SCHOOL LEADERS

2014

Congratulations to Claudia M and Will P who have been selected as our School Leaders for 2014. We wish them both all the best for next year and know they will represent Milgate by demonstrating the values all students strive to achieve.

Congratulations also to Hayley H and Lucas M who have been selected as our Deputy School Leaders for 2014.

Will, Lucas, Hayley, Claudia

Milgate Chess Team

Stanley A, Kendrick L, Keith L, Jonathan N and Stafford L participated in the Chess Victoria Interschool finals on Friday 8 Nov at Box Hill Chess Club. They competed for the first time as a team and came 15th out of 22 schools. It was a tough competition but the boys gave it their best. We are all very proud of their achievements.
DIARY DATES 2013 **Full list of term dates available on our website**

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SPELL GREAT AT MILGATE
‘Spell Great at Milgate’ awards were presented on Monday at assembly for students in each class who won the competition. They will now compete against other students in their year level in the ‘Spell Great at Milgate’ championship. Congratulations to all students.

PREP TRANSITION
The pre-school children who will be in Prep in 2014 have been coming to Milgate PS each Friday morning over the last 4 weeks as part of the transition program in preparing them for school. Last Friday was their last transition session. The children have been doing a variety of activities including Maths, Literacy, Art activities with teddy bears and using iPads. On their last transition day, the children met the students in Year 5 who will be their Year 6 buddies in 2014. They had a snack together, read stories and the buddies made special teddy bears to give to their Prep 2014 buddy. While the children have been doing activities, the parents have enjoyed meeting other parents over morning tea and learning about various aspects of the school such as: School vision and direction, Reading, Writing, P&F, School Council, uniforms, canteen and preparing their child for school. It has been a very successful program with the students enjoying it and becoming more confident each week as they come to school.

THANK YOU - WORLD TEACHERS AND ESO STAFF DAY
Thank you to all the students and parents who made special cards, brought flowers, gifts, etc for their teachers and ESO staff in appreciation for their contributions to students’ learning and lives at school. It was much appreciated by everyone. Thank you!

CANTEEN
The Canteen Manager, Mei, who has been at Milgate PS running the canteen for the last 12 years, has resigned and her last day was on 8 November. We thank Mei for her excellent service to the Milgate community over those 12 years and we wish her all the best in the future. The canteen company is searching for a new manager to take over the canteen. Once the new person starts there may be a few changes to the menu. Only items on the Nutrition Australia approved list will be sold in the canteen.
SKIP-A-THON
What a fantastic day we had last Friday for the Skip-a-thon! It was a very successful day with lots of skipping activities which all students enjoyed. Congratulations to everyone who raised a combined total of $6,535. This included the sausage sizzle at lunchtime. Thank you to the parents who came to help and contribute to such a successful day. A special thank you to the P&F led by Angela Eichler. An enormous amount of work went into the preparation and planning for the day to be such a success. The Skip-a-thon money and the other fundraisers through the year have raised enough money to resurface the Prep courtyard. Well done to everyone!

Debbie Mierisch
Principal

ARE YOU TRAVELLING OR MOVING IN 2013/2014?

If your family is travelling overseas and your child won’t be in attendance at Milgate at the start of the school year in 2014, please notify the Office either by email milgate.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or by writing a note. We require the student’s full name, current grade, last day at Milgate and returning date to Milgate.

If your family is moving interstate or overseas and your child will be attending another school, please notify the Office as soon as possible with your child’s full name, current grade, last day at Milgate and the name of the school they will be attending.

IS YOUR CHILD READY FOR PREP?

We are still accepting Prep Enrolments for 2014.

Interested parents are invited to book a school tour with our Principal - Debbie Mierisch or Assistant Principal - Mark Roberts. For sibling enrolments please come by the Office for an enrolment form or download it from our school website.

CASSE: CREATING A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

CASSE AWARDS
Adam P [6KG] For being thoughtful and caring
Arthur C [6KG] For being inclusive and thoughtful
Janette Y [6KG] For having a positive and happy attitude all the time
Jason Z [Prep JP] For making a new student feel welcome and included at Milgate
Jeremy O [6FB] For being tolerant and inclusive with an infectious positivity!
Kirstie S [4AA] For always being an upstander by offering to assist and help others
Nicola K [6KG] For being a supportive classmate and friend
Phoebe E [3AK] For being a caring and compassionate friend who stands up for others and helps them when they are in trouble.

