

No 12/09 – August 6, 2009

<b>DIARY DATES</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> August	Level 3 Camp
12 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Walk-a-thon</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> August	Book Fair
20 <sup>th</sup> August	Cool, Calm Kids – Bully Busters – Level 1 Incursion
28 <sup>th</sup> August	Principals Morning Tea – 9:00am Staffroom
15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Level 4 Musical
<b>18<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>End of Term 3 – Dismissal at 2:30pm</b>

### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

There have been many activities, achievements and learning opportunities over the last few weeks at Milgate Primary School. The Year 3 and 4 students are on camp at the Anglesea Recreation Camp this week where they are participating in activities such as: bike riding, rock climbing and initiative games. They will enjoy the many new experiences and challenging themselves to try different activities. Thank you to all the staff and parents who have attended the camp to work with the students to ensure that they make the most of the opportunities. A special thank you also to James Will who has organised and led the camp.

The Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students have enjoyed their swimming program these last two weeks at Aquarena pool further developing their swimming and water safety skills. The Level 3 students participated in the Bully Busters program with special presenters demonstrating to the students and providing them with strategies to deal with conflict situations. The Level 4 students have been participating in the 'Hands On Science' program with scientists visiting the school and providing opportunities for the students to do science experiments and learn about chemical reactions.

The school Walk-a-thon will be on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August in the afternoon. The students have been busy collecting sponsors for this event to raise money for the drinking taps to be installed near the oval.

Thank you to the Parents and Friends Association who have put in an enormous amount of work organising and planning this event for the school community. It will be a great success.

### **Sporting Achievements**

Over the last couple of weeks, two of our Level 4 sporting teams have been successful in winning several zone competitions. On Wednesday the boys' football team and the girls' netball team both played in the zone finals and won. They will participate in the Regional finals. This is a fantastic achievement from both teams and we wish them all the best. Congratulations also to two of our Year 4 students, Charlie T. and Edward P., who have been successful in the State Cross Country competition and will now be participating in the National Cross Country competition to be held in NSW on 28 – 31 August. We wish them all the best. We look forward to hearing the results of all these competitions. Well done to everyone!

### **Enrolments for Prep 2010**

If you have a child starting Prep in 2010 please contact the office for an enrolment form. Could you please return completed enrolment forms as soon as possible so that we know the number of Prep students for 2010 as this will assist us with our forward planning. If you know of any friends or neighbours whose children will be starting Prep in 2010 please let

them know that they need to enrol their child. Thank you for your assistance.

### Parent Morning Tea – Friday 28 August at 9am

Parents are invited to a parent morning tea with the principal on Friday 28 August at 9am in the staffroom. This will be an opportunity to chat informally and ask any questions about the school. I look forward to meeting with parents then.

### School self-evaluation / review

Every four years schools have a review year when they review their last four year strategic plan. 2009 is the review year for Milgate Primary School and we are currently reviewing our 2005 – 2009 Strategic Plan. This involves staff analysing student achievement data; staff, student and parent surveys over the last four years and making comparisons, examining areas of success and areas for improvement. It is also a time to celebrate what has been achieved over the last four years.

We review the strategic plan through a self-evaluation process in the following three areas:

- Student Learning
- Student Pathways and Transitions
- Student Engagement and Wellbeing

In each of the above areas the data is reviewed in line with the following questions:

1. What student outcomes did we aim to achieve?
2. What student outcomes did we achieve?
3. Why did we achieve / not achieve improved student outcomes?
4. How effectively did we manage the resources to support the achievement of improved student outcomes?
5. What can we do in the future to continue to improve?

The self-evaluation report has now been completed. Our independent reviewer, June Wright, visited the school on Monday to look at the school and collect the data and self-evaluation documents.

June will analyse our data and the school programs and make some observations / recommendations for the future. She will return to the school on Monday 17 August and spend the day meeting with the school leadership, school council president, Nena Sadler, Regional Network Leader, Mandy Dunn, various staff members and students to ask questions about the teaching and learning program, transition and student

