NEW DIARY COVER

2014

Congratulations to the following students for creating these winning designs for the cover of the Milgate Diary in 2014:

- Isabelle S [PCJ]
- Christian T [1LS]
- Arnold B [4AA]
- Briana F [5DM]

Teachers will distribute the 2014 Diaries to all students at the start of the year.
### From the Principal

As we come towards the end of the year, there are many activities happening at Milgate PS.

**R.E. Celebration – Friday 29 November**
On Friday the RE Christmas celebration is taking place in the chapel at the ‘Our Lady of the Pines’ school. The students will be presenting songs and drama related to Christmas celebrations and what they have been learning in RE this year. The Prep – Year 2 students will have their celebration at 11.25 – 11.55am and the Year 3 - 6 students at 12.05 – 12.35pm. Parents and friends are also welcome to attend.

**Parent Helper’s Morning Tea – Wednesday 4 December 10.30am**
On Wednesday we will have a morning tea to thank parents and other members of the school community for their contributions and assistance to the school throughout the year. RE teachers, Kids Hope Mentors and school crossing ladies have also been invited. We appreciate how each of these people contribute to our students and the school community.

**Carols Night – Thursday 12 December at 7pm**
On Thursday 12 December at 7pm it will be the Milgate Carols Night. All year levels and the staff will be performing a song on the night. Come along and join with the community to enjoy a night of singing and performances. There will also be a sausage sizzle on the night from 5.30pm – 6.30pm.

**Year 6 Graduation**
The Year 6 students have been practising and preparing for their graduation on Tuesday 17 December. This will be a great celebration of their years at Primary School.

**End of Year Class Celebrations**
Years 1 – 6 are having end of year celebrations on Friday 13 December. This is an opportunity for them to celebrate their year together with their friends and teachers. Also a chance to celebrate all the achievements in their learning.
FEES AND VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS
A reminder to parents that all fees are to be paid and student books / supplies collected before the end of the year so students will have their materials for the start of 2013. They need to bring their complete student supply pack and all contents to school on the first day of school next year. If parents are financially having difficulty paying the full amount, a payment plan can be devised if you contact the school office. Collection dates and times are available on the website.

STUDENT REPORTS
The teachers have been very busy writing the reports over the last few weeks and these will be sent home to parents on Monday 16 December along with student portfolios.

These provide a summary of a student’s learning and achievement for Semester 2. Student portfolios will be sent home with reports and this is an opportunity to celebrate and discuss your child’s learning with them. Thank you to the staff for the preparation time, commitment and care they have given to reports and the continued learning program they provide for your children.

CANTEEN
We welcome our new canteen manager, Christina Georgopoulos, who is getting to know the students and staff. If parents have any questions, you can go to the canteen to see Christina. The menu is available at the canteen and on the school website. See other information about the canteen in this WHAM.

PORTABLE CLASSROOM MOVING
Last week the school was contacted by DEECD to inform us that they would be removing a portable to go to another school that requires more rooms as they are doing a building program and need classrooms to accommodate students while their new buildings are constructed. The Mod 5 portable classroom where 5KW is currently located, will be removed during the week beginning Monday 16 December.

CURRICULUM DAYS / PUPIL FREE DAYS 2014
Each year schools have four curriculum / pupil free days. All schools have the first day of the year (Tuesday 28 January) as a curriculum day. Milgate PS will also have a curriculum / pupil free day on Friday 21 February. On these days there will be no school for students as the teachers will be participating in professional learning.

SCHOOL REVIEW AND SELF EVALUATION
All schools have a four year strategic plan that provides direction in the areas of: Student Learning, Student Engagement and Wellbeing, Student Pathways and Transitions. Every 4 years, schools have a school review to assess the four year strategic plan. This provides an opportunity for the school to reflect on student outcomes and key improvement strategies, as well as focusing on what the school can do in the future to continue to improve. This ensures ongoing improvement. It is also an opportunity to celebrate the student achievements and improvements in learning over the four years. The process includes an independent reviewer working with the school analysing the data, discussing with staff, writing a review report and making recommendations for the future. As a result of the recommendations, a new four year strategic plan is written. Milgate Primary School review will take place on Thursday 28 November with an independent reviewer, Martin Winfield, school council president, school leadership team and relevant staff. The review process also involves two Principal peer reviewers who will be: Heather Hopcroft (Principal of Laburnum PS) and Belinda Jones (Principal of Albany Rise PS).

Debbie Mierisch
Principal
**MILGATE ANNUAL CAROLS NIGHT 2013**

**‘CHRISTMAS FAVOURITES’**

**THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER 7PM**

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**Students – Remember:**

- Bring a rug or cushion to sit on
- Wear school uniform
- Add a decoration such as a Santa hat, Christmas earrings or Christmas T-shirt

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**CHRISTMAS favourites - PROGRAM**

**CHOIR:** One Child | One Little Candle | Do You Hear What I Hear?

**ALL:** O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

**PLAYGROUP:** Twinkle Twinkle Little Star | Go Santa Go

**PREPS:** I Want A Hippopotamus For Christmas | AWAY IN A MANGER

**MANDARIN ITEM:** We Wish you a Merry Christmas

**YEAR 1:** Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer | SILENT NIGHT

**YEAR 2:** Up On The House Top | JOY TO THE WORLD

**YEAR 3:** It’s The Most Wonderful Time Of the Year | DECK THE HALLS

**YEAR 4:** The Christmas Song | THE FIRST NOWELL

**YEAR 5:** Have Yourself a Very Merry Christmas | WE THREE KINGS

**YEAR 6:** JINGLE BELL ROCK | Happy Christmas War is Over

**STAFF:** Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree

**RAFFLE**

**ALL:** WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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**5.30PM – 6.30PM** Picnic time --- **BYO food and drink**

Please note: this is an Alcohol free event!

