PRINCIPAL’S PERSPECTIVE

DONCASTER SECONDARY COLLEGE | Junior String Orchestra Performance

This week, our Year 5 and 6 students were treated to a beautiful performance from the Doncaster Secondary College Junior String Orchestra, conducted by teacher Howard Dillon. As well as being very entertaining, the performance was a fantastic way for students to be exposed to a range of string instruments that they may choose to play when they attend secondary college. Experiences such as these are also a great way to strengthen ties with local schools and assist in the transition from primary school to secondary school.

TRIVIA NIGHT | Amazing Success!

Our Trivia Night was not only a fantastic, fun night but it was also a huge success. We raised over $10,000!! The money raised will be used towards shadesails and new blinds in some of our classrooms.

We’d like to again thank our very committed and hard-working team of volunteer parents in our Parents & Friends Committee, as well as all the local businesses that supported their efforts. We’d especially like to thank our major sponsors:

Platinum Sponsor  Fletchers Real Estate
Gold Sponsor  East Doncaster Cricket Club
Silver Sponsors  Bendigo Bank, Caring Dental Group, East Doncaster Veterinary Hospital, Tailor Made Freight Management Pty Ltd
Bronze Sponsors  Action Indoor Sports, BurnsRED, Hands-On Physiotherapy, Morgans Financial Limited, P and D Thompson Pty Ltd (Accountants), Sweet Smile Dental

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

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:

- Pop Up Circus | Sat 21 Nov [10am – 2pm]
- Girls Footy 2016 | Beverley Hills Football Club

MILGATE BASKETBALL | Presentation Afternoon

The Milgate Basketball Presentation afternoon will be on Wednesday 25 November at 3.30pm in the stadium.

All registered players who have played this year will receive a trophy. We look forward to seeing you all there.

DIARY DATES | Next Week

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REMEMBERS

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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**SCHOOL NEWS**

**YEAR 5 & 6 | The Australian Ballet Incursion**
On Thursday 5 November, our Year 5 and 6 students participated in the ‘Out There – The Australian Ballet’ program. The workshop was a huge success, with students taking part and learning about various types of dance. The Australian Ballet instructors then performed dances from around the world, teaching students about classical, ballet, modern, tap and krump dance. Some lucky students even had the opportunity to try on costumes from past productions. Overall, it was a wonderful day, full of laughs, music, and dance.

**2016 CAMP | Parent Helpers**
If you are interested in being considered as a Parent Helper at one of our Camps in 2016, please return your completed ‘Camp Dates & Helpers Notice’ form. The form is available on Compass either in:
- News Feed [on right-hand side of Homepage]
- School Documentation [located under Community]
Please return the form to your classroom teacher and your details will be added to our list. Parents will be contacted next year by Mr Will to confirm a place.

**FOUNDATION | Incursions**
Recently our Foundation students enjoyed a genuine hands-on farm experience when Choco the Cow visited Milgate last week. Our students have been learning about ‘How the World Work’s and how to ‘Share the Planet’. Listening to farmers Kate and Sarah, students learned about how milk is produced and how it gets from the farm to their fridge. Students also had the opportunity to ‘shake, shake, shake’ cream into butter. This butter was later used on freshly baked scones. Delicious!

Our Foundation students also had the opportunity to attend the City of Banyule’s Material Recovery Facility. This eye-opening experience focused on rethinking how we use and dispose of materials and how it can have a positive impact on the world.

Lastly, our Foundation team were fortunate to host one very creative professional. Kat from Kat’s Cakes shared her passion for cake making and decorating with the students. The students thoroughly enjoyed watching the creative process of turning a chocolate cake into a very popular snowman.

**CHRISTMAS SWEEPSTAKES RAFFLE FUNDRAISER**
If you are yet to bring in your donated item for the Christmas Raffle, please can you do so by Monday 23 November. 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 class room. 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**

Raffle Tickets for the Sweepstakes went home last week. Please offer them to your friends, family and neighbours and start returning the money and ticket stubs to your Class Teacher. The Raffle will be drawn at the Milgate Carols Night on Thursday 10 December.

**DONCARE CHRISTMAS DRIVE**
Once again, we ask the families of Milgate to think of those less fortunate than ourselves living in the Manningham area and make a donation for them this Christmas. Please place your donation under the Christmas tree located in the School Office Foyer. Items most in need are non-perishable food items and toys for school-aged children. New items only please.
COMPASS | PARENT PORTAL

My child arrived after 9am and was signed in at the Office, so why does the approval for my child say 8.50am – 12.50pm?

Our teachers mark the attendance rolls at the start of the day and again after lunch. So our sessions in Compass are 8.50am – 12.50pm and 1.50 – 3.30pm. A late arrival, such as the one shown below, doesn’t show the time of the arrival but that your child was marked Not Present when the roll was marked. It is this absence that you are approving.

If you click on the Arrival/Departure tab, you can see all the arrival and departure times for your child.

This is the same if your child is signed out at the office and departs school early. You will still need to provide your Parent Approval in Compass.

Where are the Newsletters or Milgate Achievers now?

STEP 1: Select Community and then School Documentation

STEP 2: Select the + symbols to expand the list and select the file you want to view/download.

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 arrivals and departures Full Record | All attendance data