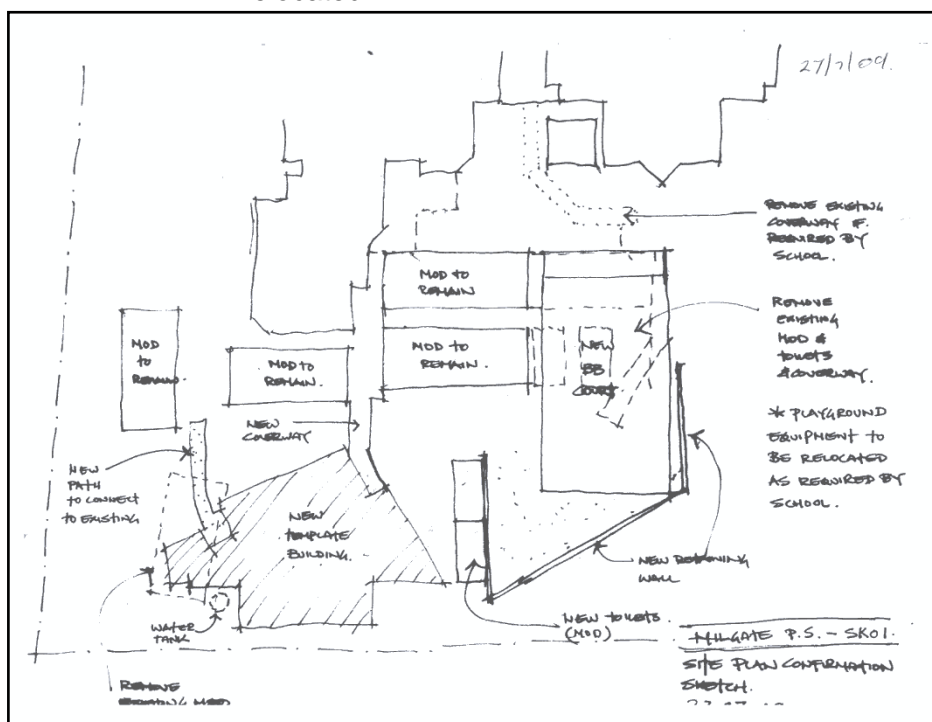
achievement. She will then write a report which will be presented to staff and school council on Wednesday 9 September. From the recommendations of the review, the new strategic plan will be written which sets the direction for the school and learning programs for the next four years.

### Visits to local schools / pre-schools

Last term I visited our two closest local pre-schools, Gumnut Gully and Cat Jump, and also Our Lady of the Pines Catholic School to introduce myself and begin to develop positive working relationships with them. On Friday the two pre-school directors came to Milgate and met with myself and Liz Barr. We talked with them about the school, pre schools and took them on a tour of Milgate. We also offered them the use of our facilities as appropriate, and they had the opportunity to visit some of their previous students. We are hoping to meet several times a year as a number of our future students attend these pre schools.

### New Buildings

As part of the Federal Government funding for the Primary Schools of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, last week the architect and project manager visited the school to finalise our new learning centre which will consist of four learning areas and an open learning space which may be used for multi-media. The new building will be relocated at the front of the school near the Year 6 portable classrooms and extend down across the basketball court. During the building process, which may be in August / September, the Year 6 portable classroom near the far gate, and also the portable toilets will be relocated.



A new basketball court will be constructed across the back of the school where the portable toilets are currently located. Some of the playground equipment may also have to be relocated. This will

provide a wonderful facility for the school and the learning program for students.

*Debbie Mierisch*  
Principal

## PE/OUTDOOR

**For Your Information:** Melbourne Storm are running an afterschool tackle & tag rugby competition for 4 weeks starting on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September, from 4:00pm – 5:00pm for Yr 5 & 6 students only.

**Please see Mr Will for more details.**

**SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS:** The following students ran at State Cross Country Championships on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July at Bundoora Park: Charlie T (10 yr Boys), Ed P (11 yr Boys), Jessica O’K (11 yr Girls), Alex C (12 yr Boys) & Kayla R (12 yr Girls). They all ran extremely well and the results from the day are listed below:

Charlie T. (10 yr Boys) ~ 5 <sup>th</sup>	Ed P. (11 yr Boys) ~ 4 <sup>th</sup>	Jessica O. (11 yr Girls) ~ 19 <sup>th</sup>
Alex C. (12 yr Boys) ~ 16 <sup>th</sup>	Kayla R. (12 yr Girls) ~ 17 <sup>th</sup>	

I would like to particularly congratulate Charlie T & Ed P who made it into the VPSSA State Cross Country teams in the Boys 10 & 11 year old ages groups. The boys will now compete School Sport Australia Primary Cross Country championships which will be held in Nowra, NSW, from 28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2009.

## EASTERN YARRA ZONE FINALS RESULTS:

Congratulations to the Green Netball A Team who played St James PS from Vermont in the 1<sup>st</sup> Round of the Eastern Yarra Zone Netball Finals, they defeated them 39 – 15.

