SCHOOL LEADER PRESENTATION

Special Guest - Mary Wooldridge

On Monday 18 February we were very fortunate to have Mary Wooldridge, the local Member of Parliament for Doncaster and the Minister for Mental Health, Women’s Affairs and Community Services, to come and present the School Leaders and House leaders with their badges.

Mary talked to the students about the importance of leadership and what a good leader does. The presentation was followed by afternoon tea for the leaders and their families to celebrate their leadership selection.

These students will be role models for others in the school, will represent the school at functions and assist in many school activities.

Congratulations to all of the students who have been selected for leadership roles.

Other leaders that were also acknowledged and congratulated at the assembly were: Junior School Council representatives, Environmental Leaders and CASSE (Creating a Safe Supportive Environment) leaders.

MILGATE FAMILY COMMUNITY PICNIC

Tuesday 5 March 6pm

There will be a Family Community Picnic night for all members of the Milgate PS community on the school oval. Come along and join in the fun. This will be an informal get together for staff, parents and students. It’s a great opportunity for parents to meet with other parents and for students to meet and play with their friends. There will be sports activities for the students and equipment available for them to use. Bring along your picnic rug, chairs and a picnic. There will also be a BBQ and parents can purchase sausages.
**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Over the last two weeks, there have been many learning opportunities for students at Milgate PS. On Tuesday the Year 1 and 2 students had a ‘Kids Bodz’ session where they learnt about looking after their bodies, healthy eating and exercise. This links in with their learning about ‘The choices people make affect their health and well-being’. The Year 3 and 4 students went to the Melbourne Museum this week and visited the Human Body Exhibition as part of their learning ‘Lifestyle choices influence how well our body systems function.’ The Year 5 students had a CSIRO Science session on Natural Disasters linking into their learning - ‘Human beings and the earth are affected by natural phenomena’.

The District swimming sports took place during the week and a number of our students were successful in winning their events, they will now compete in the Regional competition. Congratulations to those students. Next Friday 1 March all students in Years 3-6 will participate in a variety of events in the Milgate House Swimming Sports at the Nunawading swimming pool. Parents are welcome to come and cheer for the students as they compete for their House.

The Prep students have all settled well into school and are enjoying their learning each day at Milgate. They are very enthusiastic making new friends and actively engaging in their learning and all aspects of school. The Prep students met their Year 6 buddies last year and received a letter from them during January. They have enjoyed spending time with their Year 6 buddies who look forward to working with their Prep buddy. The Prep students will attend school every day from Monday 25 February.

Congratulations to Melissa Turner (teacher of Prep MT) who became engaged a week ago. We wish Melissa and Chris all the best and much happiness.

**CURRICULUM DAY – FRIDAY 22 FEBRUARY**

The students will not be at school today as it is a Curriculum Day. On this day the teachers will be participating in professional learning about ‘Explicitly Teaching Writing & Spelling’ led by James Ferguson. This will provide teachers with further strategies and tools for teaching writing & spelling. We are continuing to review and improve our focus on these areas of teaching in the classroom and across the school.

Each year schools are able to have 4 Curriculum / Pupil Free days which are approved by school council. This year we have had two so far - 28 January and 22 February. There will be two more days later in the year – one in Term 2 and the other is likely to be in Term 3. Once the dates have been finalised, parents will be notified.
iPads

This year all students in Years 3, 5 and 3/4B have their own iPads which will be used in their learning. They will use them this year and in their future years at Milgate PS. These are excellent tools for their learning and will enhance the learning program. It will give them immediate access to the internet for research and provide options in presenting their learning. They will use the iPads in their learning but will also continue with writing, spelling, reading, maths, etc in the written form. There will be sets of iPads at each of the other year levels. All students in Years 3 and 5 in 2014 will also require their own iPad.

