

<b>DIARY DATES</b>	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Level 1 Excursion – Collingwood Children’s Farm Level 3 Excursion – Queen Victoria Market
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Grade 1 Excursion – Museum Grade 2 Excursion - Museum
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	“Meet the Principal” Afternoon Tea 2:30pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	National “Walk Safely to School” Day
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Celebrating Education Week and Open Day / Open Night
18 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Level 3 Swimming Commences
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	District Cross Country
25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Level 4 Camp

### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

This is my first newsletter at Milgate Primary School. Thank you to everyone for the wonderful welcome - I spent my first day visiting the students in classrooms and many have been coming to tell me their names and all about themselves. I have also met many parents and have appreciated everyone’s friendliness. Positive relationships within a school community are important for staff, students and parents to achieve the best learning outcomes. The values underpin relationships and everything that happens in a school. Our values are: responsibility, resilience, respect, integrity and co-operation. Parents and staff provide role models for students in demonstrating the values through positive relationships. Education is a partnership between all members of the school community and I am looking forward to the learning journey with staff, parents and students at Milgate as we continue to work together. We aim to provide the best learning opportunities for our students that engage, challenge, motivate them and prepare them for their future in both the local and global community.

### **BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION (BER)**

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, the BER is Commonwealth Government funding for schools in two programs – *National Schools Pride* and *Primary Schools for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*.

Milgate has been successful in receiving the *National Schools Pride* \$200,000 and quotes are being sourced for the extension of the staffroom kitchen area to provide for student cooking activities, landscaping providing a definite entrance pathway to the school, and adjustments to the car park. We have also submitted an application in the *Primary Schools for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* program and are awaiting the outcome for one of the proposed templates comprising four student learning areas and a multi-media facility. This is a great opportunity for Milgate to extend and procure additional facilities to enhance the learning of students.

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

Last week at the AGM of school council the following school councillors were elected as office bearers: President – Nena Sadler, Vice President - Andrew Gaythorpe , Treasurer – John Tommasoni. The principal is the Executive Officer. The other school councillors are: Parent members: Patrick Ow, Paula Both, David Greenwood, Robert Pace, Don Rixon. DEECD (staff) members: Carly Jones, Liz Barr, Jan Marinakos.

The school council is a governance body that oversees policies, finances, facilities through the sub-committees and works together with

the school community to enhance the learning opportunities for students.

Thank you to the following school councillors who have been part of the School Council over the last period – David McIvor, Frans Marais, Peter Kempinski and Anthony Phillips.

### SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Last week the school leaders attended a local ANZAC ceremony at the Templestowe War Memorial where the mayor and other guests spoke, the last post was played and students laid wreaths and flowers at the memorial. We observed a minute's silence to remember those who died in wars so we could live in a free country.

The weather stayed fine on Monday morning for the Milgate cross country in which Years 4-6 participated at Landscape Park. Congratulations to the winning team - McCubbin and to those

students who have been selected to compete in the District Cross Country competition.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Emma-Lee C in Year 6AH who has qualified to compete in the World Trampolining Championships in Russia in November – what a fantastic achievement.

### MEET THE PRINCIPAL

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 2:30pm there will be a 'Meet the Principal' afternoon tea for parents in the staffroom. Come along and have a chat and I look forward to meeting with you then. Any parents are welcome to attend.

*Debbie Mierisch*  
Principal

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### Visual Arts

#### ACKNOWLEDGING ANZAC DAY IN THE ART ROOM – MAKING POPPIES.

Students from Level 2, 3 and 4 capped off Week 1 of Term 2 making poppy flowers to acknowledge and commemorate Anzac day on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April. We started off with questioning and discussion about the significance and importance of Anzac day and the context behind why we wear poppies to remember the ANZACS.

The level of knowledge that students demonstrated in their class discussions showed that students at Milgate are very aware of our country's involvement in WW1 and other wars we have served. Students displayed a lot of knowledge about the details and facts surrounding ANZAC Day and what our country's soldiers and their families sacrificed to fight for our country. This was most impressive!

Level 4's did a fantastic job of making giant Crepe Paper Poppies while Levels 2 & 3 also

did an excellent job in making some decorative cardboard paper poppies. Students were very proud of their poppies and did a wonderful job of these.

Here are some images of students with the poppies they created:



Dimie Dertilis  
Art Teacher

### PERFORMING ARTS EDUCATION WEEK

During Open Night on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May students are invited to showcase their musical ability by performing in various places around the school. Students wishing to perform for 10 to 15 minutes on Open Night should write their name and grade down on a piece of paper and give it to me by the end of Week 3 (May 8). Please encourage your child to join in this great opportunity to perform in front of a live audience. Thank you.