Congratulations to the Green Netball Team who play St Annes from Nth Balwyn District in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the Eastern Yarra Zone Finals, they defeated them 41 – 26.

Congratulations to the Green Football Team who played Donburn PS in the 1<sup>st</sup> Round of the Eastern Yarra Zone Football Finals, they defeated 81 – 34.

Congratulations to the Green Football Team who played St Martins from Heidelberg District in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of the Eastern Yarra Zone Finals, they defeated them 95 – 41.

Congratulations to the Green Football Team who played St Phillips from Nth Box Hill

District in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Round of the Eastern Yarra Zone Finals, they defeated them 84 – 17.

Both of the above teams have either played or will play this week in the Eastern Yarra Zone Grand Finals in their sports.

**OUTDOOR EDUCATION:** Planning is well underway for the Yr 2 Camp which is at the beginning of Term 4 on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> & Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October. I have contacted a number of interested parents to be parent helpers at this camp and if I require any more I will be in touch in the next week or so.

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.

## LIBRARY

The Book Fair is getting closer! It’s going to be arriving on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August, with lots of great books, a sausage sizzle, tea/coffee and the craft room! However, for all this to happen, we need YOUR help! If you can help in any way on this night, please fill out the form in WHAM and return it to school.

We need helpers for:

- Sausage sizzle
- Book sales
- Craft room supervision
- Tea and coffee room
- Unpacking the book fair
- Book sales on Tuesday afternoon

We will also be open for book sales only on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August directly after school until 4.30pm.

If you have any questions, please ring or see me in the library!

Karen Jensen  
Library Technician

# book safari

## book fair

Dear Parents

We are busy organising our “Book Safari” book fair which will begin on Monday 24th August with a Family Night. In order for this night to be a success, we need lots of helpers!

We are asking for your assistance on the Family Night between 3.30 to 6pm. There is a variety of tasks that you can help us with, and we only ask for 45minutes of your time.

If you can help, please fill out the form below and return it to the school.

Thank you,  
Karen Jensen  
(if you have any questions, please come and see me in the library)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Times</b>	<b>Book Sales</b>	<b>Food</b>	<b>Craft Room</b>
<b>3.15-4.00</b>			
<b>4.00-4.45</b>			
<b>4.45-5.30</b>			
<b>5.30-6.15</b>			

## LEVEL 1

On Friday 24 July 2009 the Prep students celebrated being at school for 100 days by having breakfast together in their pyjamas! The occasion marked the beginning of the Outdoor Education program at Milgate. Breakfast was followed by a party in the community room and later that day their buddies joined them to help make fruit salad. Following is a selection of the children's writing about the occasion.



*On Friday we had our 100 days party and we had breakfast. Our buddies came over. We made fruit salad. We ate bread and jam and drank apple juice. We had fun!*

**Arshan S**

*On Friday we ate breakfast in the corridor and I ate Rice Bubbles and I had princess pyjamas on. After I went to change into my party clothes then we played party games.*

**Monique H**

*Wow! We had fun last Friday. I felt happy but a little bit weird because we were wearing our pyjamas, but it was exciting. We ate in the corridor at school. Some of us ate toast, Weetbix, Rice Bubbles or Cornflakes, and some of us drank milk or orange juice. Who came down to our party? Miss Mierisch. And all of the teachers had pyjamas like the Preps. We all had fun. It was fantastic. Some people's mums came to the breakfast and*

*came to help. We loved the breakfast party and we got to wear our free dress clothes!*

**Alana R**

*On Friday we had a 100 days party. We came in our pyjamas. We had breakfast in the corridor. After we had breakfast we changed into our party clothes.*

**Ethan G**

*On Friday we had breakfast and we played games and we made fruit salad.*

**Ethan W**

*On Friday it was 100 days at school. We came in our pyjamas. We had breakfast at school. We had some fun.*

**Emma Mc**

*On Friday we drank juice in the corridor at school. I had breakfast. My breakfast was Rice Bubbles.*

**Joshua T**



## LEVEL 2 SWIMMING

Well, two weeks of swimming are almost over and what a great experience the children in Level 2 have had. They have learned so much. In the pool they have practised swimming skills and also essential water safety practices. Out of the water, they have had to organize themselves, take care of their belongings and get dressed in record time! It's been terrific to have so many parents coming along each day. We would like to say a very big thank you to all of you who helped us out at the pool, turning t-shirts in the right way,

finding lost socks, unknitting wet shoelaces and more - a great team effort!

