

DIARY DATES	
3rd November	Melbourne Cup – Public Holiday
4 th November	Prep Transition 9:30 – 10:30am
12 th November	Graduation Photo taken today
18 th November	Finance Meeting – 6:30pm Facilities Meeting – 7:00pm C & P Meeting – 7:30pm
19 th November	Level 2 Incursion - Wild Action
25 th November	Prep Transition 9:30 – 10:30 School Council 7:00pm
26 th November	Whole School Dance 9:15 – 10:35
27 th November	RE Christmas Celebration: Our Lady of the Pines PS
3 rd December	Grade 6 Dance
7 th December	Prep 2010 Information Night
10 th December	Christmas Carols 7:00pm
14 th December	Reports go home
15 th December	Grade 3 Excursion “Meet new teachers” Year 6 Graduation
16 th December	Grade 5 Excursion Grade 2 Excursion
17 th December	Grade 6 Excursion
18th December	Assembly 12:30pm DISMISSAL 1:00pm

PLEASE NOTE:
Next Monday, 2 November 2009
Is a normal school day

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Over the last two weeks a number of our sporting teams have been competing in zone / regional finals competitions. All teams have done very well to reach this standard in the competitions – well done to all teams!

On Friday 16 October the Year 1 students had a sleepover at the school enjoying games, a movie and then a scavenger hunt after breakfast in the morning. It is a great introduction to the camping program at Milgate. All students enjoyed the experience and did manage to get some sleep!! Thank you to the teachers – Lyn Sanders, Claire

Harvey-Beavis and Karlie Gooding who organised and planned the sleepover. Thank you also to the parents who assisted – some staying overnight and others coming early to prepare breakfast.

On Saturday the Year 5 Aerobics Team competed against many primary schools in an aerobics competition at the Camberwell Civic Centre and did very well. Thanks to Linda Duke who trained the team and Penelope Kolovos and Claire Harvey-Beavis who assisted.

The Level 3 students enjoyed their excursion to Scienceworks last week and the Level 1 students had a science hands on activity session at the school. All students' knowledge and learning of science was enhanced by these experiences. The Level 4 students are enjoying their weekly dance sessions in preparation for the Year 6 graduation. All students have participated in the 'Spell Great at Milgate' competition over the last couple of weeks. Well done to the winners and runners up in each year level! Thanks to Trina Williamson and the teachers for organising this activity.

Reminder re World Teachers Day – Friday 30 October

On Friday 30 October it is World Teachers Day which is an opportunity for everyone to acknowledge and appreciate teachers and their work and contribution to students' learning. Why not surprise your teacher on World Teacher's Day and do something special for them – you could make a card, draw a picture, bring a flower, tell them what you appreciate, etc – be creative and surprise them.

Monday 2 November (before Melbourne Cup Day)

Monday will be a normal school day for students as all Pupil Free / Curriculum Days for state schools have been set by DEECD as from 2009. Friday 12 June was the last pupil free day for this year. In previous years schools have been able to select the dates for their four pupil free days. However DEECD now sets the dates each year for these days in all state schools and they are unable to be changed.

Children's Week 24 October – 1 November

Children's Week will be celebrated from 24 October – 1 November.

There are many community events and activities for children during this week both locally and around Victoria. With more than 150 free events taking place across Victoria, Children's Week has something for children of all ages. Various other events can be found on the website: www.education.vic.gov.au/childrensweek.

Working Bee – Sunday 22 November 9:00am – 12:00noon

There will be a working bee at the school on Sunday 22 November to tidy our school grounds and environment. Some of the work to be done is: weeding garden beds, spreading mulch, sweeping and general tidying up in preparation for our Carols Night.

Considerations for 2010 classes

When developing individual classes each year, teachers consider a number of factors including academic ability, special skills and talents, social competencies, gender, students who work well together, those who may not work well together and friendship groupings. While the students are consulted about current friendships, it is only one of the criteria considered because 'building new relationships' is also part of our education process and an important skill for students to develop. The placement of students for the coming year is a complex process where teachers put great thought and sensitivity into their planning. They discuss, reflect and review their decisions over a period of time.

