Student Leadership at Milgate

Last Monday we were very fortunate to have the local Member of Parliament - The Honourable Mary Wooldridge, Minister for Mental Health, Women’s Affairs and Community Services, who has been the Member for Doncaster since 2006, to come to the Milgate school assembly to congratulate and present the School Leaders and House Leaders with their badges.

The Junior School Councillors and Environmental Leaders were also congratulated and presented with their badges later in the week. This was a special occasion when we celebrated and congratulated all those students who have been selected for leadership roles which they will do responsibly and will be excellent role models for the other students in the school. Mary talked to the students about leadership and the importance of setting a good example, listening to others, looking after others, accepting others and encouraging all to do their best. She also talked about all students being leaders in their own way within the school and the classroom.
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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Over the last two weeks there have been many interesting learning opportunities as students have been getting to know their teachers and the students in their classes. The Prep students have settled into school very well and have been learning about school and their new friends. They have met their Year 6 buddies which is always an exciting time. The Year 3-6 students participated in the District Swimming Sports last Friday and a number of students will be going to the zone swimming event. Congratulations to all those who participated.

It was good to see many parents meeting with their children’s teachers on Monday night to talk about their children, their interests and their learning. I am sure that both parents and teachers found these meetings most beneficial.

**CREATING A SAFE SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT (CASSE) PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY AT 7PM**

Milgate PS has been selected as a pilot school in the CASSE program and parents are invited to attend an information evening at the school on **Tuesday 28 February at 7pm**. CASSE is a project to develop safe and supportive environments in schools so that students can grow, play and learn. Such environments are vital in facilitating the formation of resilience and cognitive development. It is a whole school approach which aims over time to engage the active participation of staff, students, parents and the broader community to maximize its success and sustainability.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

There are 4 vacancies on the school council for Parent members so if you would like to nominate, nomination forms are available from the school office. See further details in regard to the role of the school council and the election timeline towards the end of this WHAM.

**MILGATE PS BUSHWAZEE FAMILY NIGHT - WEDNESDAY 7 MARCH (6pm – 8pm)**

On Wednesday 7 March from 6pm – 8pm there will be a Bushwazee Family community night on the school oval. The students will be performing bush dances that they have learnt during the day and parents will also be invited to dance with their children. Families are invited to come and BYO rugs, chairs and food for a picnic. This is an opportunity to meet with the staff and other families of the school for an informal get together to begin the school year. There will be bush dancing during the evening and parents and students are invited to participate in these. We hope to see many families there and look forward to an evening of fun and meeting new people.
MILGATE PS 30TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MILFETE
On Saturday 27 October we are having a celebration for the 30th birthday of Milgate PS. There will be a fete and celebration with many activities including stalls, performances, sideshows, jumping castle, etc. A group of parents has begun meeting to plan the event but many more are required to make this a very successful celebration. If you are able to assist in any way please contact the school office or email the school at milgate.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au. Perhaps you have a business or know a business that would like to sponsor or have a stall. We need assistance with food stalls, class stalls, organisation, donations, promotion, performances, planning, helping on the day, etc. This is a great opportunity to meet others and work together for the school and our students.

LEVEL TERM 1 BULLETIN AND LEVEL INFORMATION BOOKS
Parents have all received a Term 1 Level Bulletin from their child’s teacher setting out the curriculum, expectations, excursions and events for Term 1. Copies of this will also be available on the school website. Each Level has an Information Book that includes information about the year’s curriculum, expectations, processes, etc and these will be available on the school website from the beginning of March. All parents are encouraged to read them so they are informed about the learning for their child.

Debbie Mierisch
Principal

2012 STAFF

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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

SCR@M (School Community Radio @ Milgate)
As most of you are now aware SCR@M has hit the airwaves. SCR@M is an online radio program written, hosted and produced by our amazing Year 6 students. Every two weeks four new Year 6 students will present a radio show that includes interviews, interschool sports reports, jokes, reviews and many more segments. To listen to the latest episode go to the front page of the Milgate PS website and find the SCR@M link. If you would like to listen to archived episodes go to the Extra Curricular tab and click on SCR@M.