Here are some educational reasons for using the iPad:
- Through the use of different apps, students are able to choose the type of product they construct to demonstrate their understanding.
- The iPad is a personal device and is a 1 to 1 anywhere, anytime learning device.
- The abundance of apps and access to information on a vast range of topics allows students to pursue areas they are interested in learning about.
- Notes can be kept in one spot, commented on and available anywhere.
- The touch interface correlates to the technology students use in their everyday life and allows a high level of interactivity.
- A 10 hour battery life means the iPad can be used throughout the entire school day.
- The instant startup of the iPad means greater use of class time for learning.
- There is anywhere, anytime access to current information that contains text, sound, images and interactivity. Information is represented with rich multimedia and data visualisation techniques.
- Light and portable, easily carried in the school bag and to and from class.
- Documents and tasks can be uploaded to iBooks by the teacher and downloaded onto the iPad by the student and vice versa. Texts and documents can be annotated and commented on by multiple students and teachers.
- The iPad is seen to be an intuitive device and minimal technical support is required.

Further information is available at: http://www.ipadsforeducation.vic.edu.au/

School Uniform

The students at Milgate PS represent the school when they are on excursions, going to and from school, at sporting events, etc. The majority wear the correct school uniform. There are a few reminders regarding what constitutes the school uniform. Some students are wearing Sneaker type shoes that are not track / runner shoes and these are not part of the school uniform so students are asked not to wear these to school.

Also coloured head bands / accessories must be in school colors as listed in the policy. In cooler weather the girls can wear green or white tights, but leggings are not part of the uniform. Please read the Uniform policy which is included in this WHAM. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Girls and Boys
- socks - bottle green or white
- black shoes (lace up or Velcro)
- track / runner shoes (lace up or Velcro)

Hair accessories to be only in school colours (i.e. green or white)

Jewellery:
- gold or silver sleepers or studs only
- and/or a watch
ENTERING AND LEAVING THE SCHOOL
When students and parents enter or leave the school from Landscape Drive, they must use the paved pathway or the zebra stripes pathway across the car park. Please do not jay walk across or through the carpark as this is unsafe and cars may be driving in or out of the carpark.

The car park is for staff only and parents are asked not to park in the carpark during the hours of 8:30am – 4:30pm. Thank you for your assistance – this will contribute to everyone being safe in the school.

SCHOOL HOURS
The school day begins at 8:50am and ends at 3:30pm. Parents are asked to make sure that students arrive at school on time and that they are collected by 3:45pm. If parents are not able to collect their children by 3:45pm they can be booked into After School Care and in an emergency the office can be contacted to let students know that a parent is running late. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Debbie Mierisch
Principal

CHINESE NEW YEAR
Last Monday 11 February we had a wonderful Chinese New year celebration at Milgate PS. We began the day with a Chinese musician who played a variety of music from different parts of China on different Chinese flutes and a Chinese type of mouth organ. He talked to the students about Chinese music and how the music varies from the North to the South of China and for different seasons of the year.

Following the assembly a large group of parents conducted Calligraphy / Chinese character writing sessions for all year levels using black paint and ink. Throughout the day the students were involved in activities such as: art, stories and games from China. At the end of the day all students took home a red package which had a gold chocolate coin inside it. On Chinese New year it is traditional for adults to give the children these red packages containing money.

Thank you to all the parents who assisted on the day and in the organisation and preparation leading up to it. There were many hours that parents spent preparing resources and organising the day. Special thanks to Louisa Angeloglou who led the group of parents.

2012 Milgate Yearbooks
We still have some copies of the 2012 Yearbook if you are still interested in purchasing any. They are just $12 each and contain a huge array of photos and information from Milgate’s 30th Anniversary year in 2012. Yearbooks can be purchased from the Office [just send in a school payment envelope with your payment and we’ll send your book home]. A sample of the Yearbook is available for viewing at the Office.
Transdisciplinary Units of Work - Term 1

Who we are
An inquiry into the nature of the self; beliefs and values; personal, physical, mental, social and spiritual health; human relationships including families, friends, communities, and cultures; rights and responsibilities; what it means to be human.

Where We Are In Place And Time
An inquiry into orientation in place and time; personal histories; homes and journeys; the discoveries, explorations and migrations of humankind; the relationships between and the interconnectedness of individuals and civilizations, from local and global perspectives.