If students have any learning or social needs to be considered when placing them in classes for 2010, parents can write a letter addressed to the Principal stating their needs and requests for consideration. Parents are not able to request specific teachers. The closing date for these considerations is: **Friday 6 November**. Requests received after this date are not able to be considered.

Fire Safety Presentation at Our Lady of the Pines School

The CFA is conducting a fire safety / bushfire readiness session at Our Lady of the Pines school on 24 November at 7:30pm. All Milgate Primary School parents and friends are invited to attend.

School Student Book Packs / Supplies and payments for 2010

Request for parents to assist on selling days

Students will receive notices in October / November in regard to payments for student book packs, resources and classroom requisites for 2010. These can be paid prior to the end of the year on book selling days during December. Student supply packs will be ready to be collected from the school on:

- **Monday 30 November** 8:30am – 10am and 2pm – 4pm
- **Wednesday 2 December** 8:30am – 10am and 2pm – 4pm
- **Friday 4 December** 8:30am – 10am and 2pm – 4pm
- **Wednesday 9 December** 4pm – 7pm.

We require a number of parents to assist with the distribution of the bookpacks on the days and times listed above. Even if you are only

able to assist with one session that would be much appreciated. This involves being available to distribute the bookbags and tick parents' names off on a master list when they come to collect the packs from an area in the school.

If you are able to assist please complete the form in this WHAM or contact the school office. Thank you for your assistance.

Debbie Mierisch
Principal

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

Fire Ready Victoria Community Information Evening

Dear parents,

A Fire Ready Victoria Community Information evening is to be held for parents of both OLOP and Milgate PS at 7.30pm on November 24th at Our Lady Of the Pines Catholic Primary School [77 Carbine St, Donvale, VIC. 3111]

Geoff Adams at the CFA has listed below the key features of this presentation:

Fire Ready Victoria" is a set information package being delivered state wide.

It provides General information on preparedness for bushfires and basic fire behaviour including:

- Fire is a natural and inevitable event in the Australian environment
- Planning and preparation for possible bushfires in high risk areas including urban fringe areas
- Preparedness for and response to bushfires
- How will I or others care for my children during a bushfire or on a high risk day
- How to prepare, respond and recover from bushfire related psychological stresses
- Reducing the risk by fuel reduction
- Information and Warnings before and during a bushfire

PE/OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Sporting Highlights: I would like to congratulate all the students who ran at the Edebone Regional Athletics Championships on Wednesday 14th October. All the students ran extremely well and were a great credit to Milgate. The results were as follows: Jessica O'K (Yr 6) ~ 11yr Girls 1500m ~ 2nd Place, Kayla R (Yr 6) ~ 12 yr Girls 1500m ~ 4th Place, Allanah H-S (Yr 6) ~ 12yr Girls Relay ~ 7th Place, Kirsten O (Yr 6) ~ 12yr Girls Relay ~ 7th Place, Taryn G (Yr 6) ~ 12yr Girls Relay ~ 7th Place, Stephanie G (Yr 6) ~ 12yr Girls Relay ~ 7th Place, Charlie T (Yr 4) ~ 10yr Boys 1500m ~ 5th Place & Edward P (Yr 5) ~ 11yr Boys 800m & 1500m ~ 6th Place & 3rd Place

Jessica O'K ran in the 11yr Girls 1500m at the State Athletics Championships at Olympics Park on Monday 26th October. Jess this is an outstanding achievement and well done for

placing 6th in the State. You should be extremely proud of everything you have done and you are a great credit to Milgate.