TERM 1 WORKING BEE
Will be on Sunday 18 March from 9 to 11am. Our focus is to replenish the sand in the Prep sandpit, plant new plants and shrubs, spread mulch over garden beds and have a general tidy up of our gardens.

Please fill out and return the Term 1 Working Bee form or email us at milgate.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au to confirm your attendance. Please remember to bring along your rake, wheel barrow or shovels (if you have them) as well as hats and drink bottles! I look forward to seeing you there.

Mark Roberts
Assistant Principal

MILGATE PLAYGROUP

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN RUNNING ONE OF OUR PLAYGROUP SESSIONS?
Due to the success of the Milgate Community Playgroup we are considering running a second group on a Tuesday or Thursday. We are looking for someone who would be interested in coordinating the new session.

The coordinator will plan the weekly activities and be a point of contact for the parents and carers. There are plenty of resources and ideas readily available and plans can be provided if you need a little help. All the parents and carers are involved in the playgroup activities and will assist the coordinator.

The playgroup gives members of our local community an opportunity to meet with other parents and carers and provides pre-school aged children with valuable social and developmental experiences. If you are interested, please speak to Mark Roberts, Sharon Harrison or Rowena Kiely (parent and current playgroup session coordinator) or leave your contact details at the office and we will arrange a time to meet.

Personal Goods Brought to School at Owner’s Risk
- Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, electronic games, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises.
- The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.
- Students are discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

WORKING BEE - Sunday 18 March
Yes, we’ll be attending!

Parent’s Name: ____________________________ Child’s Grade/s: ____________________________
Contact Number: ____________________________
**EMA (Education Maintenance Allowance)**

Reminder - Applications for EMA must be lodged at the school office by 29th February to receive payment for the first semester. This allowance is paid to parents hold current Health Care Cards. A new application must be completed each year. Any queries please contact the office.

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**PE/OUTDOOR EDUCATION NEWS**

**2012 PREMIERS ACTIVE FAMILIES CHALLENGE:** The challenge will run for six weeks, beginning 19 March through 30 April 2012 (terms one and two) and is a family focused program that encourages all Victorians to do 30 minutes of activity a day for 30 days over the Challenge period. For more information, please visit: [www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge).

**INTERSCHOOL SPORT:** On Thursday 16th February we played our first round of Interschool Sport for 2012. Our Green Teams played away against Templestowe Park PS & the White Teams played at home against Serpell PS.

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**SPORTING SUCCESS:** Congratulations to all the students that competed at the Templestowe District Swimming Competition on Friday 17th February at Aquarena, they all represented Milgate to the best of their ability. Well done to the following students, Emilia D, Justin B, Brooke T, Amanda L and Abbey C who will compete at the Manningham Division Swimming Competition at Nunawading Pool on Thursday 1st March.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Friday 9th March ~ Milgate PS House Swimming Sports @ Nunawading Pool ~ 10:00am – 2:30pm (all Yr. 3 – 6 students).

**OUTDOOR EDUCATION:** You will receive your Yr. 5 & 6 Camp Medical Forms on Monday 26th March. I have now finalised my staffing for the Yr. 5 & 6 Camp and many thanks to all those parents who volunteered to assist on camp this year. If I require any further parental assistance I will be in touch.

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
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 5 March. The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on Wednesday 21 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.

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 are welcome to renominate for a further 2-year term):

**Parent Members:** David Greenwood, Mike Trenery, Andrew Gaythorpe. There is also one other Parent Member vacancy on school council.

**DEECD Members:** Linda Hill, Penelope Kolovos

The following School Councillors remain on the School Council until 2013:

**Parent Members:** Robert Barbarossa, John Tommasoni, Patrick Ow
**DEECD Members:** Mark Roberts
**Community Member:** Danielle Dobson (P&F representative)

The timeline for the School Council elections will be as follows:

Monday 27 February: Call for nominations for School Council
Monday 5 March: Nominations close
Wednesday 7 March: Display list of candidates, nominator and seconder
Wednesday 14 March: Ballot papers distributed
Wednesday 21 March: Ballot closes
Friday 23 March: Count votes and declare the poll

** No election will be necessary if there are only the required numbers who nominate.

**Nomination forms are available from the school office.**

Debbie Mierisch
Principal
**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 of Appreciation, Confidence, Commitment, Co-operation, Curiosity, Creativity, 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.

