PRINCIPAL’S PERSPECTIVE

PYP EXHIBITION | Wednesday 28 October | 6.30 – 8.30pm [Manuka Building]
As part of the IB PYP framework, our Year 6 students carry out an extended, in-depth, collaborative project known as the PYP exhibition. This involves students working collaboratively to conduct an in-depth inquiry into real life issues or problems. The exhibition represents a unique and significant opportunity for students to exhibit the attributes of the IB learner profile developed throughout their engagement with the PYP. We welcome all Milgate families to come along and celebrate the learning of our Year 6 students at Milgate as they move to the next phase of their education.

YEARS 1 SLEEPOVER
Our Year 1 students had a fantastic night with their very first school camp experience – a sleepover! Thank you to all our fantastic teachers and parents for making it a night to remember for everyone.

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

MTQ CEREMONY | Thursday 22 October
Approximately 50 Milgate students participated in the Maths Talent Quest Ceremony at Latrobe University and were awarded both Distinctions & High Distinctions. This year two classes, 1SB and 1LS, made it to the National awards! Milgate was once again presented with an ‘Outstanding School’ award from the Maths Talent Quest Association. Congratulations to all students and teachers who entered the competition.

FOUNDATION | Chickens & Bunnies
As part of their inquiry into the needs of living things, our Foundation students have been monitoring chicks, watching them hatch from eggs in the incubator and grow into young chickens. They applied many Maths and English skills, graphing their growth and recording daily activities in their journals. Next week, students will have the opportunity to monitor the growth and needs of baby rabbits and are excitedly awaiting their arrival.

Yours sincerely,
Debbie Mierisch | Principal
Karlie Gooding | Assistant Principal
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 or email 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/email 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.

BOOKCLUB | Ms Karen Jensen
Due date: Friday 23 October
Catalogues were sent home. Please return all order forms with payment. If you have any questions, please visit Karen in the Library.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD
Any relevant material is posted on our noticeboard [located outside the Art room] as a service to our school community. Recent articles include:
- Children’s Week
- Tunstall Scare | 30 Oct
- Mullum Mullum Festival
- Salvo Fete | Sat 24 Oct
- Out There | Sat 7 Nov [10am – 1pm] A special dance event

ACTIVE TRAVEL DAY & BREAKFAST | Next Tuesday
We are having our annual Active Travel Day / Healthy Breakfast on Tuesday 27 October, breakfast will be available between 8 – 8:40am out on the double basketball courts [weather permitting]. It would be great to see as many students as possible involved as this is a fantastic community event at Milgate.

IMPORTANT: STUDENT SAFETY
It’s great to see students walking, riding their bikes or scooters to school. We just want parents to remind their children that safety must come first and this means ALL students MUST be wearing helmets. We have received a number of reports from parents that have seen students riding without helmets. Not only is this illegal but it is extremely unsafe with so much traffic along our streets.

Students are not to ride their bikes or scooters in the school grounds for the safety of all students, staff and visitors. If parents could please remind their child/ren of these safety guidelines as we are all concerned about their safety.

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!

OSHC NEWS | Melissa [Camp Australia]
Our Holiday Program went really well, we had some really great excursions to the movies, a cooking school and Werribee Zoo. We also did some really cool incursions, the best one was when we did a scavenger hunt in the playground with clues and prizes.

At after school we are now focused on making our area really spooky and creepy for Halloween! We have created some eyeballs and spiders out of clay, made some pumpkin and haunted house sun catchers, Riva has made a really cool tomb stone for Frankenstein’s monster and we have made some great hanging bats too.
SCHOOL NEWS

MILGATE MASTERMIND TRIVIA NIGHT
Saturday 24th October 7.00pm | School Stadium

SPONSORS
We would like to thank all our sponsors for their support, they include:

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SPORTS NEWS | Mr James Will
Eastern Regional Athletics | Thursday 15 October
We had 9 students compete at Eastern Regional Athletics Championships. The students were all a great credit to Milgate and performed to the best of their ability. The results were as follows:
Petra E ~ 1st 11yr Girls Triple Jump, 3rd 11yr Girls Long Jump
Amelia R, Emily X, Emma P, Petra E ~ 4th 11yr Girls 4 x 100m Relay
Daniel G ~ 1st 10yr Boys Discus & 1st 10yr Boys Shot Put
Nick F ~ 3rd 10yr Boys 80m Hurdles
Alec T, Jack D, Nick F, Ziggy B ~ 4th 10yr Boys 4 x 100m Relay

SSV Golf Championships
Congratulations to Josh L (6CH) for placing 2nd in the first round of the SSV Golf Championships. Josh will now proceed to the Regional Round of the SSV Golf Championships and we wish him all the best.

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

Milgate Community Basketball | 2015 / 2016
We need one, or preferably two, parent volunteers to co-ordinate 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 | 2016
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 | 2016
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 Banking | 2016
We need another 2-3 willing parent helpers to help us next year as we have so many happy little bankers at Milgate. While school banking day is Monday, we can arrange a day to do the banking that suits everyone.