Eastern Yarra Zone Finals results: We have 5 teams into the Eastern Yarra Zone Grand Finals and the results of these will be in my next WHAM article. Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Girls Softball, Girls Rounders & Girls Volleyball.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Girls Rounders defeated Beverley Hills PS in the 1st Round of the Eastern Yarra Zone Finals • Balwyn PS forfeited the 2nd Round of the Eastern Yarra Zone Finals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Girls Softball defeated Greythorn PS in the 1st Round of the Eastern Yarra Zone Finals • Green Girls Softball defeated Eltham Nth PS in the 2nd Round of the Eastern Yarra Zone Finals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boys Softball lost to Banyule PS in the 1st Round of the Eastern Yarra Zone Finals
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boys Basketball defeated St Phillips in the 1st Round of the Eastern Yarra Zone Finals • Boys Basketball defeated Boroondara Park PS in the 2nd Round of the Eastern Yarra Zone Finals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girls Basketball defeated St Phillips in the 1st Round of the Eastern Yarra Zone Finals • Girls Basketball defeated St Francis Xavier in the 2nd Round of the Eastern Yarra Zone Finals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girls Volleyball defeated Belle Vue PS in the 2nd Round of the Eastern Yarra Zone Finals

Regional Hooptime Results:

We had 3 Junior (Yr 3 & 4) Hooptime Teams at Regional Finals on Friday 16th October at Diamond Valley Basketball Stadium. All teams played extremely well and we were successful in getting 2 of our teams the All Star Girls & the All Star Boys 1 through to the State Hooptime Competition on Tuesday 24th November.

On Wednesday 21st October we had our Senior (Yr 5 & 6) All Star Boys & Girls compete at the

Regional Hooptime competition at Dandenong Basketball Stadium, both teams played outstanding basketball on the day. We were successful in getting the 2 teams through to the State Hooptime Competition on Thursday 26th November.

Outdoor Education: Many thanks to all the Staff and Parents who helped out on the Yr 1 Sleepover at school on Friday 16th and Saturday 17th October. All the students had a fantastic time. Events such as these aren't possible without the support of the whole community, therefore once again a big thank you to everyone involved.

If you wish to know more about how you could help out with any aspect of the PE/Outdoor Learning Program, please contact me at school.

James Will
PE/Outdoor Learning Coordinator

Level 4

An excerpt from an Antarctica report:

Information that hurts (emperor penguins)

Once the mothers have reached their destination, they will be happy but there is also another animal that is happy as well and this is one of the worst predators ever in Antarctica, the leopard seal. This leopard seal can kill the penguin in one chomp of his jaw. The mother needs to get food fast or she will die.

If the egg gets exposed to the air it will crack and the chick inside will die, also if the penguin drops or loses their egg than it will die. The fathers may fall asleep and die. In the first year of the chick's life some of them may die.

By Stephanie A. 6TS

How to Sail a Raft that is Falling Apart!

-Camp Coonawarra 2009-

Materials:

Hollow plastic tube (at least 5)

Rope

Planks of wood (at least 2)

Old clothes

Lots of determination (you need to be as brave as a bear!!)

Method:

1. Lay out all of your plastic tubes on the ground side by side.
2. Place your biggest plank of wooden top of and in the middle of the plastic tubes but running in the other direction
3. Use the square lashing technique to secure your plank on to at least 4 plastic tubes (one on each side)

4. Using a combined group effort haul the raft into the water.
5. Watch mesmerised as it falls apart!
6. Sit on the main beam and paddle back to shore (it's easier to go backwards)
7. Stand under the hair dryer in your gender's bathroom until you are dry once more!