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**School Council Elections 2012 - 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.
**ACTIVITIES AT MILGATE**

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| **Chess Club**                      | Started Monday 13th February  
3.30pm - 4.30pm  
Enrolment forms available from the Office  
www.chessideas.com.au |
| **Formosa Chinese School**          | We teach the traditional Chinese language, with a maximum class size of 15 students, in a fun, creative and educational environment.  
Classes are held every Saturday during school term at Milgate between  
9.45am – 12.30pm or 10am – 12noon for 2yo Playgroup.  
For further details or to enrol please contact  
Teresa Chen (Principal) on 0412 037 192 or principal@formosa.org.au |
| **Kelly Sports**                    | Dance  
Tuesdays from 8.00 – 8.50am for Prep – Year 4  
Started 14th February  
Gym Fun  
Wednesdays 12.50pm – 1.50pm for Prep – Year 4  
Started 15th February |
| **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. ½ hour lessons are $24.20 for an individual lesson.  
Brochures and enrolment forms are available at the Office or on Milgate’s website. |
| **WiseOnes**                        | Term 1 – Around the World in 8 weeks  
Started Monday 13th February. Enrolment forms available from the Office or on Milgate’s website. |

**MUSICAL INSPIRATION**

It was fantastic to see so many children learning musical instruments throughout 2011. Congratulations to all the students that performed so well in the recital. We have a fantastic staff of music teachers, many of whom have been teaching at Milgate for two years now.

We are now enrolling for Term 1, 2012. If you are interested in instrumental music lessons for your children at please call Dean Rebecca at Musical Inspiration on 9894 0245.

I am also very excited to announce that as well as continuing to build our drum and guitar ensembles, we are also establishing a string ensemble this term. Please let us know if your child is interested in joining one of these ensembles in 2012. We are hoping for many performance opportunities this year including Eisteddfods & assemblies! These ensembles are open to all Milgate students, learning within the school program or privately. Please call Dean Rebecca on 9894 0245.

**Erin Hardy**
Music Director

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**Is your Lollipop person the sweetest?**

School Crossings Victoria Inc.

Nominate your Lollipop person for the 2012/2013 School Crossing Supervisor of the Year award.

Pick up a nomination form online at www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au.

Your support of this program will help ensure your School Crossing Supervisor is shown the appreciation they deserve for their commitment to the ongoing safety of our children.
CATJUMP PRESCHOOL celebrates 30 years with Marina Gavalas

A reminder that Catjump Preschool is proud to be holding a celebration this month to recognise the 30 years of dedicated service to our community’s smallest members and indeed to Catjump Preschool.

A lifetime of loving, caring and sharing is worth celebrating.
Catjump Preschool invites both parents and students of present & past to join us on

**Sunday 26th February, 2012**
*between 1pm - 5pm,*
*88 Polaris Drive, Doncaster East.*

The kinder will host an informal BBQ, with treats & activities for the children. Please pop in to congratulate Marina on her 30 years at Catjump and fill her in on what you have been doing since painting, drawing, cutting, pasting & play dough were key in your day.

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**MILGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL CANTEEN**

$4.50 LUNCH PACKS (Tuesday & Wednesday)

- **Feb 20th & Feb 21st only @ $4.50**
  - Hot Dog in Roll or with Sausage
  - Mini Muffin
  - Raisin B Berry Bake

- **Mar 5th & Mar 6th only @ $4.50**
  - Ham & Cheese Roll
  - Fruited Elm Plum
  - Muffin Popcorn Bag (butter sad)
  - Pineapple Ring

- **Mar 8th & Mar 9th only @ $4.50**
  - Ham & Cheese Roll
  - Stuffed in Bread
  - Mini Muffin
  - Popcorn Bag (butter sad)
  - Fruited Plum

You can simply cut out or write down the lunch pack you want and attach to your child’s name and grade. If you don’t have a bag, please add $0.50 to the order. Thank you.
**COMMUNITY NEWS**

Please see our Community Noticeboard (located outside 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 Council for accuracy of information contained in advertisements or claims made by them.

