

DIARY DATES	
Friday 3 April	Last day of Term 1 – Dismissal at 2.30pm
Monday 20 April	Term 2 Commences
Tuesday 21 April	Student Leadership excursion to Anzac ceremony
Wed 22 April	Annual Reporting Meeting 7pm, All parents welcome School Council Meeting 7.30pm
Monday 27 April	House Cross Country
Tuesday 28 April	School Photos
Monday 18 May	Celebrating Education Week and Open Day / Open Night

FROM THE PRINCIPAL**Starting Great at Milgate**

It has been an excellent start to the year with all classes participating in the Starting Great at Milgate Program which promotes student wellbeing. All children have been a part of creating their class purpose statements and class norms which set out agreed, expected standards of behaviour. I have a set of each of the class agreements in my office and I have often shown them to prospective new parents. They clearly show how each class contributes to the whole school learning community here at Milgate. During this term we have started to review our policies and practices with regards to well being with a view to improving consistency across the school. Please find attached a draft document for your reflection and feedback. You are welcome to add your comments or suggestions and return them to me before they get ratified at School Council early next term.

School council

School Council plays an important role in the life of a school. We rely very much on parent volunteers who give up their valuable time to attend meetings and participate in policy development and decision making all of which adds value to your child's education. I would like to publicly thank and acknowledge the contributions made by our retiring school counsellors this year - David McIvor, Peter Kempinski and Anthony Phillips. I especially would like to thank David who has been involved in School Council for 6 years. He has been School Council President for the last 3 of those

years and has forged a great sense of teamwork and dedication amongst counsellors. He has identified priorities and worked closely with administration and staff harnessing community talents to realise school goals. His personal support and professional friendship has been very much appreciated.

The new School Council meets for the first time at 7 pm on the first Wednesday of next term (April 22).

Staffing Changes

Linda Carter, Linda Hill and Lyn Sanders will be on leave in Term 2 and we welcome Ange Alexandrou (5LC), Janece Dunn (3/4 LH) and Sandi Lucas and Michelle Brockley (1LS) to our staff. They have all taught at Milgate previously and I'm certain that it will take no time for them to settle back into our Milgate community.

Term Overview

It's difficult to believe that the term is over – time has just flown by. It's been a very busy term and I'm absolutely thrilled with the number of positive changes that have been embraced by staff, students and our community. I thank everyone sincerely for your continued support and commitment to Milgate and wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday break.

Jan Marinakos
Acting Principal

From the Assistant Principal

Our very successful tennis team presented with their winning banner and certificates as District Champions.



April Fool's Day i.e. the first day of April was celebrated by our students with a Crazy Hat Day, organised by the Junior School Council. Emily in PJP is wearing her own colourful creation.



Mrs Jensen got into the spirit of the day with a very clever 'Library Quarantine' restricting access due to a vicious outbreak of Vermis Libri.

Students can often recall the days made momentous by the wonderful and sometimes wacky actions of our staff. A sense of fun is an important component of our learning and our connectedness to Milgate.

Liz Barr
Assistant Principal

School Photos

Please note that Advanced Photographers will be at Milgate on Tuesday 28th April to do our student photos. Envelopes and information will be distributed on the first day of term. There is also the option of sibling photos. Payment will be required on the day or there will be late fee charges.

EMA

Education Maintenance Allowance cheques for Semester 1 have now arrived at school. Please collect from the school office if you elected cheque payment (not direct deposit).

Education Tax Refund

Under the new Education Tax Refund, parents who are eligible can now claim 50% of their eligible education expenses up to

\$750 for primary students. You can claim stationery, school text books and associated learning materials. Therefore we have been sending receipts home to parents paying the school charges which include Essential Items. School fees, excursions, uniforms cannot be claimed. All other receipts will not be sent home unless requested. Family Statements are available at any time.

