PRINCIPAL’S PERSPECTIVE

PYP EXHIBITION | Wednesday 28 October

Congratulations to all our highly knowledgeable and hardworking Year 6 students who presented their PYP Exhibition this week. Their inquiries into significant, current world events and global issues demonstrated an in-depth understanding into their chosen area of study. Throughout the Exhibition process, students designed and structured their own units of inquiry enabling them to develop a range of independent learning skills such as research skills, self-management skills, communication skills and thinking skills.

It was evident on the night that students were excited to share their learning and enthusiastically communicated their broad knowledge. Thank you to our Year 6 teachers, mentors and parents for their hard work, support and for making the 2015 PYP Exhibition a great success.

TRIVIA NIGHT | Thank You

Last Saturday night saw an amazing turnout with over 160 attend P&F’s Milgate Mastermind Trivia Night. It was a great community event and we all had a load of fun. We’d like to extend a very special thank you to Nina Burns, Cathy Thompson, Melinda Parcell, Charmaine Trewarn and Amelia Wilson for all the hard work they put in to make this such an amazing and successful night!

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

REMINDERS

CANTEEN CLOSED | Monday 2 November
‘The Ginger Snap’ will be closed on Monday 2 November - there will be no lunch orders or counter sales on this day and we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

2016 AT MILGATE

Are you going on holidays in 2015/2016?
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 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]. Thank you.

Are you moving?
If your family is moving 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. Thank you.

Email: milgate.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

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 and.
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.

SPORTS NEWS | Mr James Will

Templestowe District Volleyball Round Robin

Well done to both the Boys and Girls Volleyball Teams who played some outstanding games last Friday at our District Volleyball Round Robin. The students were a great credit to Milgate and both ended up as Runners Up on the day. Once again well done and you all showed terrific sportsmanship.

SSV State Athletics Championships | Mon 26 Oct

Congratulations to both Daniel G (4KB) and Petra E (6CH) who competed at the SSV State Athletics Championships at the Albert Park Athletics Track.
- Daniel placed 2nd in the 10yr Boys Shot Put and 5th in the 10yr Boys Discus
- Petra placed 1st in the 11yr Girls Triple Jump

Well done to the both of you and you should be extremely proud of your efforts. To have you both place in the Top 5 in the State in your chosen events is an amazing effort.
Active Travel Day/Healthy Breakfast
It was fantastic to see so many people getting involved with our Active Travel Day/Healthy Breakfast on Tuesday. It was a great community morning and the weather was extremely kind to us. Many thanks must go to Woolworths at The Pines Shopping Centre for donating fruit for the morning and to Manningham City Council for supporting us with a generous donation of $150, which we used to buy savoury scrolls from the Grainstore Bakery. Many thanks also to all the Milgate Staff who helped run such a great morning.