HOUSE SWIMMING
Years 3 - 6

Congratulations Streeton!
### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On Friday the Year 3-6 students participated in the Milgate PS House Swimming Sports. There were a variety of events including 25m and 50m individual and relay in the large pool and novelty events in the smaller pool. All students participated and enjoyed the experience. Some challenged themselves and had a go at something they hadn’t done before. Thank you to James Will who organised the day with assistance from Linda Carter, teachers and parents. It was good to see so many parents and grandparents coming to assist and cheer for the students. Well done to everyone.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

The school council elections have been completed. It was not necessary to have an election as we had the correct number of nominations.

Congratulations to the following parent representatives – Robert Barbarossa, Patrick Ow, Simon Mosley and DEECD representative – Mark Roberts. These people have been elected for 2 years. The other members who remain on school council until the next election in 2014 are: parent representatives - Andrew Gaythorpe, Mike Trener, Rodney Gordon, Pushpinder Puri and DEECD representatives: Linda Hill, Trina Williamson.

The Principal is the executive officer and always remains on school council as a non-elected member.

Janine Caudry (Business Manager) attends school council meetings to take the minutes and provide finance expertise but is not a voting member of the school council.

Danielle Dobson is a community member representing P&F and the school council can co-opt up to 2 community members. They are not elected but decided on by the school council.

At the next school council meeting on Tuesday 26 March at 7pm the office bearers will be elected for the 2013 year.
PARENT DEVELOPING LITERACY PARTNERSHIPS NIGHT
How to help your child with reading, writing and spelling - Wednesday 13 March at 7pm

On Wednesday 13 March at 7pm Milgate PS will be running a session for parents to help increase understanding about how children learn and how parents can continue to support their child’s learning in Literacy. The role of parent helper in the classroom will also be covered during the session. Explanations of learning activities you can use at home to assist your children will be covered as well as how parents could be involved as a parent helper in the classroom. The session will be conducted by Trina Williamson and Lyn Sanders.

Debbie Mierisch
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

SECOND HAND LEGO DONATIONS PLEASE!
We are interested in starting a Lego Club at lunchtime.

To start this club we require a sizable amount of Lego to ensure that we have enough for a group of up to 10 students to play at once. If you have any old Lego at home, that you no longer use, we would be very grateful if you could donate it to the school. Just send it to the Office.

We hope to have the Lego club up and running by Term 2.

Thank you in advance.

Mark Roberts
Assistant Principal

PARENT REPRESENTATIVES

Our Parent Reps perform an invaluable role within our school community; they are an additional link between our teaching staff and the parents.

The list of Parent Reps for 2013 is currently as follows:

Prep CJ 34B  Maria Tommasoni & Sharon Marino
Prep JP 4AA  May Wong
Prep MT 4LH  Melissa Ackland & Erin Saunders
Prep PM 4RW  Meiy Chin
1LS 5CH  Jenny Chan
1SB 5CH  Min Lee, Tiffany Ng & Maria Spuria-Ehlert
2PK 5KW  Medi Selmani
2SL 6FB  Rebecca Thatcher
2WH 6JC  Carolyn Drew
3AK 6KG  Kristy Hourmouzis
3TW

If you would still like to volunteer as the Parent Rep for your child’s class, please talk with your child’s teacher or send a note in to school with your child.

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.
**UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS 2013**

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**SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS:** The following students will now compete at the **Eastern Region Swimming Championships on Friday 8th March at Nunawading Pool** (Ethan G, Justin B, Emilia D, Abbey C, Bronte C & Amanda L). We wish them all the best and look forward to hearing how they performed.

**TEMPLESTOWE DISTRICT TENNIS:** Congratulations to the following students who competed at the Templestowe District Tennis Competition on Friday 1st March. (Jarryd W ~ 1st place, Mitchell R ~ 3rd place, Bronte C ~ 3rd place & Hayley H ~ placed in the Top 5). Jarryd W will now proceed to the Manningham Division Tennis Competition and represent the Templestowe District.