By Erin M. 6TS

An excerpt from a narrative:

It is a lazy winter's morning and my owner has gone to work so I am all alone, a small black and white cat called whiskers. I can smell my food waiting for me in the kitchen. I feel the cold air rushing through the sheets so I know it's cold outside. Then suddenly I hear a scratching at the window near the kitchen. I slowly get up and feel the coldness of the floor. I went to the kitchen and to my surprise I find two reindeer looking at me. It was snowing outside and they looked cold. I wondered what they were doing here and then I remembered my food bowl was lying in the kitchen. By Madeline H. 6TS

Snow Dogs In Antarctica An Excerpt:

I woke to feel the freezing wind blowing on my back. I turned around and saw my owner. He told me that today we were going to take the scientist to the mountains to find a special crystal. I woke the other dogs and we set off. We had been going up the mountain for a long time and we were getting very high. We stopped because my owner said if we go any higher the ice would be too unstable. We slowed down and the scientist saw the crystal. Before we could stop him he was over at the crystal. He picked the crystal up and "ahhhh" he had fell. We raced down the hill to where he was. By Jessica O. 6TS

Animal Cruelty An Excerpt:

I believe there is no reason for anyone to do anything bad to animals, especially how some people are doing these days. A couple of weeks ago, a dog was found and some cruel person had chopped off both of the dog's ears and tail! Luckily the poor little dog survived, but not by much! Now this poor dog has to live a life without any ears or a tail!

Can you imagine what all the animals go through when people torture them? I don't know what it would be like because I've never been tortured the way some animals have, but I'm sure it would be very, very frightening!! If you went to the RSPCA, almost every animal there probably went through something horrible!

By Laura P. 6TS ☺

Level 4 Team

JSC News

Just a quick reminder that the JSC are organising a collection of packaged and tinned foods for Doncare, a local charity who support families in need by providing a number of programs to assist those who are struggling financially. When you are shopping next, think of Doncare and buy something extra that the JSC can collect for them. It is a great and easy way to support our local community. There will be a basket for the collection in the foyer and one in each grade.

Remembrance Day is 11 November and in the following weeks the JSC will be selling poppies for \$1 for students, \$2 for visitors and staff to help the RSL assist war veterans and their dependents. Wear a poppy to show your support to those who have served in times of conflict.

Junior School Council

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Doncare Donations Drive

Wed 11th & Thu 12th Nov

It's time to gather all your good quality clothing, shoes and manchester that you no longer use or need. We're taking collections in the Community Room on both days at these times:

8.45am - 9.15am

3.15pm - 3.45pm

So help out a local charity and free up some space in your wardrobe at the same time.

Christmas Raffle

Drawn at Milgate's Carols Night - Thu 10th Dec.

We'll be sending home a flyer and raffle tickets, in late November, for you to purchase your chance to win 1 of 3 fabulous Christmas

Hampers. Watch out for the flyer to see further details of the great prize hampers.

Donations for Christmas Raffle

Would you like to donate a product, a service, a gift or some Christmas decorations? Then please bring them along and leave them at the office for us (along with your details so we know who to thank).

The Smith Family Christmas Gift Tree Appeal

Mon 16th Nov - Wed 2nd Dec.

Once again another tradition at Milgate and another way to help others in the Melbourne community.

Our Christmas tree will be up on Mon 16th Nov in the office foyer for you to select your gift tag from the tree, then you simply purchase a gift (remember to check the suggestions) and place it under the tree with the tag (no wrapping required).

Milgate has always supported this community event by giving generously and we know 2009 will again show the wonderful community spirit here at Milgate.

Next P&F Meeting

Our next meeting is on Friday 20th November at 9.00am in the Community Room (our last for 2009). You don't have to be a member to attend our meetings, just come along and join us! Please remember to sign-in at the office first.

P&F Committee

PARENT ASSISTANCE with DISTRIBUTION OF STUDENT BOOK PACKS

I am able to assist with the distribution of Student Book Packs on the following day/s and time/s (circle the one that applies):

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Wednesday 2 December	8:30am – 10am	2pm – 4pm
Friday 4 December	8:30am – 10am	2pm – 4pm
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PARENT NAME: _____

Child's name: _____ Class: _____

**MILGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL CANTEEN
TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY SPECIALS
\$3.50 LUNCH PACKS**



<p>Nov 4th only</p>  <p>1 Chicken Tender Cheese Jaffle Fruit Drop</p>	<p>Nov 4th only</p>  <p>Fried Rice with bacon Fruit Juice Cup</p>
<p>Nov 10th + Nov 11th only</p>  <p>Hot Dog 1 Mini Muffin Hot Chocolate</p>	<p>Nov 10th + Nov 11th only</p>  <p>Spaghetti Bolognese Fruit Juice Tube</p>

You can simply cut out or write down the lunch pack you want and attach to a paper bag with your child's name and grade.



