PRINCIPAL’S PERSPECTIVE

YEAR 2 CAMP

Our Year 2 students returned from their first camp at Oasis Camp, Mount Evelyn, last Friday. They had a fantastic time and challenged themselves with many of the activities. The activities included: flying fox, candle making, damper on the campfire, ropes course, bushwalk and Eco Centre where they learnt about reptiles and held lizards, snakes and frogs. Thank you to the staff: Sue Lloyd, Ange Alexandrou, Linda Hill, Lyn Sanders, Susan Prentice and all the parents who also went on the camp to assist. The students really had a fantastic time.

WORLD TEACHERS / ESO DAY | Friday 30 October

This is a day to appreciate the work that teachers and Education Support staff do in schools. Every day, teachers and Education Support staff are making a difference educating and inspiring our young people.

World Teachers’ Day is an opportunity to acknowledge our teachers and Education Support staff and say thanks for the significant contributions they make in our classrooms and communities. Celebrated in more than 100 countries world-wide, World Teachers’ Day was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to recognise the role of teachers in society.

Maybe you could make a card, bring a flower, etc – be creative and surprise your teacher!

MILGATE MIXUPS | Monday 19 October – NO ASSEMBLY

On Monday students will take part in Milgate Mixups when they meet in their multi-age groups with a teacher and participate in activities that are fun, develop their skills and provide an opportunity to get to know other students across the school in different year levels. They remain in these groups throughout the year.

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

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REMINDERS

SUNSMART AND HATS
Milgate is a Sunsmart school and all students are expected to wear hats for all outdoor activities during Term 4 and Term 1 each year to protect their skin from sun damage.

2016 AT MILGATE
If your family is travelling overseas and your child won’t be in attendance at Milgate at the start of the school year in 2016, please notify the Office either by email milgate.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or by writing a note. We require the student’s full name, current grade and last day at Milgate [also the returning date if you will be away for an extended period].

If your family is moving interstate or overseas and your child will be attending another school, please notify the Office as soon as possible with your child’s full name, current grade, last day at Milgate and the name of the school they will be attending.

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 report to the Office BEFORE collecting your child and have an Office staff member record the early departure.

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CONSIDERATIONS FOR 2016 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 2016, parents can write a letter addressed to the Principal stating their needs and requests for consideration. If parents have written requests in previous years, we do not retain these as students’ needs and friendships change from year to year. If the consideration from a previous year is still important, a new letter should be written. Parents are not able to request specific teachers. The closing date for these considerations is Friday 6 November. Any requests received after this date are not able to be considered.

Staffing, school structure and class locations are currently being planned. All of these aspects are planned and allocated according to educational, learning and student needs. In 2016 there will be no multi-age / composite classes.

MILGATE YEARBOOK

Within our 2015 Milgate PS Yearbook we are offering local businesses an opportunity to purchase an advertising space to promote their business.

Last year we sold and distributed over 350 copies of our 2014 Yearbook to the families of Milgate PS, local preschools and the wider Manningham community. Our yearbook is of the highest quality and it will be professionally produced and printed in a glossy magazine style. This is a fantastic opportunity to gain exposure for your local business and support our wonderful school.

Price Range for Advertising:

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If you are interested in advertising your business in the 2015 Milgate PS Yearbook please fill out the return slip below or email Milgate PS at milgate.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au by Friday 23 October.

WALK TO SCHOOL | October

Just a reminder to be as active as you can during October and walk, ride or scoot to school. There are a number of prizes on offer this year for Walk to School.

1. If your child walks more than 20 days during the month of October they will go into the draw to win either $50 or $100 Rebel Sport Voucher.
2. If your child walks between 10 – 20 days during the month of October they will go into the prize draw to win either, 1 of 2 Hardrock Climbing Gym passes or 1 of 5 Bounce passes.

SO PLEASE GET OUTSIDE AND GET ACTIVE!