Linda Duke  
Performing Arts



## PE/Outdoor Learning Program

**For Your Information:** We had a number of students last week participate in, District Football and Soccer Trials. This was the first round for the Victorian Primary School State Teams. We had three successful students who will proceed to the Eastern Yarra Zone Trials in a couple of weeks time. (James L, Aaron C & Ed P)

Emma-Lee C in Grade 6 recently competed in the Victorian Trampoline Championships and has been successful in qualifying for the World Championships in Russia in November. Emma-Lee will hear in the next couple of months if she will be going to Russia in November. We wish you all the best during the next selection process and we are extremely proud of you Emma-Lee.

We had our annual House Cross Country Competition on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April. It was outstanding to see so many students running so well on Monday and many thanks to all the staff and parental support I received on the day. I must say that without this support days like this would be impossible to run so successfully. Congratulations to McCubbin who ended up winning this year's competition.

1 <sup>st</sup> Place ~ McCubbin
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place ~ Boyd
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place ~ Roberts
4 <sup>th</sup> Place ~ Streeton

**Interschool Sport:** We have 2 weeks of training sessions for this terms Interschool Sport and our 1<sup>st</sup> round starts on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May, with our Green Teams playing at home against St Clements PS and the White Teams playing away against Andersons Creek PS.

**Go For Your Life:** The "Free Fruit Friday Program" (for Prep – Yr 2), started last week and by all the feedback I received it was a huge success. We are using T & V Fruits at Tunstall Square as our local supplier and we are encouraging all Milgate families to make use of T & V Fruits for your fruit and vegetable supplies. If you are interested in helping out with this program, please let me know ASAP. You would only be required to give about ½ hour on a Wednesday morning to plate up the fruit and then deliver it to the appropriate grades.

For more information visit:

[www.goforyourlife.vic.gov.au](http://www.goforyourlife.vic.gov.au)

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 1

Last week the prep students were provided with a platter of fruit to eat during snack time. On the platter there was mandarin, big, juicy, green grapes, apples, pears and bananas. It didn't take long for the delicious fruit to be gobbled up. Here are some of their comments.

I like mandarin because it's sweet and juicy-Madison.

Fruit is my favourite food. Alicia

I love fruit the best because it's nice.-Kirsty



### Level 4

On Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April, the Level 4 Student Leaders attended an ANZAC Ceremony at the Templestowe War Memorial in Foote St. The leaders, including the School Leaders, House Leaders & Junior School Council Representatives, listened to an informative address given by Commodore Clint Thomas CSC, RAN as he spoke about the spirit of ANZAC.

Jake and Natasha, our School Leaders, have written about their experience.

*The bus jerked to a stop as the Milgate Leaders stepped off the bus into the warm April sunshine. As soon as the bus doors flew open, the Australian Army Band's music entered my ears. I tingled with excitement. I*

could see the people from the band playing their instruments, and the colourful uniforms of children sitting down on the grass. I could smell the beautiful aromas from the flowers. We all got handed a little Australian flag and a program of the service. We sat on the grass and waited patiently for the other schools to arrive. That's how the ANZAC service started. On the 21<sup>st</sup> of April 2009, the Milgate Leaders all attended the Schools ANZAC Service. It was a great opportunity to learn a bit more about why we celebrate ANZAC day and how so many brave soldiers gave up their lives for our country. The service included a few short speeches from several different men, a hymn that everyone could sing, and the ANZAC Requiem which was read by the School Captains of East Doncaster Secondary College. There was also a part in the service where a couple of students from each school, lay down a wreath or a bunch of flowers on behalf of their school. As School Leader, I had the privilege of laying our collection of pretty flowers beside all the others, at the base of the statue.

Overall, it was a great experience remembering the soldiers who fought in the wars to protect our wonderful country. We will never forget their courage and bravery.

By Natasha V 6GA

On Tuesday, the Level 4 Leaders attended an ANZAC Ceremony in Templestowe. When we got off the bus there were some soldiers with real guns! (Rifles.) On the way in we were given a programme and an Aussie flag. The ANZAC army band was playing different songs. It was quite sunny so luckily we got to sit in some shade provided by the trees. At first, four soldiers walked really slowly towards a big grave mark. They each took a corner and didn't move.