How the World Works
An inquiry into the natural world and its laws; the interaction between the natural world (physical and biological) and human societies; how humans use their understanding of scientific principles; the impact of scientific and technological advances on society and on the environment.

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MILGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL
School Council elections will be taking place in the next couple of weeks. The Milgate Primary School Council is comprised of:

- 7 Parent Members
- 4 DEECD members including the Principal
- 2 community members who are nominated by the school council

The following School Councillors have completed their 2 year term and their positions become vacant [these members above are welcome to renominate for a further 2-year term]:

Parent Members: Robert Barbarossa, John Tommasoni, Patrick Ow
Community Member: Danielle Dobson
DEECD Members: Mark Roberts

The following School Councillors remain on the School Council until 2014:

Parent Members: Mike Trenery, Andrew Gaythorpe, Rodney Gordon, Pushpinder Puri
DEECD Members: Linda Hill, Trina Williamson

The community member is usually a P&F representative. The timeline for the School Council elections will be as follows:

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<td>Date by which list of candidates and nominators will be posted</td>
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<td>Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed</td>
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<td>Special council meeting to co-opt Community members (the principal will preside)</td>
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<td>First council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside)</td>
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**No election will be necessary if there are only the required numbers who nominate.**

**NOMINATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE.**

NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Milgate Primary School.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by

4.00 pm on Monday 25 February

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on Thursday 17 March.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:
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If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

**INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

**What is a school council and what does it do?**

All Government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within Departmental provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

**Who is on the school council?**

There are three possible categories of membership:

- **A mandated elected Parent Category.** More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not employed at the school.

- **A mandated elected DEECD Employee Category.** Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

- **An optional Community Member Category.** Members of this category are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

**Why is Parent membership so important?**

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

**How can you become involved?**

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.
In view of this, you might seriously consider
• standing for election as a member of the school council
• encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?
No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?
The principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent Category.

DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council where their child is enrolled.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the timeframe stated on the Notice of Election Schedule. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt following the receipt of your completed nomination.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember
• Ask the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do.
• Consider standing for election to council this year.
• Be sure to vote in the elections.

Nomination forms are available from the school office.

Contact the principal for further information.

SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES - “COMMUNITY BUILDING”
School Council has an important role in fostering:

1. **Connectedness**: Building a strong bond between all school community members (students, parents & staff) and with our wider community.

2. **Relationships**: When people know each other better, the more aligned their expectations become.

3. **Harmony**: Most conflict is caused by differences in perception. Our children will be safer and happier if we are able to connect with each other.

4. **Values**: When our school Attitudes / Values [Appreciation, Commitment, Confidence, Co-operation, Creativity, Curiosity, Empathy, Enthusiasm, Independence, Integrity, Respect, Tolerance] are shared and lived by us as adults in our school community they will be transmitted to the children. Our actions and interactions show children what we value.

5. **Civics and Citizenship**: Children who see their parents making positive contributions to society are much more likely to do so themselves.
SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

RATIONALE
Wearing school uniform fosters pride in the school, encourages children to identify with the school and feel a sense of belonging. It also assists with supervision and safety on visits out of the school, and unifies students from varying social and cultural backgrounds into a cohesive school whole.

GUIDELINES
- The wearing of school uniform is compulsory for all students except where an exemption is given by School Council.
- The uniform will consist of a combination of items from the designated uniform list with the predominant colours bottle green and white.
- There are support options for families finding it difficult meeting the cost of uniform.
- Students participating in interschool sport and excursions, or representing the school at outside activities, will wear the appropriate school uniform.
- There will sometimes be special 'Out of Uniform' days.
- The uniform is chosen because it is attractive, durable, comfortable, and does not hinder or restrict student participation in physical education or sport.
- A special commemorative Year 6 windcheater or jacket will be offered to Year 6 students only.
- A Milgate sunsmart hat is a compulsory uniform item whenever students are outside from September 1st through to April 30th.
- The school's uniform policy on the wearing of hats will comply with the Anti-Cancer Council's Sunsmart guidelines at all times.
- There will be no direct advertising or sponsorship on school uniform items other than specific sports uniform items such as basketball, soccer or football tops.
- Extreme hairstyles and hair colour and the wearing of make-up and nail polish is not permitted.
- Headbands and hair accessories need to be in school colours only.
- Scarves can be worn to and from school, but not in classrooms.
- Jewellery is not permitted, except for plain gold or silver studs/sleepers and a watch. In exceptional circumstances: medical or religious, exemptions may be sought from the Principal.