WORKING BEE

Sunday 22nd November, 2009 9:00am – 12:00noon

The focus will be a general garden tidy up and mulching of the garden beds.

Please bring: Brooms, wheelbarrows, basic garden tools, Safety glasses, gloves and boots, the family! Hope to see you there!



Please return this slip to the school office by Thursday, 19th November

Name: _____

Eldest Child & Grade: _____

I/we will be attending the working bee on **Sunday 22nd November.**

COMMUNITY NEWS

Please see our Community Noticeboard (located outside the Art room) for any interesting community events. The Department of Education and Training (DET) does not endorse the products or services of any private advertiser. No responsibility is accepted by the Department of Education and Training (DET) or Milgate Primary School Council for accuracy of information contained in advertisements or claims made by them.

MILGATE COMMUNITY BASKETBALL - REGISTRATION DAY FOR 2010 SEASON

Milgate participates in the Doncaster and District Primary Schools competition. Games are played on Saturdays at two local venues, and training is held at Milgate one afternoon a week. The competition is competitive but is also designed for beginners learning the skills of basketball. New teams/players are being sought for the 2010 season (see details below). For further details of the competition, please call either Julie Martyn on 9842 1312 or Deb Caldwell on 9841 0984. Please note details of **Registration Day** for the 2010 Season set out below.

When: **Wednesday 4th November**

Time: **3.00p.m. – 4.00p.m.**

Where: **Area outside the Canteen**

Registration forms for 2010 will be available on Registration Day or can be collected earlier from the school office. Please note – if new singlet is required, payment must be made on ordering.

Registration Fee: \$30.00 per child (for full year)

Singlet (boys/girls): \$30.00

****New Co-ordinators Required for 2010****

Due to one of our basketball co-ordinators leaving Milgate this year, the committee requires one or two new people to come on board to assist Debbie Caldwell in the supervision of the school competition.

This is not a demanding role, but rewarding and very worthwhile.

If you can help out in this area or would like to know more details, please call either Julie Martyn on 0409 488 397 or Deb Caldwell on 9841 0984.

Please give this position some serious consideration, as if we cannot get any new volunteers, Milgate Community Basketball will possibly not be able to continue next year.

Milgate Basketball Committee



Donvale Cricket Club

in2Cricket Milo program



Ideal for kids aged 6 – 10
Great Fun environment whilst learning the cricket basics

Every Saturday morning from 10am – 11:15am
@ Donvale Sports Club, Noonan Way off Mitcham Road, Melways: 48F3

Fee: \$50 includes Milo hat & T-shirt.
Sausage Sizzle every week.

For More Info Contact our Juniors Co-ordinator:
Darren 0412 533 284 or darren.walton@donvalecc.com.au

