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PRINCIPAL’S PERSPECTIVE

2016 STUDENT CHARGES
Information is being sent home today detailing the student charges for 2016. Included in this is method of payment and bookpack collection dates.

FOUNDATION | Farmyard Petting Zoo
Last week, our Foundation students transformed into little farmers! They all visited the petting zoo set up on Milgate grounds and learnt about the needs of living things. They will go on to explore the notion that plants and animals are an essential resource for humans and that we have a responsibility to use resources mindfully. The students were able to experience holding and petting many of the animals as well as ask questions and find out valuable information for their inquiry.

YEAR 1 | EXCURSION – Immigration Museum
On Wednesday this week, our Year 1 students visited the Immigration Museum as part of their inquiry into personal histories. They explored the ways in which our past, present and future are all connected and how things change over time.

WORKING BEE | Tuesday 10 November [2.30 – 4.30pm]
Due to today’s weather we have rescheduled our Twilight Working Bee from this afternoon to next Tuesday. We will be doing some weeding, trimming and pruning across the whole school. If you’re able to join us please send us an email and assemble outside the canteen at 2.30pm. Please bring your gardening equipment – rakes, brooms, gloves, secateurs, shovels (if practical) with you. We hope to see you here.

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

DIARY DATES | Next Week

Mon 9 Nov     Secondhand Uniform Shop
Wed 11 Nov    Foundation – Yr 2 | Sports Day
               FOUNDATION | Incursion – Farmyard Milk the Cow
Wed 11 Nov    Yr 3 | Incursion – Water Conservation
Fri 13 Nov    Transition | Foundation 2016

REMINDERS

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 in writing 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.

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.

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**SCHOOL NEWS**

**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.

**MILGATE COMMUNITY BASKETBALL 2016**

**Registration Day |** Wednesday 11 November [3 – 4pm]

Where: Area outside the Canteen

Students: Years 1 – 6

Payments: CASH ONLY

All players and parents (current and new are welcome). Please come along and register for the 2016 season. Registration forms will be available on Registration Day or can be collected earlier from the school office. Payment can be made on the day or before at the school office. Please put payment and form in an envelope labelled “Milgate Basketball” and your child’s name.

Registration Fee: $35.00 for the year

Basketball Singlet: $30.00

Payment is required by **Wed 11 Nov 2015**

**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 named 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 time 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.

**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:

- **Mullum Mullum Festival**
- **Out There |** Sat 7 Nov [10am – 1pm] | Dance event
- **Sharing the Joy of Music Making |** Blackburn High
- **Festive Fair |** Sat 14 Nov | Templestowe Village
- **Pop Up Circus |** Sat 21 Nov [10am – 2pm]
- **Girls Footy 2016 |** Beverley Hills Football Club

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**CHRISTMAS SWEEPSTAKES RAFFLE FUNDRAISER**

We are creating 22 amazing hampers (one per class) to raffle off at the School Carols Night on Thursday 10th December. We are calling on the school community to donate one item per student to go into the hampers. Each year level has a theme. If your donated item could correspond with the theme we would be grateful. Donated items are to be left in the box in your child’s classroom. The themes are:

- Foundation - Family Fun
- Year 1 - Kids Stuff
- Year 2 - Books
- Year 3 - Craft
- Year 4 - All Things Food
- Year 5 - Christmas
- Year 6 - Summer Holidays

**MILGATE’S NEWSLETTER**

2015 | Term 4 | Week 5

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COMPASS | Parent Portal

How do I provide consent for my child to attend an event [such as an excursion]?

Paper consent forms will no longer be sent home, instead the details will be posted in Compass and you will receive an email alert to enter your consent online.

STEP 1: On your Compass homepage you will see an alert for Event Consent/Payment Required [see below]. We currently do not process payments through Compass, any messages referring to consent/payment are only for consent purposes at this stage.

Click on the link for more information.


STEP 3: The next page will display:

- Event details
- Consent details [you will need to enter your NAME here]
- Medical information for your child [please only record anything in here that is in addition to what our records indicate]
- Parent / Guardian Contact Details [please only record anything in here that is in addition to what our records indicate]
- Select Submit Details.

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 and it will open as a pdf file.

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.