IMPLEMENTATION
- Parents are responsible for ensuring students are in school uniform.
- Parents are expected to provide a written explanation if the student is out of uniform.
- Support options for families are the second-hand uniforms and State School's Relief Fund.
- Infringement notices will be sent home after 1 day's grace.
- Special ‘Out of Uniform’ days will be approved by the Principal.
- A school uniform summary will be included on the Milgate website.
- Provision of the school uniform has been outsourced to Doncaster Schoolwear.
- Students without a uniform hat will be directed to, and must remain in, a shaded area.
- Reminders will be put on excursion and sport notices regarding the wearing of hats.
- Exemptions on medical or religious grounds for jewellery worn can be sought from the Principal.
- Staff will actively encourage the implementation of this policy.
- This policy will be monitored by the Principal in accordance with DEECD regulations.
UNIFORM
- Socks - bottle green or white
- Shoes - black school shoes or pull on plain ankle boots or runners/track shoes – no black soles
- Hats (compulsory in Terms 1 & 4) - bottle green Sunsmart legionnaires or wide brim hat with school logo

SUMMER UNIFORM
Girls
- summer school dress
- bottle green culottes or shorts, with short or long sleeved polo shirt – bottle green or white
- bottle green windcheater or bomber jacket with school logo

Boys
- bottle green shorts, with short or long sleeved polo shirt – bottle green or white
- bottle green windcheater or bomber jacket with school logo

WINTER UNIFORM
Girls
- bottle green culottes or shorts
- bottle green track pants (cuffed or flared)
- short or long sleeved polo – bottle green or white
- bottle green windcheater or bomber jacket with school logo
- bottle green or white tights

Boys
- bottle green track pants, trousers or shorts
- short or long sleeved polo shirt – bottle green or white
- bottle green windcheater or bomber jacket with school logo

SPORTS UNIFORM
- same as school uniform for students in Prep – Year 4

TEAM SPORT UNIFORM
- All students competing in interschool sport (Years 5 & 6) activities are expected to wear the Milgate Sport uniform
- Children competing in school athletics have an option of purchasing green sports briefs (purchased outside school)
- Children competing in sporting teams will be provided with a sports uniform where necessary. Netball skirts can only be worn for netball.
- Cricket whites are acceptable for the cricket team on interschool sports days.
- Milgate sports tops may be worn by Year 5 & 6 students on days when they have PE or are playing Interschool Sport.

JEWELLERY
- gold or silver sleepers or studs only
- watch

HAIR ACCESSORIES
- only in school colours - green or white

WINTER JACKETS
- can be worn in the colder months outside. These should be in plain dark colours (i.e. navy, black or dark green)

**Second-hand articles are sometimes available for purchase at the uniform shop.**
VICTORIAN EDUCATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE 2013
This year, you can nominate outstanding educators or apply yourself. The application process is simple, and all forms can be completed online, by clicking the links on Milgate’s homepage.

The Victorian Education Excellence Awards acknowledge the important contributions made by primary and secondary teachers, school principals, business managers, school support staff and early childhood teachers in improving learning outcomes for Victorian children and young people.

The awards provide outstanding professional learning opportunities, and offer recognition and reward for hard work and innovation.

There are 14 award categories to choose from and all applications can be completed online. All applicants are advised to read the relevant award guidelines before commencing their online application.

Applications close on Friday 15 March 2013.

NEW MILGATE RESOURCES

NEW MULTIMEDIA EQUIPMENT
This year we have purchased a new screen, projector, portable audio system and speakers. The screen has been installed in the stadium to allow teachers and students to enhance their presentations and showcase students’ learning. The other equipment will be used on many occasions such as Carol’s Night, our Community Picnic, sporting events, etc.