MILGATE ACHIEVERS		Week Ending 16th October 2009
PJP	Adam Z.	For quickly finding pairs of numbers that make 10 using the tens frames.
PLM	Mia M.	For her fantastic story writing about a cat.
PPK	Whole class	For their great effort and positive attitude towards their learning
PPM	Isabella D.	For writing fantastic story writing.
1CH	Whole class	For being so wonderful and having so much fun at the grade 1 sleepover.
1KG	Elizabeth T.	For her descriptive and entertaining writing and her consistent effort in all class work.
1LS	Jay T.	For trying his best and “having a go” with his writing.
2KW	Justin B.	For his using lots of expression during guided reading
2SL	Hassaan I.	For working extra hard during Literacy Activities
2WH	Molly G.	For concentrating well and working hard to achieve her best. Keep it up Molly!
34H	Chloe D.	Congratulations on being voted class leader for 3/4H for term 4
3DM	Abigail C.	For her excellent effort in 3DM’s spelling competition.
3JG	Lucy L.	For her outstanding efforts with number and table facts
3MN	Tia S.	For attempting unfamiliar tasks more confidently!!!
4CJ	Brendan L.	For his fantastic efforts on his research poster
4TK	Ben O.	For responsibly taking on the role of class leader for term 4.
5OH	Courtney .F.	For good classroom behaviour, and her recent effort to participate more in class activities.
5GP	Valerie O.	For an excellent effort in her writing & great manners.
5SB	Stephen G.	For his fantastic Antarctic current affairs presentation – great work!
5TW	Lauren M.	For her outstanding effort in all her work and quality presentation.
6AH	Kathryn P. Emma-Lee C.	For taking on the initiative to clean up our school and setting a wonderful example to other students. Our school has never looked so clean. Thank you for your fantastic effort!
6GA	Joo-Lienne L	For her great work in Maths.
6JC	Karyn N.	For her excellent efforts in the Spell Great at Milgate.
6TS	Lexie F.	For always been an excellent classroom helper.
LOTE	Maddy T. (5TW)	For her excellent attitude and effort to her work.
MUSIC	Ashley H. (5SB)	For her fantastic efforts in the Aerobic team routine.
ART	Konner L. (3MN)	For being an enthusiastic learner, for putting a fantastic effort into his Picasso design and also continuing his drawing at home.
PE	Cara B.	For terrific volleyball skills at the Templestowe District Round Robin

MILGATE ACHIEVERS		Week Ending 23rd October 2009
PJP	Ryan C.	For demonstrating excellent listening behaviour during the Spell Great spell-off.
PLM	Ethan G.	For his fantastic achievement in 'Spell Great at Milgate'
PPK	Mitchell D.	For his fantastic achievement in 'Spell Great at Milgate'
PPM	Sohela L.	For a big effort in all her learning.
1CH	Spiro D. & Josh R.	For their excellent effort in 'Spell Great at Milgate'
1KG	Claudia M.	For being a responsible and efficient Platypus Bank teller.
1LS	Whole Class	For all being such stars at narrative writing.
2KW	Kate K.	For settling in well during her first week at Milgate.
2SL	Brooke T.	For trying her hardest and for taking part in activities with a smile
2WH	Jeremy N.	for challenging himself to be an excellent speller
34H	Dylan D.	For making our new class member welcome
3DM	Liam D.	For being a considerate class member and for helping others
3JG	Rachel C.	For her excellent achievements in the NSW English and Mathematics Competition
3MN	Sabine J.	For her fantastic work ethic and being an extremely responsible and conscientious Scientist!
4CJ	Brodie S.	For solving problems with her friends in a positive and mature manner ☺
4KB	Danielle P. Jacob P.	For showing excellent concentration skills during silent reading time Being helpful to others during snack times
4TK	Emily I.	For her excellent effort in maths this week.
5OH	Atiqah MA & Daniel T.	For representing our class in Spell Great at Milgate. In the top 8 students out of over 100- well done!!
5GP	Ben G.	For organising and producing a video for the Year 5 students
5SB	Karen Z. & Abigail Z.	For their amazing performance in the Grade 5 Spell Great at Milgate – well done!
5TW	Eddie W. & George K.	For representing 5TW so well in Spell Great at Milgate!
6AH	Domenic J.	For being a cooperative and helpful member of the class. For focussing well on classroom tasks and striving to make improvements.
6GA	Aaron D.	For being a very responsible and independent learner.
6JC	Emily S.	
6TS	Jessica O.	For always being a great helper in the classroom.
LOTE	Bryce J. (3JG)	For his excellent effort and great improvements in listening and completing class tasks. .
MUSIC	Andrew D. (5GP)	For his consistent efforts towards the Aerobic Team routine.
ART	Laura J. Jonathon N. (2WH)	For their excellent washing up in Art.