As part of our Education Week celebrations, Milgate Primary School was privileged to have a visit from the West African dance group, WALA. Not a single student or teacher could resist their exuberant smiles and energy; let alone the infectious beats and harmonies created by their vocals and range of African instruments. The performers had a wonderful way of relating to the students, comparing the steps in learning to play one particular instrument, to levels on a PlayStation game. After several brave students volunteered, it would be safe to say, that like all skills and talents, working your way up these levels takes practice!

The performance was highly interactive, allowing the students to try out many of the drums and other percussion instruments, and learn one of the dances. To the embarrassment of some, and the thorough enjoyment of most, the teachers also had a moment in the spotlight to learn some dance moves! Every student was thoroughly captivated by the performers and demonstrated a high degree of curiosity and open-mindedness when it came to question time. The WALA dancers provided an invaluable insight into traditional and contemporary African culture and music, presenting their songs and dances in relation to their themes, meanings and the occasions in which they would be played or performed.

The WALA dancers will be in Australia for a few more months, performing to students and other audiences, before returning to charitably share their musical enthusiasm with schools and communities in Africa. In essence, the performance was an inspiring showcase of a rich and diverse West African culture, and a unique opportunity to experience a slice of the amazing diversity present amongst our planet’s people.
DIARY DATES 2013

TERM 2 MONDAY 15 APRIL – FRIDAY 28 JUNE

Fri 31 May Prep Discovery for pre-school children commencing school in 2014 [2.15 – 3.15pm]
Sat 1 Jun Bunning’s BBQ Fundraiser
Mon 3 – Fri 14 Jun Excursion - Years 3 & 4 - Swimming Program at Aquarena
Mon 3 June Assembly - Year 1
Wed 5 Jun ICAS Test - Science
Mon 10 June Public Holiday - Queen’s Birthday - NO STUDENTS
Fri 14 June Excursion - Year 5 - Art Walk in City
Mon 17 – Fri 21 Jun Planning Week
Mon 17 June Assembly - Prep
Mon 17 Jun ICAS Test - Writing
Mon 17 Jun Musical Inspiration Concert [5pm in BER Building]
Tue 18 Jun Incursion - Preps - Fairy tales
Tue 18 June Excursion - Environmental Leaders [Yrs 2 - 6] - Currawong Bush Park
Fri 21 Jun Excursion - Environmental Leaders [Yrs 2 - 6] - Currawong Bush Park
Mon 24 Jun Reports and Portfolios sent home
Tue 25 - Wed 26 Jun Parent Teacher Interviews
Fri 28 Jun Last Day of Term [early dismissal 2.30pm]

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

CHINESE SISTER SCHOOL VISIT
By the time you read this WHAM my visit to our sister school in Beijing will be completed. It has been a great opportunity to visit both the kindergarten and the primary school.

The kindergarten has 2500 students and 5 campuses. The primary school has 1700 students. It is an amazing complex. The students are very similar to ours in many ways but the curriculum is very different. Classes are very structured and have 40 students in each class. In the primary school the students have different teachers for each subject which is more similar to our secondary schools. I will write more about the visit and include photos in future WHAMs. This is a good opportunity to strengthen the relationships between the schools.

EDUCATION WEEK
We had an amazing education week last week. It began with open morning on Monday and we had a number of new parents who were looking at the school for their children. The student leaders did an excellent job as tour guides and the parents who visited the school commented on how well they knew the school and what an outstanding job they did.

Open night was also a great success with many parents and friends visiting the school and classrooms taking part in a variety of activities. A number of students were buskers singing and playing musical instruments. The prep students sang songs in Mandarin and the Milgate choir sang. Congratulations to all the students who took part and to Ping Nixon and Jenny Batten for training the students. The book fair was held in the library and there were many people visiting there throughout the night purchasing books and seeing the library. The money raised through this enables us to purchase new books for the library. Thanks to Karen Jensen for all her work in organising this.

On Wednesday we had an international dress day when many students dressed in clothing from their country of origin and some dressed in colours of their country. All students participated in the whole school parade in the stadium and some were interviewed by two of our school leaders Jeremy and Bronte. Later in the day the Grandparents / Friends visited the students in their classrooms talking about their schooling, sharing books from school, stories from their country of birth and participating in
activities with their grandchildren. After that they all had lunch together in various areas around the school ground. It was a beautiful sunny day and good to see so many Grandparents / Friends visiting and chatting with others.