We have been able to purchase all this wonderful new equipment thanks to the amazing efforts of our wonderful Milgate community from Milfete in 2012.
UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS 2013

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SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS: On Friday 15 February we had 30 students compete at the Templestowe District Swimming Competition at Aquarena. All the students did a fantastic job on the day and were a true credit to Milgate. The following students were successful in winning their events and will now compete at the Manningham Division Swimming Competition on Thursday 28 February at Nunawading Pool.

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YEAR 5 & 6 CAMP – PARENT ASSISTANCE: Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered their time to attend the Year 5 & 6 camp this year. Unfortunately I am unable to offer this experience to everyone as we only require a certain number of parents. Earlier this week I emailed a number of parents offering them a place and requesting their confirmation to attend the camp. If I require any further parent helpers I will be in touch.

NATIONAL RIDE 2 SCHOOL DAY: ATTENTION All Milgate PS Students, let’s make this our biggest year yet and encourage as many students as possible to Ride, Walk, Scoot, Skateboard, etc to school on Friday 22nd March. Please make note of this date and mark it in your diaries. Remember to ride safely and always wear your helmet!


If you wish to know more about how you could help out with any aspect of the PE/Outdoor Learning Program, please contact James Will at school or have a look at the Physical Education Handbook on the Milgate PS website under the Notices section.

James Will
PE/Outdoor Learning Coordinator
JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

LET'S GO TO THE BEACH
On Friday 8 March the Junior School Council are holding their first fundraiser for the year. Our theme for this term is ‘Let's Go to the Beach’. For a gold coin donation we encourage students to come along to school in their beach gear:
- board shorts
- rashies
- hats
- zinc
- sunscreen
- NO THONGS or BATHERS allowed

We are hoping for some fabulous Summery weather on the day. All the money we raise will go towards supporting the victims of the Queensland Flood Appeal!

PARENT INFORMATION

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE
Parents are reminded that Milgate Primary School and DEECD does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. These costs may be recoverable where an injury is caused by the negligence (carelessness) of the Department, a school council or their employees or volunteers. Accidents that occur before or after school are deemed the responsibility of the student’s parent/guardian as it is outside school hours.

Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers; they provide reasonably low cost cover. These policies cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance and can be obtained by parents/guardians for individual students.

HAVE YOUR DETAILS CHANGED?

PERSONAL DETAILS
Just a reminder that if your details have changed, such as you’ve moved house, changed jobs, have a new mobile number, your child’s allergies/medical details have changed or your family circumstances have altered then please notify the Office of your new details.

This can be done in writing and sent along to school in a sealed envelope [marked to the Office Staff] so that we can ensure you and your family’s details are correct. It is important for Milgate to have accurate information in case of any emergency arising.
MAKING NEW FRIENDS
IN YEAR 1

We have made a great start to the year catching up with old friends and making new ones. We explored what it means to be a good friend to everyone in Year 1 and these are some of the things that we said...

You care about people - Joshua

You play with them and never be mean to them - Stephan

You speak to them nicely - Bailee

You look after friends when they are hurt - Kristen

You have fun with them and play with them - Luke

You can’t be mean if you are a good friend - Krish

You make things together - Joseph

Be an upstander for your friends - James

Tell them you are the bestest friend - Izaan

Take care of every single friend - Thomas

Tell them your ideas because you are a communicator - Denny

You don’t laugh when they fall you help them - Michela M

We ask people to join in when they don’t have someone to play with - Imogen
AGM (ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING)
Our AGM is on Thursday 28 February at 9am in the Conference Meeting Room (just off the Office Foyer).

Would you like to be more involved with your child/ren’s school? Then come along to our AGM and join our wonderful group of volunteers in Parents & Friends. We organise a range of activities for our school community, including School Disco, Easter Raffle, Mother’s & Father’s Day stalls, etc. All our activities are about building on the sense of community here at Milgate.

All positions within P&F are now open. You can choose to take up one of these positions or become a general member. You can either fill in and return the form sent home this week or just turn up on the day – although having the form returned helps us with our preparations. All are welcome to come along, we’d love to see you there.