Janine Caudry, Business Manager

LOTE

I would like to congratulate to all our Grade 1 students for their enthusiasm in learning a new language. This term they have been learning some basic greetings, classroom instructions and counting numbers 1 to 10 in Mandarin. Students have been practising their listening and speaking through various

activities including games, songs and watching videos. They have also made and used puppets to practise what they learned. Recently students have learned to write some simple Chinese characters. Most of the students have written their first Chinese words. I am pleased to see their work was done with great care and enthusiasm. I often hear students practising their newly learnt greetings around the school. What a great way to learn a new language!



LOTE Teacher
Wan-Ping Nixon

Library News

Students from grades 1-6 can now borrow up to **8 books** for the holidays. I want to see lots of blank spots on the library shelves, and lots of happy readers!

Milgate Primary now has access to World Book Online. This can be accessed from home using the following password and user name

Username: milgate

Password: library

URL: www.worldbookonline.com

During the holidays, I encourage all parents and students to have a close look at this valuable resource, and to explore the range of information on offer. This site is better than Wikipedia because all facts are checked before publication.

Mrs Jensen

Lost Property

Please ensure that you or your child/children check the lost property cupboard in the Artroom/canteen/office corridor for any items they may have lost recently. There are a large pile of belongings and uniforms (mainly jumpers) that are either unidentifiable due to fading labels, or are unlabelled. The end of

the term 1 and the start of the term 2 would be ideal times to check for any unrecovered items.

Dimitria Dertilis

Parents and Friends Update

STARLIGHT CINEMA NIGHT

We had a fantastic night for Milgate's outdoor cinema experience with over 90 families attending the evening! Everyone enjoyed the fresh popcorn, snacks and coffee.... but the real winners with the kids were the glowstick bracelets and lucky dips! Everyone then settled down to enjoy the movie.

Our congratulations to Aryan (2WH) who was the winner of the \$50 Action Indoor Sports voucher.

We'd like to thank everyone involved who helped to make this such a great night for the Milgate community. We would also like to thank our sponsors for the night:

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Bulleen Plaza

T: 9850 8744

www.fernwoodfitness.com.au

F.U.N TUTORING CENTRE

21 Norfolk Court, Doncaster

T: 9840 7205

EASTER RAFFLE

CONGRATULATIONS to all the winners of these very chocolately Easter hampers. 1st Prize went to the Bradley Family (6JA), 2nd Prize went to Ben O, 3rd prize to Daisy (3/4H) and 4th Prize went to Luke O. Our thanks to the entire Milgate community for your continued support.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Flyers and order forms were sent home on Monday. Entertainment Books will be available very soon. If you order and pay for your book now, you could receive a special reward certificate with six amazing offers - get in quick though, numbers are limited!

A sample book will be available in Term 2 so you can see all the amazing offers and just how you really can save money!

Parents & Friends Group

SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM

Learn keyboard, guitar, flute, clarinet, saxophone, violin, drums, here at Milgate Primary School.

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, flute, clarinet, saxophone, violin, drums, here at the school. Creative Music for Schools conducts a School Music Program of private or small group classes

each week here at the school aiming to give children an excellent grounding in music. Children will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument. Lessons can be started at any time during the school year. Tuition costs from \$13.40 per lesson (payable per term) and enrolments are now being accepted for term 2. Interested parents should call Swee during business hours on 9818 2333 for more information or visit our web site www.creativemusic.com.au

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.

ABCD PARENTING YOUNG ADOLESCENTS

A workshop for parents of children aged 10 – 14 years

As kids enter adolescence it can become a 'whole new ballgame' for parents. We often hear that this is a difficult stage which some parents feel they just have to survive. It doesn't have to be this way! ABCD Parenting Young Adolescents is a six session program that looks at how to maintain a mutually caring and respectful relationship with your adolescent, whilst still maintaining the 'last say' on important matters. The course includes how to manage an emotional, or unresponsive, teenager; addressing issues that concern you so that you (and they) feel heard; and how to resolve ongoing issues. The next course being held by Doncare starts on Tuesday 21 April, 2009, 7 – 9.30pm, at the East Doncaster Baptist Church, 47 Tunstall Road, East Doncaster. Cost \$60 (\$40 concession). To book phone Anna Jones on 9841 4215 or email anna@doncare.org.au

Currawong Junior – Round Robin School Holiday Tournaments [please note change of day]

Tuesday 7th April and Wednesday 15th April. 9am–4pm at Currawong Tennis Club (synthetic grass), cnr. Reynolds and Springvale Road, Donvale (Melways Ref: 34 H7). \$30 per student. Includes BBQ lunch and trophies. Ages: 6 – 17. Open to all standards. Telephone; 0404 028 104 / 9848 5060.

