trade and how they were treated when they started. After the presenters finished talking, they completed a short safety induction and then students broke into groups of 4 and each person started to construct a tool caddy for the remainder of the day. Each group had a tradeswoman working with them demonstrating how to use the different tools that would be used on a construction site.

All students completed the project and reported that they had a good time, they were respectful and excellent ambassadors for Miller Technology High School.

Mr J Burwood – TAS Teacher



MILLER IEC SCIENCE INCURSION

Students attended and participated in a Science incursion where they looked at the Dynamic Earth. Students were able to look at the geological time scale and explore the differences between rocks and minerals. They were also able to learn about magnetic fields and discover the process of plate tectonics. Students particularly enjoyed watching experiments and eruptions.

It was a very hands on incursion as students were able to touch real rock specimens. This led to increased interest in all things Science!

Ms C Rousseau - IEC Teacher



MILLER IEC LAYERS OF THE EARTH

Students worked on the layers of the Earth and made a colourful display to showcase what they learned. They worked in small groups and had to discuss the order of the layers. Then, place the layers according to their research and discussion.

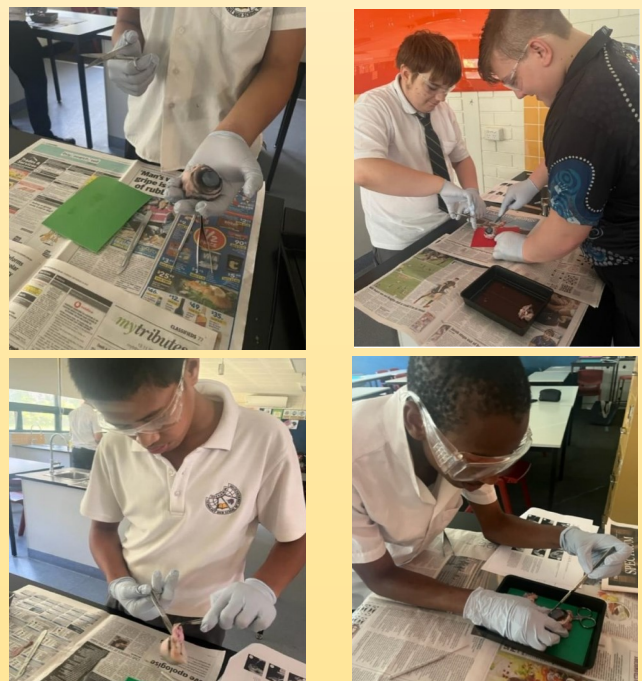


Ms C Rousseau - IEC Teacher

YEAR 9 GREEN EYE DISSECTION

9 Green have been learning about the structure and function of the eye when light enters. As part of our program, we performed a first-hand investigation of dissecting a cow eye. The students really enjoyed identifying parts of the eye such as the sclera, cornea, pupil and lens. Students used the lens to magnify words on a page.

Ms T Noble - Science/TAS Teacher



CAREERS

International Science School 2023

The fully residential International Science School returns to the University of Sydney in, July 2023. Join top science students from Australia and around the world for two weeks of inspiring talks by world-renowned scientists, amazing visits to cutting-edge research facilities, loads of hands-on experiments and activities, and a packed program of social events. It's going to be fantastic; you don't want to miss this one!

ISS2023 will run from 2-15 July 2023 – science-mad students in years 11 and 12 in 2023 are encouraged to apply. Applications are now open and close 6 April 2023.

Applications for the 2023 National Scholarship Program are open

Nominations must be received by 4pm Friday 12 May 2023.

Youth Off The Streets is a not-for-profit youth organisation. We work with young people, their families and communities to create safety, offer support and provide opportunities to build a positive future. Every year over 25 young people throughout Australia are awarded Youth Off The Streets scholarships valued at \$6,000 to pursue further education or training and work towards a positive future. In addition, each recipient is matched with a mentor who provides guidance and support during their scholarship.

Please visit <https://youthoffthestreets.com.au/get-support/national-scholarship-program/> to read the Nomination Guidelines and Conditions and complete a 2023 National Scholarship Program Application Form.

The University of Sydney HSC preparation courses (years 10-12)

The HSC can be a daunting challenge for young students as it marks an important milestone and remains a key factor in determining their future academic and career opportunities. The University of Sydney is here to help. If you are feeling unprepared about scoring a high ATAR, join our HSC prep courses. Our experienced teachers will provide you with the guidance and support you need to excel in your exams. Our HSC prep courses cover a range of subjects including Mathematics, English, Science, History and more. These comprehensive courses are the perfect way of consolidating your school studies and developing subject knowledge and exam skills.

"What Matters?" Writing Competition

The Whitlam Institute's annual "What Matters?" Writing Competition is back for 2023! Entries can be fiction, non-fiction, poetry or prose of 600 words or less, and can be submitted quickly online. Open to students years 5-12. Entries close on Friday, 5 May 2023. Find out more: https://www.whitlam.org/what-matters?cid=em:EGMT-CAA-news-WritingMatters-FOM_Feb23.

Webinar Wednesdays - The University of Sydney

The Weekly Webinar series is designed to help students discover what it's like to study a bachelor's degree here at Sydney University. These webinars are best suited for students from Years 10-12, and include tips on your school subjects, preparing for university and how to choose a course. The series also includes faculty-specific tasters. For more information and to register: bit.ly/USYDWW.

JMC Academy High School Competitions

JMC Academy are launching their 2023 competitions - The Mocktails, The Canvas Art Award and Song writing Competition! The competitions are open to Year 9 - 12 students. For more information, please go to <https://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/teachers-resources/competitions-for-your-students/>

Ms M Benitez - Careers Adviser & NESA Co-ordinator



KARI PATHWAYS TO UNIVERSITY EXPO

KARI FOUNDATION Pathways to University Expo offers an amazing opportunity for Aboriginal youth in years 10, 11 & 12 to make connections with different Universities and find out about their alternative entry pathways.

The aim of the Expo is designed not only to encourage students but also provide education on alternative entry pathways into university like scholarships, cadetships or further opportunities post-HSC. Leading universities will be present at the Expo giving students a chance to explore different programs that may open doors of opportunity.

Presented by the KARI Community Programs team, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students will get a chance to talk to representatives from top Australian universities and explore what alternate entry pathways are available.

This is your chance to get your questions about Uni and Cadetships answered & to THINK BIG and explore future opportunities. Come join us at the Expo - see what you can achieve!

Who should attend?

Students from any disciplines who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander from years 10, 11 and 12, their teachers, parents and care givers.

Why should students attend?

The Expo provides resources and information for courses, career and employment options, the HSC, study strategies and much more. Students will be able connect with representatives from Australia's top Universities and Colleges.

Come and have a chat to Uni representative to hear the latest in course information, discuss career opportunities and figure out what you want to study in 2024.

[Click here for more information](#)



When: Tuesday 21st March 2023

Time: 9.30am – 2pm

Where: Liverpool Catholic Club
424/458 Hoxton Park Road,
Prestons NSW 2170. [Click here for directions](#)



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