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**Beverley Hills Junior Football Club**
Development programs for all age groups from 7 – 17 years. Auskick Clinics on Sat & Sun. Improve your skills and have lots of fun! Come play for our great club! Located at Zerbes Reserve, Saxonwood Drive, East Doncaster. For further information please contact Anthony Phillips (President) on 0412 580 669 or visit www.bhjfc.org.au.

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**Currawong Tennis Club**
If you are interested in any sort of tennis programs for 3 year olds up to Men’s & Ladies Competition. Located Cnr Reynolds & Springvale Roads, East Doncaster. Please contact Club Coach Garry Pitts at Currawong Tennis Club on 9848 5060, 0404 028 104 or www.currawongtennisclub.org.au

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**Doncaster Hockey Club**
FREE “Come and Try” day. It’s fun, local and a great way to make new friends! Saturday 25 February 10am-11am at Doncaster hockey Club, Cnr Springvale & Reynolds Roads, Mullum Mullum Reserve, East Doncaster. For further information contact Sam Snow at sam.doncasterhc@hotmail.com

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**Karate**
Training for beginners to advanced – all ages – Males & Females. Classes available Wednesday nights at Beverley Hills Primary School, Doncaster East. First lesson is free. Please call on 9887 4098 or visit www.lionbushido.com.

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**Kindermusik**
Music and movement program for children aged from 0 newborn to 7 years old. Help your child reach their full potential in music, academic and life skills! Book early to ensure a place for your child! Held in the Community Room, Milgate Primary School. Please contact May Young on 0412 730 993.

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**Girl Guides – Donvale / Nunawading District**
For girls aged 5 to 18 years
You can try activities like camping, hiking, water activities, abseiling, cooking, craft and bike riding. You can develop new skills. You can make lots of new friends.
Parents know you are safe when you’re at Guides with our trained volunteer leaders. At Girl Guides you help to choose and plan the activities you do.
- Gumnuts Guides aged 5 to 7½ years
- Brownie Guides 7½ to 10½ years, Guides 10 to 14 years
For further information or to register your interest please contact Faye on 9802 1402 or donvalenunawadinggirlguides@hotmail.com or Guides Victoria on 8606 3500

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**Tennis Programs**
Mum’s Tennis Program - $35 for 5 weeks. 9.30am on Tues, Thurs, Fri and Sat mornings from Feb 21 at South Warrandyte. This program is open to players of all standards. The program promotes the fun, fitness and health benefits of tennis in a non-competitive environment. Tennis racquets supplied if required.
Tiny Tots Tennis - For Mums with young children there is also a Tiny Tots class running simultaneously. It allows parents to participate and not have to worry about childcare. The Tiny Tots class is for children between the ages of 3 to 5.
Tennis Hot Shots Coaching Offer - $75 for 5 weeks (includes a FREE Tennis racquet). Designed for kids using modified equipment suitable to their age and ability. 45 minute classes cover stroke technique, motor skills, etiquette and match play.
For more information contact The Tennis Guru 0488 722 538 or info@thetennisguru.com.au

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**Victorian Association for Gifted and Talented Children**
Parent Forum – tips and expertise to benefit your parenting and understanding of your child and their specific learning and living needs. Tuesday 28 Feb from 9.30am to 12.30pm in East Melbourne. Cost is $15. Visit www.vagtc.asn.au or email infolorax@vagtc.an.au for further information.
**OSHC NEWS**

This week the children have been busy doing their home work and the older children have been helping me in the kitchen making yummy pancakes for the children’s second afternoon tea which is always provided either with a snack or a cooking activity. We’ve also been busy making wonderful cooking treats which the children love helping with and eating.

The children have also been doing valentines things such as drawing a picture for their parents or doing word searches. We’ve been outside in the fresh air with sunhats on and sunscreen.

If any parents have any old magazines that would be great because I want to do a healthy food pyramid with the children.

*Shana Greschler*
Coordinator

**REMINDEDERS**

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