**INTERSCHOOL SPORT:** Round 2 – Thursday 21 February

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Round 3 – Thursday 28 February

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**HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS (Yrs 3 - 6):** Many thanks to all the Parents & Milgate Staff who assisted on Friday 1st March at our annual House Swimming Sports. It was a terrific day and well done to all the students who participated in the true Milgate House Spirit. Congratulations to all houses but in particular to Streton who won this year’s House Swimming Sports.

The results from the day were Streton ~ 424, McCubbin ~ 367, Boyd ~ 349 and Roberts ~ 317.

**CAMP INFORMATION NIGHT:** As part of our comprehensive PE/Outdoor Learning Program, we are holding a ‘Whole School Camp Information Night’ on Wednesday 20 March from 7 – 8pm. This meeting is for parents with students in Years 2 – 6. This is an important meeting, so hopefully we will see you there.
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

SCHOOL SAFETY

SCHOOL CROSSING AND SAFETY AROUND THE SCHOOL
Just a reminder to all parents and students to use the school crossings in Landscape Drive and Fullwood Parade when crossing the road to go along Landscape Drive. This will enable all members of the community to be safe at the very busy times before and after school.

When entering or leaving the school from Landscape Drive, could all parents and students please use the front paved pathway [between Office Entry and steps to front of school] or the zebra crossing [yellow marked lines across car park – just outside LOTE room] at the main entrance to the car park. Please do not jay walk through the car park entrance or the middle of the car park as cars may be going in or out. We want to keep everyone safe.

The disabled car park in the school is for the parents of students with a disability. There are 2 disabled car parks in Serpell Road and 1 disabled car park in Landscape Drive that can be used by parents or grandparents.
PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL - REQUEST FROM A NEIGHBOUR
We have received a request from a neighbour that parents do not park in Shore Nook which is off Serpell Road at the back of the school. 'During the 45 minute pick up process, I have many times not been able to leave my property as cars are blocking my driveway or parking dangerously opposite it which means I am not able to safely leave.'

There are plenty of parks available on the east side of Serpell Road and parents are asked to park only in parking zones and not across resident driveways. Also, please do not do U turns close to the school in Serpell Road or Landscape Drive as this is a very dangerous practice. Double parking is also illegal. Thank you for your assistance with this.

VICTORIAN EDUCATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR 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.

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, bikinis, singlets or just bathers by themselves 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!

DESKS FREE TO A GOOD HOME
There are two desks in the school that we are happy to give away – one is a student’s desk and the other is a larger office desk (beige) in two sections. They are both in good condition. If you would like them, please contact the school office. There is also an analogue TV if anyone would like it.
EASTER RAFFLE
There are 3 fabulous Easter hampers to win! Flyers and tickets were sent home this week, it’s just $5 for 5 entries into the draw for your chance to win. The raffle will be drawn at assembly on Monday 25 March. Good luck!

Amanda Raymond
President - 0428 121 067

MILGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL CANTEEN
$4.50 LUNCH PACKS (Tuesday & Wednesday)

MAD MARCH FETE
11am - 4pm
Saturday 23 March
SANDHURST AVE - DONCASTER EAST

act, create, communicate
Self-development through drama!
Boost your child’s creativity, confidence and communication skills.

Enrolling now for students aged 5 to 17.

www.helenogrady.com.au

Contact the Principal
Josie Eberhard
9016 8928
This week at After School Care…

The team at After School Care had a great week. To start the week, each student completed a Child Profile Map. This was a little getting-to-know-you task and a chance to suggest fun activities for the program. In cooking we made Banana French toast which was delicious and I must say, there was little left to clean off the plates! Well done to those talented chefs amongst us.