On Thursday WALA, an African drumming group, conducted an energetic and engaging session for students. They gave students the opportunity to have a go at drumming and dancing. Then many classes made bracelets / anklets from colourful beads, made drums and learnt about the African culture. Thank you to the Multi-Cultural sub committee of parents who co-ordinated the African activities and beads / dyed macaroni for students and teachers to use.

Debbie Mierisch
Principal

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**PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2014**

We are now accepting Prep enrolments for 2014.

Interested parents can book a school tour with our Principal - Debbie Mierisch or Assistant Principal - Mark Roberts, please contact our Office to arrange.

For sibling enrolments please come by the Office for an enrolment form or download it from our school website.

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**LOST PROPERTY**

Please label ALL uniform items with your child’s name (in English please). If you have purchased second-hand items or received some hand-me-downs, please make sure you cross out the previous child’s name and label it with your child’s name.

Lost property is located in the cupboards at the start of the Year 2 classrooms, just past the Library.

THANK YOU.
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

WORKING BEE

We had a fantastic working bee last Sunday with twenty families in attendance. We were able to fill up the brand new Year 1 and 2 sandpit with sand, spread soft fall mulch under all of the playgrounds to provide a safe environment for all students, replace broken sleepers around the school and weed, trim back and mulch many different garden beds. Once we finished off the hard work we enjoyed a yummy sausage sizzle.

Thank you to all the families who volunteered their time to support our community. We are having a Term 3 working bee to replace many old plants and revamp our gardens. We will need lots of help for this big job so I hope to see even more people at our next working bee.

BUNNINGS NUNAWADING SAUSAGE SIZZLE SATURDAY JUNE 1

This Saturday our Parents & Friends will be hosting a Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Nunawading from 9:00am – 4:00pm. This is a fantastic opportunity to raise funds for our school as these sausage sizzles can be very lucrative. Thank you to all the volunteers who are helping on the day. The enthusiasm and hard work of our Parents & Friends Committee and the wider community assists us greatly in providing extensive resources for our students and to continue to develop our building and grounds. We hope to see you there for a sausage!

CAR PARKING AND ROAD RULES AROUND MILGATE PS

Recently we have had instances where parents have parked illegally in the street, broken road rules and parked in the school staff car park to drop off and pick up students. This is extremely dangerous for our students and families and we are very concerned that someone may get hurt. Over the coming weeks the Police and Manningham Council will be observing our traffic during the peak morning and afternoon periods. I urge everyone in our community to adhere to the regulations and laws to ensure a safe environment for everyone in the Milgate PS community.

SCHOOL STARTING TIMES AND GIVING YOUR CHILD THE BEST OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN

Our school day starts at 8:50am to unpack schoolbags and official teaching time starts at 9:00am. It is extremely important that all our students are in attendance and ready to commence lessons by 9:00am, as this is the most important teaching and learning time of the day. Being ten or fifteen minutes late has a major impact on your child’s learning and can interrupt the class routine as the teacher has to teach concepts and explain learning activities for a second time. I thank you in advance for your cooperation and support in this matter.

Mark Roberts
Assistant Principal
PE/OUTDOOR EDUCATION NEWS

INTERSCHOOL SPORT:

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OUTDOOR EDUCATION: Once again many thanks to all the Yr. 5 & 6 teachers and all the Parent Helpers who assisted on our Yr. 5 & 6 Camp to Coonawarra this week. Your support and assistance is truly appreciated by both myself and our students.

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

BUNNINGS BBQ SAUSAGE SIZZLE – THIS SATURDAY
Thanks to everyone that has volunteered their time to help out. If you’re unable to help out, please feel free to drop by and grab a sausage [or two] to support Milgate and the Parents and Friends Committee!!

P&F Term 2 dates to remember

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We're always looking for new P & F volunteers – so why not come along to our next meeting, or visit our noticeboard outside the art room for more information.

Angela Eichler
P&F President – milgate.pf@gmail.com
On the 21st May two groups of Year 5 students attended CatJump Kindergarten and GoodStart Early Learning Centre. The purpose of these visits was to develop social and educational links with the preschools in the local area. The Year 5 students read picture story books and played educational games on the iPads with the kinder children. Our students represented Milgate Primary School with enthusiasm and were exceptional role models for the younger children. Well done to all involved. Thanks to Mr Roberts and Miss Wong for attending the kinders with the students.