Victorian Lions Futsal - Elite Holiday Futsal Clinic (U11 age group)

Players in these clinics will have the chance to be selected in a Victorian Lions Futsal U10 or U11 squad, to play in local and national competitions. The elite Futsal clinics offer only 15 spaces in each group. Registrations will be taken on a first in, first served basis and will be conducted at Sportlink, 2 Hanover Road, Vermont South, and also at Carey Sports Complex, 169 Bulleen Road, Bulleen 6th – 8th April and 14th – 16th April. Cost \$150 per player, includes 3x 3hour training sessions and player registration with Football Federation Victoria that will cover insurance.

For more information contact: Jara Dedic Telephone: 0403 705 283

Email: victorianlionsfutsal@bigpond.com

Registration forms are available at the School Office

PE/OUTDOOR LEARNING NEWS

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: On Friday 20th March we had 3 Girls (Celeste C, Kayla R & Justina B) and 3 Boys (Ed P, Josh J & Ben G) compete in the Templestowe District Tennis competition at St Kevins Tennis Club in Templestowe. All 6 students played extremely well on the day and both teams ended up as District Champions. We have been successful in getting 4 of the 6 students through to the Edebone Regional Tennis Championships on Monday 4th May. We wish Celeste C (Girls Singles), Kayla R (Girls Doubles), Justina B (Girls Doubles) & Ed P (Boys Doubles) all the best at the Edebone Regional Championships.

INTERSCHOOL SPORT: We played our 6th Round of Interschool Sport on Thursday 19th March, with the Green Teams playing away against Warrandyte and the White Teams at home against OLOP.

ROUND 6: Thursday 19th March		
GREEN TEAMS	MILGATE PS	WARRANDYTE PS
Cricket	Won 1/41	8/25
Bat Tennis	Won 40	23
Mixed Rounders	Won 30	5
Girls Rounders	Won 40	4
Boys Softball	Won 23	8
Girls Softball	Won 17	1
WHITE TEAMS	MILGATE PS	OLOP
Cricket	Won 1/79	3/24
Bat Tennis	Won 54	7
Mixed Rounders	Lost 12	18
Girls Rounders	Won 30	11
Boys Softball	Lost 9	13
Girls Softball	Won 11	9
ROUND 7: Thursday 26th March		
GREEN TEAMS	MILGATE PS	SERPELL PS
Cricket	Won 5/31	8/22
Bat Tennis	Lost 19	45
Mixed Rounders	Lost 15	18
Girls Rounders	Won 10	1
Boys Softball	Won 16	3
Girls Softball	Won 10	6
WHITE TEAMS	MILGATE PS	SERPELL PS
Cricket	Lost 8/39	5/53
Bat Tennis	Won 51	24
Mixed Rounders	Lost 19	20
Girls Rounders	Won 30	20
Boys Softball	Won 21	16
Girls Softball	Lost 8	14

GO FOR YOUR LIFE: The “Free Fruit Friday Program” (for Prep – Yr 2), which I was successful in getting funding for, will begin in Term 2. We are going to use T & V Fruits at Tunstall Square as our local supplier and they will deliver the fruit early in the week. We will therefore require a team of parents to distribute the fruit to the 11 Prep – Yr 2 class. If you are interested in helping out with this program, please let me know ASAP.

For more information visit: www.goforyourlife.vic.gov.au

OUTDOOR EDUCATION:

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.

