Principal’s Perspective

Milgate Carol’s Night

This is an annual event at Milgate and it’s a great night for families to get together. Our students have been busy rehearsing their songs and we look forward to hearing their wonderful voices tonight. Students often enjoy adding some decorations to their uniform with a hat, scarf, jewelry or even a t-shirt. It looks like we’ll be lucky with the weather but remember it does tend to get a bit chilly once the sun goes down.

Yearbook | 2015

Each year we publish a Yearbook as a celebration of the learning that takes place at Milgate PS. It includes a photo of every student, a double page for each year level which is filled with many photos of their activities throughout the year, as well as special occasions and celebrations. It really is a wonderful momento to keep for your child. We have a copy of our 2015 Yearbook at the office if you would like to have a look. If you’d still like to order your 2015 copy please send in your form and payment of $20 each. Yearbooks will be sent home shortly with your eldest child and will be available for purchase at the office thereafter.

2016 Classes

Staffing for 2016 has been posted in Compass, please see your News Feed items for all the details.

Assembly

Will commence on Monday 14 December at 2.45pm and we will introduce our new School and House Leaders for 2016. On Friday we will have our final 2015 assembly commencing at 12noon where we will farewell our Year 6 students and celebrate their time here at Milgate.

We would like to thank all the staff, parents and students for their support and assistance throughout 2015. We thank our Year 6 students for their contributions and leadership in the school and wish them all the best in their future education and careers. We hope they come back to visit us. Thank you again to our staff who have worked exceptionally hard as a team to provide the best teaching and learning programs for our students in a caring environment which caters for all students’ individual needs. We wish all our Milgate families a wonderful holiday and look forward to another exciting year of engaging and challenging learning in 2016.

Yours sincerely,
Debbie Mierisch | Principal
Karlie Gooding | Assistant Principal

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Diary Dates | Next Week

- Tue 15 Dec: Year 6 Graduation
- Thu 17 Dec: Meet teacher/class for 2016
- Fri 18 Dec: LAST DAY Dismissal at 1pm

2016 Calendar details available in Compass.

Reminders

Late arrivals [after 9am bell]

Students must report to the Office to be signed in by an Office staff member.

Early departures

Parents are required to have an Office staff member record the early departure BEFORE collecting your child.

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Last day | Friday 18 December 2015
Assembly at 12.00noon
Students dismissed at 1pm
SCHOOL NEWS

MILGATE CAROL’S NIGHT
Thursday 10 December **TONIGHT**
5.30 - 6.30pm Sausage Sizzle or BYO Picnic
7 - 9pm Carol’s Night [approximate finish time]
Theme: Winter Wonderland
Students:
• Bring a rug or cushion to sit on
• Wear school uniform
• Add a decoration such as a Santa hat, Christmas earrings or T-shirt, etc.
Parents may bring:
• Chairs or rug
• Food and drinks [Please note: this is an alcohol free event]
This event will be held on the double basketball court and we look forward to wonderful night.

STUDENT REPORTS & PORTFOLIOS
Monday 14 December
On this day parents will be able to access student reports via Compass by 2pm. Students in Foundation - Year 2 will bring their student portfolios home with them on this day, while students in Years 3 – 6 will have their portfolios available on their iPads for parents to view.

CAMP 2016 | Parent Helpers
If you are interested in being considered as a Parent Helper on one of our camps in 2016, please print and return the form on Compass at the bottom of your News Feed. Return your completed form to Mr. James Will.

On behalf of the P&F Committee, we would like to thank all of the school community for generously supporting our fundraising events this year. Your support has allowed us to raise a whopping $26,000 for the school!

CHRISTMAS SWEEPSTAKES RAFFLE FUNDRAISER
We have 22 fabulous hampers up for raffle tonight – we wish you all good luck! We were only able to create these hampers thanks to your generous donations. Also, a big thank you to FRD for buying the most raffle tickets. You are most deserving of the Class Party prize, which will be held next week.

DONCARE CHRISTMAS DRIVE
Thank you very much to all our kind Milgate families who donated food and toys. Doncare will distribute these items to deserving Manningham families this week, which is sure to brighten up their Christmas.

STUDENT FEES | Collection of Student Supply Packs
Students in Years 1 - 6 in 2016
Student book/supply packs are now available from the school Office until Wednesday 16 December 2015 or on Wednesday 27 January between 10am – 2pm.

Students in Foundation/Prep in 2016
Foundation students’ stationery will be delivered directly to their classrooms. We request payment to be made to the Office before Wednesday 16 December 2015.

CANTEEN NEWS
We are open until Thursday 17 December for all lunch orders but will be closed on Friday 18 December.

Looking for a Christmas gift for your teacher?
Just in time for Christmas, The Ginger Snap orders will have an event in Compass and parents need to pay online for this event.

ATHLETICS | Team VIC Athletics
Once again we should congratulate Daniel G for representing Victoria at the National Athletics Championships in Canberra over the past week. Daniel competed in the 10yr Boys Shot Put and Daniel performed exceptionally well. Daniel threw a PB of 11.81m and this outstanding effort gained Daniel a Silver Medal and ranks him 2nd in Australia. Well done Daniel we are all extremely proud of what you have achieved.

2016 SWIMMING TRIALS
Students in Years 4 – 6 in 2016 have been asked to elect if they want to attend the Milgate Swimming Trials on Monday 1 February 2016. Those that have elected to attend will have an event in Compass and parents need to give their consent and pay online for this event. Thank you for your cooperation.

2016 DATES
Wed 27 Jan | Curriculum Day | No students at school
Thu 28 Jan | School Starts for students in Yrs 1 - 6
Fri 29 Jan | School Starts for Foundation students [8.50am – 12.30pm]
Mon 1 Feb | First full day for Foundation students

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COMPASS | Parent Portal

How do I view reports for my child?

STEP 1: On your child’s homepage click View Academic Reports.

STEP 2: All reports will be listed in this table, just select the report you want to view [you will select 2015 – Semester Two for the end of year report] and it will open as a pdf file that you can either save or print.

How do I find out what’s on at Milgate?

STEP 1: On your child’s homepage click the Calendar icon.

STEP 2: There are layers underneath Calendars that are displayed, these include:
- Your child
- Events [Excursions, incursions, etc]
- Parents Calendar

Each calendar layer has a different colour and layers can be turned on and off by clicking on the layer name [see bottom-left of above pic]. Navigate dates by using arrows.

How do I find the attendance details for my child?

STEP 1: On your family’s homepage click Profile [Attendance, Schedule, Reports] for the child you want to view.

STEP 2: Select the Attendance tab.

STEP 3: There are a number of tabs to view information. Summary | Overview of attendance data for this student
Approvals | Parent Approvals and School Activities
Unexplained | Attendances marked as Not Present and awaiting Parent Approval
Arrival/Departure | All arrival and departure times
Full Record | All attendance data