Amanda Raymond
President - 0428 121 067

MULTI-CULTURAL SUB-COMMITTEE
The multi-cultural sub-committee, which is led by Louisa Angeloglou, is planning to have more cultural activities from other countries during the year for students and also sessions for parents.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday 6 March at 9am in the staff room. You are welcome to join us!

We have some ideas for the next event and would love to hear your input and any ideas you may have. If you would like to assist with any other cultural events during the year or if you have any ideas, please contact Louisa on 0400 289 272.
## ACTIVITIES AT MILGATE - TERM 1

### Basketball
- **Basketball**
  - Milgate Community Basketball for students in Years 1 - 6.
  - Cost: $30 registration and $30 for basketball top.
  - Enrolment forms available at the Office.

### Chess Club
- **Day:** Monday (commenced Monday 4 February)
- **Time:** 3.30 to 4.30pm in Library
  - Enrolment forms available at the Office or visit [www.chessideas.com.au](http://www.chessideas.com.au)

### Formosa Chinese School
- **Day:** Saturday
- **Time:** 9.45am – 12.30pm or 10am – 12noon for 2yo Playgroup
  - Please contact Teresa Chen (Principal) on 0412 037 192 or principal@formosa.org.au

### Kelly Sports (Prep to Yr 4)
- **Dance**
  - Tuesday 8.00 - 8.50am
  - Shake, move and let the beat enter your feet with Kelly Sports. Our trained dance coaches can get your child’s hips swinging, heads bumping, feet rocking and bodies shaking to all of modern contemporary music’s classics. Sign up fast as places are limited and let our coaches beat ignite your child’s dancing feet.

### Super Summer Sports
- **Day:** Tuesday 3.40pm - 4.40pm
- **Time:**
  - DONT MISS OUT ON HITTING A SIX! SUPER SUMMER SPORTS allows your child to play a range of dynamic and active programs run over 8 weeks; these include: Hockey, T-Ball, Cricket and Basketball! This Program will not only provide an essential base for your child’s motor skills but help build awareness, co-ordination and friendship all in an enjoyable environment.

### Gym Fun
- **Day:** Wednesday 12.50 - 1.50pm
- **Time:**
  - This fun fast paced, highly active and non-stop program is an introduction for your child to the world of gymnastics. Colourful ribbons, entertaining Hula Hoops, incredible Rhythmic Routines and Group Dynamics. Allow your child to build their gymnastics skills and their thirst for exciting energetic activities.
  - Available for students in Years 1 – 6 who have qualified.

### Musical Inspiration
- **Music lessons available for trumpet, drums, saxophone, clarinet, flute, keyboard/piano, violin, cello, acoustic guitar, electric guitar, bass guitar and singing.**
- Lessons rotate during school time.
  - Brochures/enrolment forms are available at the Office or on Milgate’s website (under ‘Notices’).

### WiseOnes
- **Basic Engineering**
  - Monday (commenced Monday 11 February for 8 weeks)
  - This unit is entitled Basic Engineering - Unit 1 using Lego Dacta. Through activities and exploring, children will develop their language, and explore mathematical and scientific ideas. Children will make working models each week. It helps all children develop skills and stimulates and encourages them to think on a higher level. This is a unit for all children, girls and boys and there are separate kits for the Juniors and Seniors. Seniors will be working with the idea of levers, structures and forces while the Juniors will be working with levers, wheels and axles - and it is absolute fun!
  - Enrolment forms available at the Office or on Milgate’s website (under ‘Notices’).

### Coming to Milgate ... Parents & Teachers Group Exercise Program
- **Classes:** Mondays & Thursdays, 2.30pm and 4.15pm [45 min sessions]
- **Details:** Just Bee Fit offers a mobile fitness service so you can work out at your school. Please don’t think you need to be an athlete to participate, most clients are everyday people who just want to be fitter, healthier and have more energy.
- **Contact:** Brenda 0418 175 537 or pt@justbeefit.com
COMMUNITY NEWS
Please see our Community Noticeboard (located opposite the Art room) for any interesting community events. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) does not endorse the products or services of any private advertiser. No responsibility is accepted by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) or Milgate Primary School for accuracy of information contained in advertisements or claims made by them.