Gail Ashworth
CASSE Facilitator
UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS 2013

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SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the Yr. 5 & 6 Girls Basketball Team who competed at the Eastern Region Basketball Round Robin on Wednesday 13th November. The girls played extremely well and only lost 1 game to Canterbury PS by 1 point. Unfortunately this meant that they missed out on the Regional Grand Final, but came 2nd in their pool. Well done once again girls, you were a great credit to Milgate.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

FREE Hot Shots Tennis Shirts for ALL Milgate PS Students

To register for your shirt it is very simple:
2. Click on the ‘Register to Claim Your Free T-shirt’
3. If you are already registered, enter your Tennis ID or if you have forgotten it - your email address.
4. If you are a new registration, scroll down and enter the postcode for the school
5. Select Milgate PS as the venue at which you participate.
6. Make sure you select the venue with the yellow "schools" logo beside it.
7. Then complete and submit the rest of the form – easy!

NBL Melbourne Tigers and WNBL Melbourne Boomers

Serpell Primary Fun Fair on Sunday November 17

Serpell Primary School Stadium, Tuckers Road, Templestowe. There will be 2 session times 1pm and 2pm. $2 per person. Tickets are limited and will be sold on first come basis. To pre-order your tickets: email basketballtickets@outlook.com. Tell us: Your name, your school, how many tickets and which session, and your contact phone number.

You will be able to collect and pay for your tickets on the Sunday before 1pm. The fair starts at 11am and finishes at 4pm.


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
We conducted an election and all the Year 3 & 4’s voted for the political party that they thought were the most persuasive.

Everyone’s names were crossed off to show that they had voted on the day.

The Milgate Electoral Commission set up the polling booths for everyone to vote.

The counting of the preferential votes.

The winning political party was Express Yourself. They wanted all students to express themselves through regular clothes rather than school uniform. As a result of winning the election they were able to lobby Ms Mierisch for a free dress day for the Year 3 &4’s only on Monday 18 November and 21 December.
SKIP-A-THON … FINAL TALLY
Thank you to all parent and grandparent helpers who volunteered to help make the Skip-a-thon such a big success on Friday 1st November. Thanks too to the dedicated P & F volunteers Rae O’Brien, Josephine Chung, Harveen Puri and Louisa Angeloglou who helped to co-ordinate the fundraising efforts.

We are delighted to announce that the Skip-a-thon funds raised were $6,682.

The following exceptional fundraisers were the winners of the 14 Watermarc passes:-

- Gary L 6KG
- Lily H 6KG
- Kyle H 5CH
- Sophia B 2SL
- Isabella D 4LH
- Jordan M 3AK
- Heather G 3TW
- Tom T 2PK
- Mitchell R 4RW
- Bailee M 1SB
- Issern C PCJ
- Samyue L PPM
- Brianna F 5DM
- Sebastian K 1LS

And finally, a big congratulations to 1LS and 5KW for winning the classroom fundraising challenge – we hope you enjoy your well earned surprise parties.

DONCARE CHRISTMAS TREE
Milgate Primary School is once again proud to support the Doncare Christmas Gift Appeal. If your family would like to support children in our community who are less fortunate, please purchase a gift for a child and place it under the Christmas tree located in the foyer. Art, craft, sport or activity based gifts are ideal. The gifts need to be under the tree no later than Wednesday 4th December, 2013. Please do not wrap the gift.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
Our very last fundraiser for 2013 is the annual Christmas raffle. A flyer will come home with your eldest child this week with tickets attached. Simply write your name and contact number on each stub and return them with your $5 to enter the draw. Tickets must be returned by Thursday 12th December, to enable the raffle to be drawn at the carols that evening.

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Angela Eichler
P&F President – milgate.pf@gmail.com
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<td>SATURDAYS 9.45am – 12.30pm or 10am – 12noon for 2yo Playgroup Please contact Vicki Shue (Principal) on 0413 049 985 or <a href="mailto:principal@formosa.org.au">principal@formosa.org.au</a>.</td>
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### MILGATE ACHIEVERS

All Milgate Achiever Awards can now be found on our website [see below for directions].
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.

FOR PARENTS / CARERS

WHAT'S ON

Blue Light Disco
When: Fri 15 Nov [6 – 8.30pm]
Venue: Ted Ajani Reserve [284 Thompsons Road, Lower Templestowe]
Details: Victoria Police, with the assistance of the other community organisations, are running the first Manningham Blue Light disco. This disco is for grade 4-6 students and will focus on young people having a positive experience with police while enjoying music and having fun.

Festive Fair
When: Sat 16 Nov [3 – 8pm]
Venue: Uniting Church [109 Wood St, Templestowe]
Details: Rides | Wildlife | Face & Nail Painting | Trash & Treasure | Christmas food & decorations | Plants | Food stalls | Music & Entertainment | Loads of Fun!

CFA Sunday at Warrandyte Fire Station!
When: Sun 24 Nov [11am-3pm]
Venue: Warrandyte Fire Station
Details: The day is a chance to meet your local firefighters, in a fun-filled day for the whole family. We've got some amazing prizes for our raffle and a colouring competition. We would love to see you down there for a sausage, a chat and even a squirt of the fire hose! There will be colouring activities and lollies for the kids, as well as a special appearance by Captain Koala on the day, so come down and say hi!