MILGATE ACHIEVERS		Week Ending 20th March 2009
PJP	Emily D	For being an encouraging friend.
PLM	Mitchell R.	For displaying lovely manners all week.
PPK	Ethan W.	For always trying to do his best work and for his fantastic counting.
PPM	Jessica M.	For being a Golden Word "Champion".
1CH	Alex X.	For working so hard on his spelling.
1KG	James M.	For his consistent, hardworking approach to all tasks.
1LS	Cassandra H.	For being a very well mannered, co-operative classmate.
2KW	Ryan	For his sensational learning to start the week.
2SL	Hayley L.	For being responsible for her own and other learning.
2WH	Laura J.	For her great ideas during our discussion about responsibility.
34H	Ellie N.	For kindness and encouragement to her friends.
3DM	Ricky Z.	For always including others in games.
3JG	Bryce	For his friendly manner to everyone.
3MN	Daniel C.	For becoming more confident at school & speaking English to his classmates.
4CJ	Josh V.	For showing courtesy and involving others.
4KB	Daniel V.	For being friendly and working quietly at his table.
4TK	Jenna T.	For being a responsible class leader.
5AA	Samantha C.	For working neatly and quietly in books and on projects.
5GP	Jenny S.	For a great family tree project and excellent manners.
5SE	Abigail Z.	For her excellent use of descriptive language in her narrative.
5TW	Kyriah S.	For a great attitude with her school work.
6AH	Rita (last week) Emma-Lee	For excellent organisational skills and fantastic application to set work.
6GA	Christopher L	For his excellent participation in all tasks.
6JA	Edwin L	For working responsibly in class time.
6TS	Ebony P.	For producing an excellent project on Greece in her own time.
LOTE	Bradley S. (1CH)	For being such a great learner in LOTE.
MUSIC	Grade 4CJ	For their complete focus during music and showing great audience skills.
ART	Grade 6AH	For working quietly and with productivity in Art.
PE	Josh J. (6GA)	For his excellent efforts at District Tennis.

MILGATE ACHIEVERS**Week Ending 27th March 2009**

PJP	Stafford L	For doing fabulous work with tens and units.
PLM	Isabelle M.	For always striving to achieve her personal best.
PPK	Emma M.	For being responsible and considerate towards others.
PPM	Madison	For making a wonderful effort with her writing.
1CH	Sofea	For being a very helpful class member.
1KG	Jason P.	For being a super computer helper.
1LS	Jay T.	For showing great concentration and focus in literacy.
2KW	Nicola K.	For her wonderful love for learning.
2SL	Emily E.	For having a go during class discussions.
2WH	Chloe D.	For her great work with 2D shapes.
34H	Za Vin A.	For always displaying the Milgate values.
3DM	Joshua P.	For his positive work ethic and his consideration for others.
3JG	Blake	For working hard to complete all homework tasks.
3MN	Josh M	For being an excellent Chief Cleaning Inspector all term.
4CJ	Oliva P.	For being helpful and considerate in the classroom.
4KB	Paul T.	For persevering with his hand writing and for including others in games in the yard.
4TK	Rorey T.	For being an excellent class leader for term 1.
5AA	Atigah M.	For doing her homework with extra effort in research.
5GP	James P.	For an excellent project on "Flight" and great manners.
5SE	Aaron K.	For working hard to complete his Germany poster and narrative.
5TW	Joe W.	For striving to do his best each week.
6AH	Annie K.	For being a friendly & cooperative class member, always striving to achieve her best!!
6GA	Aimee K.	For her thoughtful and positive approach to all tasks.
6JA	Simran S.	For consistently producing a high standard of written work.
6TS	Natalie R.	For her enthusiastic attitude for learning and always giving 100% to all tasks.
LOTE	Micaela B (4KB)	For being a sensible and cooperative learner.
MUSIC	Grade Prep LM	For their outstanding behaviour and beautiful singing in music.
ART	Melanie V (2KW)	For her consistent, mature, hard-working approach in Art.
PE	Cara B (6JA)	For putting in a terrific performance in our rounders game against Serpell PS.