**BBQ sausages available to purchase!**

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Congratulations to our new HOUSE LEADERS for 2014. They are:

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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 AWARDS
Cassie H [5CH] For assisting younger students who were having difficulty in the playground.

CASSE UPDATE
It has been an exciting year for our CASSE crew this year where they have continued to see the students at our school become more familiar with CASSE and what it means to be a CASSE school. The word ‘upstander’ and ‘bystander’ have become a part of most student's vocabulary.

Congratulations to our new Year 3 CASSE Leaders who have joined our CASSE crew at school.

They are:
- Tyler H
- Ryan S
- Heather G
- Sarah L
- George CJ
- Emma P
- Alana F

Thank you to all the wonderful grade six CASSE leaders that will be leaving us shortly. Hopefully they will be able to help spread the word about the ideals behind CASSE in their new schools.

Gail Ashworth
CASSE Facilitator

The 20-cent book sale
The library is having another 20-cent book sale on Thursday 5th December!

Come to the library at lunchtime to buy a range of deleted books – and they are all only 20 cents each. Parents are welcome too!

All proceeds are going to the Junior School Council.
UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS 2014

Mon 3 Feb  | District Swimming Trials at Aquarena [9.30 – 1pm]

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the Yr. 5 & 6 Girls Basketball Team who competed at the State Hooptime on Tuesday 26th November. The girls played some terrific games and ended up placing 4th in their pool. Well done girls, you are a true credit to Milgate.

Congratulations to Will P & Abbey C who both represented Team VIC at the National Athletics Championships in Brisbane. Will competed in the 11yr Boys Long Jump and placed 7th jumping a PB of 4.69m and Abbey ran in the 12yr Girls 800m and placed 5th running a PB of 2.22. This is an outstanding effort by both these students and you should be extremely proud of everything you have achieved.

Congratulations to Joshua L who competed at the Eastern Region Primary Schools Golf Championship on Friday 22nd May. Joshua played extremely well in a very tough competition and scored 47 for nine holes. Well done Joshua.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

If you are happy to give up a few minutes of your time and provide some feedback, please click on the link below for your chance to win an iPad.

www.surveymonkey.com/s/R2Sparent

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

CAANTEEN NEWS

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Hello, my name is Christina and I have recently taken over as the new Canteen Manager here at Milgate Primary School. I have been in this industry for a number of years and it’s something I quite enjoy.

You will have noticed the new menu sent home last week with a number of changes. These changes now bring Milgate’s canteen menu in line with Nutrition Australia’s guidelines. This menu is our Summer menu and will be used in Terms 1 & 4, while in Terms 2 & 3 we will have a Winter menu. Our menus will be available on Milgate’s website. The Summer menu has been sent home and will be on the website soon.

If your child has any food allergies, please ensure you highlight this on every lunch order. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to call or come in and see me (not during recess or lunch please).

Christina Georgopoulos
Canteen Manager
The Transdisciplinary Theme for 4LH, 4RW and 4AA was ‘How We Express Ourselves’.

Our Central Idea was ‘Throughout History People have Communicated using Visual Art’.

We have been creating artworks inspired by different styles and artists using different mediums.

Last week we invited our Milgate Mates to the opening of our Milgate Art Gallery.
DONCARE CHRISTMAS TREE
Just a final reminder about our 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
Another reminder to 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 Night.

TERM 4 - P&F DATES TO REMEMBER

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Angela Eichler
P&F President – milgate.pf@gmail.com

MULTICULTURAL SUB COMMITTEE SOCIAL GET TOGETHER

‘Australian Social Etiquette’ PART 2
Come and meet parents and friends of other nationalities to practice your conversational English and to learn about Australian Social Etiquette. Everyone is welcome.
Friday 6th December at 9:15am
Coffee Club at ‘The Pines’ Shopping Complex

GO TEAM GATORS!

Congratulations to our teachers in Team Gators who participated in the Upstream 50km Challenge on Sat 16th Nov. They completed the walk in 9hrs and 12mins and raised much needed funds for The Upstream Foundation which supports a number of charities! A great effort by everyone involved, we are very proud of your achievement.
This week at After School Care…

The children are always at Before and After School Care with many exciting activities such as cooking, painting, doing puzzles, playing board games, and learning & practicing their skills in their favourite sport.

Some of the activities this week have been making chocolate coconut balls, making popcorn in our new popcorn maker, playing an organised activity called The Amazing Race (thanks to Elise), making up a play, playing with jigsaw puzzles and playing outside.

We need the children to bring a hat please as we have a no hat, no outside play policy. Please feel free to come in and see what we’re doing. New parents for next year are free to come and stay for a while with their child to see what it’s all about.

Before School Care operates from 7 – 8.45am (we supply breakfast) and After School Care operates from 3.30 – 6pm where we supply afternoon tea and do cooking a few times a week.

Our Holiday Club starts Mon 6th Jan 2014 and I will be co-ordinating it for the 3 weeks. For further information visit our website:


Ann

Bike Found at Milgate

We have a small bike that was found at Milgate Primary School a couple of weekends ago and it is yet to be claimed. If you or anyone you know has lost their bike at Milgate recently, please come to the Office for assistance.