The Level 2 Teachers

## **PARENTS AND FRIENDS**

### **WALK-A-THON**

#### **Wednesday 12th August (Term 3)**

Last week we sent home a flyer with all the details about the Walk-a-thon. So if your child/ren has already finished their sponsor form then send it back in to school along with their money (in an envelope with name and grade please). ALL forms and money are due in this week - **Friday 7th August**. Remember your child needs to select which prize/s they will be receiving. It's going to be a great afternoon for all the kids ... come dressed in your favourite sports gear!

Our aim is to raise at least \$4,700 to fully fund the installation of water taps near the oval ... a great suggestion from our wonderful JSC. Did you know that to raise this amount we need less than \$10 per student? Let's all work together - we can do this!

Come see your child participate in Milgate's Walk-a-thon or better yet, put your name down as a helper. HELPERS NEEDED for supervising and directing students around different courses. If you can spare some time please send in your details on the helper request form at the bottom of the flyer sent home last week. Helper forms are also required back this week - **Friday 7th August** so we can organise our rosters.

WET WEATHER? We'll be deciding on Tue 11th August if the Walk-a-thon will go ahead as planned or if we need to implement our

'Plan B'. All students will be notified on Tuesday, please remember to check with your child or their teacher - especially if you're listed as a helper. Helpers WILL NOT be required if Plan B for wet weather is to be implemented.

LEVEL 3 STUDENTS are able to send in their forms and money next week as they are away on camp this week, these must be sent in by **Tuesday 11th August**.

Good luck everyone - we hope everyone has a fantastic time!

## **FATHER'S DAY STALL**

### **Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th September**

It's just over 4 weeks until Father's Day! Flyers will be sent home next week with all the details so be sure to keep an eye out for these.

HELPERS NEEDED for wrapping of gifts on Thu 27th Aug from 9am - 12noon, and on stall days too Thu 3rd Sep (8.45am - 11.30am) and Fri 4th Sep (8.45am - 12noon). A helper request form will be at the bottom of the flyer coming home next week. We would really appreciate some of your valuable time to help with wrapping or on either/both stall days to help the children purchase their gifts.

## **NEXT P&F MEETING**

Our next meeting is on Friday 21st August at 1:50pm in the Community Room. 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.

## **PARENTS AND FRIENDS**

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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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### Important Asthma Information for Children

It is important to find a doctor who has a special interest in asthma. This doctor will ideally:



- Be able to spend time with you explaining your child's asthma and how it is best managed
- Show you and your child how to administer medication via a device, which is appropriate for the age and ability of your child.
- Assess how well you and your child are able to use the chosen delivery devices.
- Give you a written asthma action plan outlining the management of your child's asthma at home. This plan will tell you:
  - Medications to be taken each day ( if required) to keep asthma under control; as well as medications that may be taken prior to physical activity if your child gets exercise induced asthma
  - How to recognise signs of worsening asthma
  - What to do if their asthma gets worse
  - What to do if asthma continues to deteriorate, or if your child has a severe asthma attack.
  - How to get help quickly.

Be sure to establish a good relationship with your doctor and ensure your child has regular check ups, even if they appear to be in control of their asthma.

For further information, please call the Asthma Telephone HelpLine on **1800 645 130** or visit the **Asthma Foundation of Victoria's** website [www.asthma.org.au](http://www.asthma.org.au).

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



<p>Aug 11th + Aug 12th only</p>  <p>2 Puffy Dogs Choc Chip Muffin Ice Cream Cup</p>	<p>Aug 11th + Aug 12th only</p>  <p>Chicken Filler Burger Mini Mud Muffin Orange Quarter</p>
<p>Aug 18th + Aug 19th only</p>  <p>Ham &amp; Cheese Jaffle Fruit Scone Jelly Cup</p>	<p>Aug 18th + Aug 19th only</p>  <p>3 Chicken Nuggets 4 Potato Smiles Fruit Juice Cup</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.