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

BASKETBALL

Vikings
When: Saturdays or weeknights
Details: Register online for the winter season, new players welcome.
Registration: Sat 23 Feb [9am – 4pm] at Slater Reserve [Grosvenor St, Blackburn]
Website: www.nunawadingvikings.com.au
Contact: Chris Lloyd 0414 785 682

HOCKEY

Doncaster Hockey Club
Details: FREE Come ‘N’ Try clinic.
Ages: 5 to 14 (boys and girls)
When: Sat 2 March
Time: 11am – 12noon
Venue: Mullum Mullum Reserve [Cnr Springvale and Reynolds Rds, East Doncaster]
Contact: Sam Snow at sam.doncasterhc@hotmail.com

KIDS CLUBS

DC Kidz Clubs
For Primary School children.
Times: 4.30 – 7pm
Cost: $7 per night [includes dinner]
Club: Kidz Connection for Yrs 4 – 6 [Fri 8 Feb / Fri 22 Feb / Fri 8 Mar / Fri 22 Mar]
Contact: Eva – festiva_eva@yahoo.com.au or Ray rlsuryn@tpg.com.au

PERFORMING ARTS

National Institute of Youth Performing Arts
Details: Australian Youth Choir OR Australian Youth Dance Theatre
Contact: www.niypaa.com.au

RUGBY UNION

Box Hill RUFC
Ages: 5 to 18 (boys and girls)
Registration: Sat 23 Feb 10.30am – 12.30pm at RHL Sparks Reserve [Cnr Middleborough & Canterbury Rds, Box Hill]
Contact: Maria 0402 531 754
Website: www.boxhillrugby.rugbynet.com.au

TENNIS

Doncaster Tennis Club
Venue: McCubbin Terrace [Milgate Park courts]
Days: Wednesday & Friday at 7.45am
Details: BEFORE SCHOOL LESSONS Afterwards children walk together with the coaches to school (only 5-10mins walk). All children receive a FREE Tennis Australia T-Shirt and a FREE Tennis Australia Spongebob backpack if enrolling by Feb 28. Children 6 years and under receive a FREE Wilson racquet and hat! STRICTLY A MAXIMUM OF (4) STUDENTS PER COACH.
Contact: Vicky Lee [Head Coach] 0403 129 648 or vicky@slamin.com.au
Website: www.slamin.com.au
## FOR PARENTS / CARERS

### COURSES

**Allergy Safe Food – Planning to Plate**

**Date:**
- 9 – 10.30am: Understanding and Living with Allergies
- 11am – 12.30pm: Allergy Safe Family Food

**Venue:**
Pines Learning Centre [1/520 Blackburn Rd, East Doncaster]

**Details:**
Suzanna Paxton is a registered nurse, author and mother of 2 children with life threatening allergies. Gold coin donation - donations will go to Ilhan Allergy Foundation.

**Contact:**
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL 9842 6726

**Parenting for Positive Outcomes**

**Cost:**
FREE but bookings essential

**When:**
Wednesday 6 March [10am – 12noon]

**Venue:**
Manningham City Square [1/687 Doncaster Rd, Doncaster – Warrandyte & Donvale Rooms]

**Details:**
For parents and carers of children aged 3-12 years. Understand why children behave the way they do and learn strategies to encourage co-operation and reduce conflict.

**Contact:**
Doncare 9856 1500

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**EAST DONCASTER SECONDARY COLLEGE**

**ALPHA Test Year 7 2014**

Applications are now open for ALPHA Year 7 2014. The testing date for Year 7 in 2014 is Saturday 20 April. To register your child please apply online at [http://www.edsc.vic.edu.au/learning/alpha-program](http://www.edsc.vic.edu.au/learning/alpha-program)

For further details regarding ALPHA, please visit the East Doncaster Secondary College Website.
Each student receives a certificate from their teacher detailing the reason for their award. **Congratulations** to these students on a job well done!