Although the heat has deterred us from outside, we have made full use of the stadium with popular games such as The Simpsons Game, Stationary, Octopus, Kick ball and Badminton. It is great to see everyone getting involved and working well with each other. 😊

A reminder to all students to bring a hat to After School Care so that we can have more people playing outside. Hopefully this week we will be able to use the playground more than last week.

Parents please note: I am currently updating the Camp Australia enrolment forms. If I have given you a form, please fill it out, sign and return it as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask me.

Finally, I just want to say a big thank you to all those parents, staff and students that have made me feel welcome over the last two weeks! Your kindness and support is much appreciated.

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Basketball Clinic at Milgate!

For fun, fitness, and skill development come to our 45 minute clinic at lunchtime over 6 weeks. Suitable for children in Years 1 – 4. Starting in Term 2. Interested? Enrolment forms are available at the Office or on Milgate’s website under ‘Notices’.
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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.  |
| **KidzFit Lunchtime Basketball Clinic** | Cost: $66 for 6 weeks (includes FREE basketball)  
    Enrolment forms available at the Office or on Milgate’s website (under ‘Notices’).  |
| **Chess Club**                    | Day: Mondays  
    Time: 3.30 to 4.30pm in Library  
    Enrolment forms available at the Office or visit www.chessideass.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  
    Day: 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 3.40 - 4.40pm  
    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  
    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 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  
| **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  
    Day: 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’). |

**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  
For further details regarding ALPHA visit the EDSC website.
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

CHOIR
Choir Victoria
When: Saturday 16 March
Details: We invite all children aged 5 years and up to audition for the Victorian Boys Choir or Victorian Girls Choir. Bookings essential
Website: www.choirvictoria.org.au
Contact: Sam 0417 531 128 or Ros 0422 568 100 or admin@choirvictoria.org.au

CALISTHENICS
Donvale Calisthenics Club
Come and join in the fun, it’s not too late to join.
Classes:
- Tinies 7 yrs & under Mon or Wed 4.30 - 5.30 pm
- Subbies 9 yrs & under Thursdays 4.30 - 6.30 pm
- Juniors 12 yrs & under Mondays 5.30 - 7.30 pm
- Inters 16 yrs & under Thursdays 6.30 - 8.30 pm
- Seniors 17 yrs & over Mondays 7.30 - 10.00 pm
- Masters Open Thursdays 8.30 - 10.00 pm
Venue: Ajani Centre [284 Thompsons Road, Lower Templestowe]
Website: www.donvalecalisthenics.com.au
Contact: Pam 0417 594 842 or info@donvalecalisthenics.com.au

HOLIDAY CLUB
Deep Creek Anglican Church
When: 9 – 11 April [9.30am – 12.30pm] for Preps to Year 6
Cost: $7 per day
Details: Games, food, stories, singing, craft, puppets and lots more
Venue: 460 Blackburn Rd, Doncaster East
Contact: Cheryl 0403 692 856 / 9841 7427 / cheryl@deepcreekanglican.com

SOCCER
Get Active Sports
When: Sunday 21 April
Cost: $80 [6 weeks and a FREE soccer ball]
Venue: Templestowe Heights Primary School Gym, 276-300 High Street, Templestowe Lower
Details: Soccer for Juniors specifically designed for boys and girls aged 3 to 8 trying the sport for the first time. Term 2 registrations now open.
Website: www.getactivesports.com.au
Contact: 1300 772 106 or rego@getactivesports.com.au

FOR PARENTS / CARERS

COURSES
Dyslexia for Dads
UNIT 1 Dyslexia 101 for Dads 7 March
UNIT 2 Dads and the Emotional Rollercoaster 14 March
UNIT 3 Effective Teamwork 21 March
Cost: $60 for 3 week course
Time: 7 – 9pm
Venue: Box Hill Town Hall – Room D [1022 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill]
Contact: BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL Deborah 0429 051 106 or info@ldnetwork.net.au
Each student receives a certificate from their teacher detailing the reason for their award. **Congratulations** to these students on a job well done!