<b>MILGATE ACHIEVERS</b>		<b>Week Ending 24<sup>th</sup> July 2009</b>
<b>PJP</b>	Amaris C.	For terrific reading and writing in her new class.
<b>PLM</b>	Max T.	For readily accepting any challenge given to him.
<b>PPK</b>	Emma M.	For being friendly and a good mate.
<b>PPM</b>	Jax M.	For making a fantastic progress with his sounds and letters.
<b>1CH</b>	Alex L. Carly N.	For an excellent start at Milgate.
<b>1KG</b>	Kyle H.	For his excellent work on multiplication problems during maths.
<b>1LS</b>	Briana F.	For her wonderful work with synonyms and Premiers Reading Challenge.
<b>2KW</b>	Jemima C.	For her happy and helpful classroom attitude.
<b>2SL</b>	Sarah Y.	For being a valued and vibrant member of our class.
<b>2WH</b>	Juliet F.	For her well prepared share-time presentation.
<b>34H</b>	Thomas C.	For being a hardworking student.
<b>3DM</b>	Melissa N.	For her positive approach to all aspects of her work.
<b>3JG</b>	Nathan V.	For his excellent thinking and reasoning skills.
<b>3MN</b>	Eric C.	For persisting and taking initiative in his learning.
<b>4CJ</b>	Johnny G.	For showing Milgate values, honesty and integrity.
<b>4KB</b>	Daniel S.	For including others in football at break times.
<b>4TK</b>	Tate N.	For settling in to Milgate so quickly and naturally.
<b>5OH</b>	Daniel T.	For showing improved work ethic in the classroom.
<b>5GP</b>	Shannan J.	For excellent work in preparing the class newspaper and great manners.
<b>5SB</b>	Gerrie H.	For showing leadership and focus in his work.
<b>5TW</b>	Kyriah S.	For a great readers response in Readers Workshop.
<b>6AH</b>	Dave F.	For improvement in his class participation. Keep it up Dave!
<b>6GA</b>	Melissa Y.	For her amazing work ethic in Mathletics.
<b>6JC</b>	Jessie T.	For her great efforts to write creatively.
<b>LOTE</b>	Samir G. (1LS)	For his excellent participation in LOTE.
<b>MUSIC</b>	6AH	For setting high expectations for all classes to follow with the Musical.
<b>ART</b>	3MN	For working enthusiastically and productively, and also cleaning up really well!
<b>PE</b>	Gerrie H.	For his excellent high jump performance and house athletics. For his excellent high jump performance and house athletics.

<b>MILGATE ACHIEVERS</b>		<b>Week Ending 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009</b>
<b>PJP</b>	Tiana T.	For "having a go" at swimming and making great achievements.
<b>PLM</b>	Monique H.	For her fantastic procedure on "how to make wombat stew".
<b>PPK</b>	Lee P.	For having a try and a go with his handwriting.
<b>PPM</b>	Alicia B.	For fantastic achievement in writing.
<b>1CH</b>	Anthony T.	For his excellent attitude towards his learning.
<b>1KG</b>	Simon R.	For his consistent effort and hard work during both maths and English.
<b>1LS</b>	Asher L.	For a great swimming effort.
<b>2KW</b>	Jessica H.	For always working a concentrating at her maximum effort.
<b>2SL</b>	James T.	For demonstrating his fabulous Milgate manners during swimming lessons.
<b>2WH</b>	Lily H.	For her excellent listening skills.
<b>34H</b>	Simon C.	For being a great and contributing member of our class.
<b>3MN</b>	Walid N.	For focussing well and putting extra effort on his 'Prime Minister' piece.
<b>4CJ</b>	Jasleen K.	For displaying great resilience and maturity.
<b>4KB</b>	Micaela B.	For being friendly in the yard.
<b>4TK</b>	Matthew M.	For helping our new students settle in to Milgate so well.
<b>5OH</b>	Tina P.	For consistently working hard – producing work on a high standard.
<b>5GP</b>	Carl G.	For excellent work in Maths and great contributions to the class newspaper.
<b>5SB</b>	Libby H.	For her positive approach to difficult tasks.
<b>5TW</b>	Joe W.	Continued great attitude to his work.
<b>6AH</b>	Kayla R.	For producing an excellent advertising video and showing it to the class.
<b>6GA</b>	Vanessa L.	For consistently setting high standards for herself in all areas of the curriculum.
<b>6JC</b>	Eroll K.	For his good work in Notebook Writing.
<b>6TS</b>	Jason C.	For always trying his best to achieve in all subject areas.
<b>LOTE</b>	Jiaqi W. (6GA)	For always being a great learner in LOTE.
<b>MUSIC</b>	Steven T. (6TS)	For his continued help with the sound equipment during musical rehearsals.
<b>ART</b>	Aaron F. (OPM)	For being a wonderful cleaner in the Art room.