Brenda 5KW – "I really enjoyed helping the children drawing and reading them my picture story book".

Josh 5CH - "I felt excited on the way and I enjoyed reading with the kids. I would like to do it again".

Jay 5DM – "The kids were fun and well behaved. I liked that they were very adventurous."

Zara 5KW - "I liked Goodstart because I enjoyed playing with the kids and drawing with them".

Georgia 5DM - "I liked going to the kinder because I used to go there, and playing on iPad was fun".
## ACTIVITIES AT MILGATE - TERM 2

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| **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**                                | Mondays  
Term 2 is for 10 weeks (excludes 10 June)  
3.30 to 4.30pm in Library  
$9.50 per lesson  
Enrolment forms available at the Office, on Milgate's website (under 'Notices') or visit www.chessideas.com.au                                                                                       |
| **Formosa Chinese School**                    | Saturdays  
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)**               | **Brilliant Ball Sports**  
Tuesday 3.40 - 4.40pm  
DONT MISS OUT ON HITTING A SIX! BRILLIANT BALL SPORTS allows your child to play a range of dynamic and active programs run over 10 weeks; these include: Soccer, Football, Netball, Basketball and Crazy Games! 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**  
Wednesday 12.50 - 1.50pm  
This fun fast paced, highly active and non-stop program is an introduction for your child to the world of gymnastics.  
Coloured ribbons, entertaining Hula Hoops, incredible Rhythmical 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.  
Enrolment forms available at the Office or visit www.kellysports.com.au/zone/templestowe |
| **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**                                  | **Heroes, Villains and Star Wars**  
Mondays (Term 2 is for 8 weeks)  
What leads us to change from good to evil or reverse? Remember in Star Wars Darth Vader, Dark Lord of the Sith, was the scourge of the Jedi but he began life as Anakin Skywalker, a young slave from Tatooine, skilled in piloting and strong in the Force. The path of a Jedi is often difficult, filled with conflict and pain, yet Luke Skywalker, a simple farm boy, became the greatest hero the galaxy has ever known. Meet other heroes - Hercules, Penelope, Arthur, Boadicea, Weary Dunlop, John Monash and more amazing 20th century people who showed heroic characteristics. Are you a hero too? Learn more about drama and acting. Learn play-writing and how to develop dialogue. Tell great stories old and new.  
Enrolment forms available at the Office or on Milgate’s website (under ‘Notices’).                                                                                                 |
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

SOCcer
SealPony
Details: A developmental & participation program that introduces boys and girls aged between 5–10 to the game of football (soccer). It focuses on teaching the basic skills.
When: Every Sunday morning
Venue: James Street Reserve [Heidelberg Heights]
Contact: Joe 0415 388 028 | jyamen@optusnet.com.au

FOR PARENTS / CARERs

COURSES
Children’s Services – Certificate III
When: 25 July – 14 December PARK ORCHARDS
Cost: $1500 [or $510 if you are entitled to Government funding] includes all study materials
Details: Our course especially caters for mature aged learners, those who are new to tertiary study and those returning to study. Our class has a maximum of 14 students so individual attention is guaranteed.
Website: www.parkorchards.org.au
Contact: 9876 4381

RECONCILIATION WEEK
Manningham City Council
Events:
Disability and Aboriginal Cultural Competency Training
Workshop 2: Wed 12 Jun 9am – 4.30pm [register online www.trybooking.com/CRSP]
$70 per person
Enquiries 8720 1100 or bayswaterreception@each.com.au

Yingabeal: Naming of the Songline Tree at Heide Museum of Modern Art
Sat 1 Jun 11am – 2pm
No bookings required, enquiries 9842 3598
Website: www.wml.vic.gov.au
Contact: 9877 8500

Discover Manningham

Manningham, it’s time to re-discover your backyard!

Our City is best known for its balance of city and country, but there’s so much more to Manningham than meets the eye.

Watch our 7 minute video highlighting some wonderful experiences you can share with family and friends. It will inspire you to get out there!

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Each student receives a certificate from their teacher detailing the reason for their award. 

**Congratulations** to these students on their efforts!