Later on, Charles Pick, (Mayor of Manningham) welcomed some representatives. They spoke for a little while and then called on Commodore Clint Thomas from the Armed Forces. The EDSC School Captains made speeches and a representative asked if anyone had any flowers they would like to place. Kids from all the schools got up and placed flowers and wreaths that rested against the grave mark. I put some flowers down and walked back to my spot. We stood in silence for a minute and I thought of the bravery and determination that the ANZACs must have shown. 'The Last Post' was played followed by 'Lest We

Forget.' We all sang the first verse of 'Advance Australia Fair' and were dismissed by a representative. I really enjoyed the experience and I learnt more about ANZAC Day.

Jake H 6AH

### JSC News

We are working on getting drinking taps on the bottom oval. We are looking for a plumber that would be happy to give us a quote on how much the pipes would cost to join to the back of the stadium. If you would like to help us please contact the Junior School Council or Mrs. Harrison.

### ANZAC Day Badges

Last week we were selling ANZAC Day Badges for \$1. We raised \$116 for the RSL. Thanks to everyone who bought a badge.

### CORKS for MND

Don't forget to keep collecting corks for Motor Neurone Disease. They can be left in the box in B4.

Olivia and Chantelle  
Junior School Council

### Parents and Friends Update Mother's Day Stall

May is just around the corner and that means our annual Mother's Day Stall is not far away either. Flyers went home last week with all the details so be sure to send \$5 (in a sealed envelope marked with your child's name and grade) with your child/ren on Thursday 7th May.

On Friday 8th May, all children can purchase additional gifts at \$5 each (no limit on number of gifts). Grades Prep, 3 and 4 will be given first priority at the Friday stall as they are away on excursions on the Thursday. This gives your child/ren the chance to purchase you a special gift all on their own - they really take great pleasure in making their own choice!

**We still need more helpers.** Can you spare a few hours to help on either of the stall days? If so, please complete and return your helper request form to school ASAP.

To all the Mums and carers, we hope you have a wonderful Mother's Day - you really do deserve it.

### School Disco

On Thursday 25th June the school disco will be held in the Milgate stadium. This is a fantastic night for all the students with all the latest hits from our superb DJ and loads more fun on the night!!

Further details will be coming home soon, but just briefly for new parents to Milgate ... there will be two disco sessions, the first for Preps - Grade 3 and the second for Grades 4 - 6. This is a night the students really look forward to each year!

### Next P&F Meeting

Our next meeting is this Friday 1st May at 9:15am in the Community Room. You don't have to be a member to attend our meetings, just come along and join us! Just remember to sign-in at the office first.

Parents & Friends Group

## MILGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL CANTEEN \$3.50 LUNCH PACKS



May 5th + May 6th only



Spaghetti Bolognese  
Jelly Cup

May 5th + May 6th only



Hot Dog (Plain or  
with sauce or cheese)  
Mini Muffin  
Ice Cream Cup

May 12th + May 13th only



3 Chicken Nuggets  
4 Potato Smiles  
Fruit Juice Cup

May 12th + May 13th only



Hot Cheese Roll  
Steamed Dim Sim  
Fruit Juice Box

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.

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## 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.

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### SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM

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.

### WARRANTYTE HIGH SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT – Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2009

Cnr Alexander and Warrandyte Rd, Warrandyte 3113 ph 9844 2749 [whs@warrandytehigh.vic.edu.au](mailto:whs@warrandytehigh.vic.edu.au). We invite you to visit the school which combines academic success with personal growth. School tours will run continuously from 6.00pm. The last tour will commence at 7.30pm. Tours take approximately 60 minutes. Information sessions at 6.15pm and 7.30pm. Each session will run for approximately 30 minutes. Please be early to ensure a seat as we have an audience limit of 300 per session. Admission will be by ticket issued on the night.

**Further information available from:**

**Assistant Principals Dr Stephen Parkin and Ms Rosina Fotia**



## An invitation to our OPEN NIGHT

**Thursday 7th May, 2009 at 7.00pm**  
MEET THE PRINCIPAL & STAFF

#### Tours of the College in action

- Hear about our comprehensive curriculum
- Outstanding Academic Achievements
- Extensive activities for the talented student
- Peer Support
- Caring transition from Primary to Secondary
- Advance Youth Leadership Program
- Instrumental Music Program
- Teachers who are dedicated to your child's needs
- VCAL Program