We are having our annual Active Travel Day/Healthy Breakfast on Tuesday 27th October from 8:00am – 8:40am. We are having our annual Active Travel Day / Healthy Breakfast Day at Milgate PS on Tuesday 27 October from 8.00am – 8.40am. It would be great to see as many people as possible involved as this is a fantastic community event at Milgate.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Please contact the Office or email us at milgate.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au if you’re interested or want to know more about any of these volunteer roles:

Milgate Community Basketball

We need one, or preferably two, parent volunteers to coordinate the team registrations and organisation. The teams can only play if there is a Co-ordinator, so please consider putting up your hand for this role.

Lost Property

This involves sorting through the lost property items, returning names items to students in their classroom and sorting unnamed items of clothing.

How often you want to do this is really up to you and what you can spare.

Secondhand Uniform Shop

Held on the first Monday of every month from 9 – 9.30am. This involves setting up the clothing tubs in the staffroom, sorting donated items [checking for quality] and assisting parents.
SCHOOL NEWS

MILGATE MASTERMIND TRIVIA NIGHT
Saturday 24th October 7.00pm | School Stadium
Tickets on sale now, $20 per seat or gather 10 friends and pay only $180 per table. Every ticket order received by Friday 16th October will get a mystery voucher! Get your smarts together and come along for a night of FUN! BYO food and drinks. Don’t worry if you don’t know all of the answers, you can buy clues.
This promises to be a great school community event and an excellent school fundraiser. We have some fantastic items to auction on the night. Like our Facebook page to have a sneak peek and get all of the latest news https://www.facebook.com/milgateps

SPORTS NEWS | Mr James Will
Manningham Division Athletics | Thursday 8 October
We had 15 of our students compete at the Manningham Division Athletics. All the students performed extremely well and here are the results:
- Emma Mc - 4th 12 Girls 800m
- Petra E - 1st 11 Girls Long Jump, 1st 11 Girls Triple Jump & 1st 11 Girls Relay
- Amelia R - 1st 11 Girls Relay
- Emily X - 1st 11 Girls Relay & 4th 11 Girls 100m
- Emma P - 1st 11 Girls Relay,
- Jessie M - 3rd 10 Girls High Jump
- Kate Mc - 4th 10 Girls 800m
- Mitchell R - 6th 12 Boys High Jump
- Cody J - 3rd 12 Boys Discus
- Callum M - 4th 11 Boys Discus
- Nicholas F - 1st 10 Boys Hurdles & 1st 10 Boys Relay
- Daniel G - 1st 10 Boys Shot Put & 2nd 10 Boys Discus
- Alec T - 1st 10 Boys Relay
- Jack D - 1st 10 Boys Relay & 5th 10 Boys 800m
- Ziggy B - 1st 10 Boys Relay

I would like to congratulate all the students who placed 1st or 2nd and wish them all the best at Eastern Region Athletics on Thursday 15 October.

Templestowe District Basketball Round Robin
On Monday 12 October we had our Girls and Boys Basketball teams compete at the Templestowe District Basketball Round Robin. I must say, from all reports both teams played to the best of their ability against some very strong opposition. The Girls team placed 4th and the Boys team placed 3rd. Great job everyone!
SCHOOL NEWS

COMPASS | Parent Portal

How do I approve an absence for my child?

If your child has been absent from school and it hasn’t been entered into Compass previously then your child will be marked as absent [not present] and this will be recorded in Compass as an unapproved absence.

STEP 1: On your child’s homepage / dashboard you will see an alert for an unapproved absence [see below]. Click on the link for more information.

STEP 2: Tick the appropriate boxes, or tick the top box to select all. Then click the Parent Approve box.

STEP 3: Select the Reason from the drop-down list, type in the Details/Comment box, then click Save.

How do I enter an absence for my child?

If your child is absent from school [sick, family holiday, etc] you can enter this directly into Compass instead of writing a note to your child’s teacher.

STEP 1: On your child’s homepage / dashboard click + Add Parent Approval.

STEP 2: Select the Reason from the drop-down list, type in the Details/Comment box, select the Start and Finish dates then click Save.