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<b>MILGATE ACHIEVERS</b>		<b>Week Ending 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2009</b>
<b>PJP</b>	Ryan C.	For hearing so many sounds in words as he writes.
<b>PLM</b>	Bianca H.	For a great job presenting the Preps first assembly.
<b>PPK</b>	Lee P.	For being responsible in class and considerate towards others and for trying to do his best at all times.
<b>PPM</b>	Jacob K	For his excellent efforts towards his learning.
<b>1CH</b>	Paige T.	For being a hard working and considerate class member.
<b>1KG</b>	Sarah H.	For being a responsible helper in the classroom.
<b>1LS</b>	Adam W.	For trying so hard in school.
<b>2KW</b>	Maddy F.	For working quietly to complete her work.
<b>2SL</b>	Darren H.	For showing initiative and responsibility for his role within the classroom.
<b>2WH</b>	Garry L.	For always completing his work to the best of his ability.
<b>34H</b>	Nicole L.	For her quiet way of getting everything done.
<b>3DM</b>	Tina Y.	For always showing respect and consideration for others.
<b>3JG</b>	Lucy L.	For her excellent efforts in learning throughout Term 1.
<b>3MN</b>	Konner L.	For terrific writing about his Easter.
<b>4CJ</b>	Liv P.	For always helping others.
<b>4KB</b>	Brendan Y.	For playing fairly with others in the yard.
<b>4TK</b>	Emily I.	For her ongoing initiative and responsibility as computer monitor.
<b>5GP</b>	Emily E.	For a great country poster on Holland and excellent manners.
<b>5SE</b>	Kevin P.	For working hard and always having a go in Term 1.
<b>5TW</b>	Joe W.	For great attitude to school and his work.
<b>6AH</b>	Kirsten C.	For always working to the best of her abilities and completing excellent work.
<b>6GA</b>	Zoe P.	For her determined and consistent approach to all tasks.
<b>6JA</b>	Justina B.	For her excellent start to Writer's Notebook.
<b>6TS</b>	Allanah	For being such a caring student and always trying her best in everything she does.
<b>LOTE</b>	Anthony L. (3MN)	For great improvement he has shown in Term 1.
<b>MUSIC</b>	3MN	For showing improvement on recorder and focussing in class.
<b>PE</b>	Kyle H.	For a great cricket season during Term 1.

<b>MILGATE ACHIEVERS</b>		<b>Week Ending 24<sup>th</sup> April 2009</b>
<b>PJP</b>	Jordin R.	For including lots of interesting detail in her writing.
<b>PLM</b>	Nathan B.	For his perseverance and positive attitude towards work.
<b>PPK</b>	Ethan W.	For always contributing during class time and always trying to do his best.
<b>PPM</b>	Isabella D.	For wonderful reading.
<b>1CH</b>	Emma T.	For her wonderful work with number patterns.
<b>1KG</b>	Ellie M.	For her consistent effort during all class activities. Keep it up.
<b>1LS</b>	Ryan T.	For always working and trying so hard in school.
<b>2KW</b>	Jemima C.	For always contributing during class discussions.
<b>2SL</b>	Hassaan I.	For terrific improvement in his learning.
<b>2WH</b>	Nigel L.	For working hard, listening carefully and staying focussed on his work.
<b>34H</b>	Chantelle T. Kaylee F.	For producing a very entertaining play for the class to enjoy.
<b>3DM</b>	Melanie J.	For her positive work ethic and for being a great friend to her classmates.
<b>3JG</b>	Jake D.	For concentrating hard and being organised.
<b>3MN</b>	Nathan S.	For his amazing colouring techniques.
<b>4CJ</b>	Adam R.	For always putting in 100%!
<b>4KB</b>	William G.	For encouraging others with their work.
<b>4TK</b>	Ryan O.	For his ongoing focus and producing his best work.
<b>5AA</b>	William H.	For excellent work during discussion time.
<b>5GP</b>	Ben G.	For an excellent poster on England and good manners.
<b>5SE</b>	5SE	For being a great class to teach. Good luck, aim high, never give up! Mrs Elhannah
<b>5TW</b>	Sarah F.	For attention to detail in all her work.
<b>6AH</b>	Thomas M.	For excellent commitment to his school work.
<b>6GA</b>	Natasha V.	For her excellent application to all tasks.
<b>6JA</b>	Kirsten O.	For always trying to do her best.
<b>6TS</b>	Paris N.	For always being a happy and friendly student and consistently working diligently on all tasks.
<b>LOTE</b>	Za Vin A. (34H)	For excellent participation in all activities.
<b>MUSIC</b>	Caitlin T. (6GA)	For getting a place in the string orchestra for the Eastern Metropolitan Region. Well done!
<b>ART</b>	Rorey T. (4TK)	For his excellent discussion about Anzac Day and wonderful participation.
<b>PE</b>	Melissa N. (3DM)	For showing amazing determination during house cross country.