PRINCIPAL’S PERSPECTIVE

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Last week, staff carried out random acts of kindness for each other which was an amazing way to build positivity and strengthen relationships. Many of the students also excitedly involved themselves in these acts and were keen to carry them out with each other in the classroom. Random acts of kindness included making cards and books for staff members, letters of appreciation, sugary sweet surprises, rap songs written by the students, flowers, canteen vouchers and even a car wash! It was a wonderful way to show our appreciation and celebrate the little things.

YEAR 4 | Bike Education

This week our Year 4 students have learnt new riding skills and road safety knowledge as part of the Bike Education program. In small groups, students focused on riding skills targeted to their level of bike riding experience, as well as reinforcing their understanding of road rules. Students, teachers and parent volunteers set off on a 20km bike ride to Westerfolds Park today to put into practice everything that they have learnt.

2016 CLASSES

Parents and Guardians will soon receive a Compass notification regarding classes and teachers for 2016. Please login to Compass to view the details when advised.

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

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REMINDERS

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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milgate.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

LAST DAY | Friday 18 December 2015
Assembly at 12.00noon
Students dismissed at 1pm
SCHOOL NEWS

MILGATE CAROL’S NIGHT
Thursday 10 December
5.30 - 6.30pm Sausage Sizzle or BYO Picnic
7 - 9pm Carol’s Night [approximate finish time]
Theme: Winter Wonderland

Students:
- Bring a rug or cushion to sit on
- Wear school uniform
- Add a decoration such as a Santa hat, Christmas earrings or T-shirt, etc.

Parents may bring:
- Chairs or rug
- Food and drinks [Please note: this is an alcohol free event]

This event will be held on the double basketball court, weather permitting. Our alternate venue is the stadium.

STUDENT REPORTS & PORTFOLIOS
Monday 14 December
On this day parents will be able to access student reports via Compass by 2pm. Students in Foundation - Year 2 will bring their student portfolios home with them on this day, while students in Years 3 – 6 will have their portfolios available on their iPads for parents to view.

CANTENE NEWS
Looking for a Christmas gift for your teacher?
Just in time for Christmas, The Ginger Snap have $20 or $5 vouchers available to purchase – simply pop in and see us at the canteen any time before the end of term.

PARENTS
Friends
Milgate Primary School

CHRISTMAS SWEEPSTAKES RAFFLE FUNDRAISER
Raffle Tickets for the Sweepstakes have been sent home for sale. Please offer them to your friends, family and neighbours and start returning the money and ticket stubs to your Class Teacher. The class that sells the most raffle tickets will win a Class Party. 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.

COLLECTION DAYS | Student Supply Packs
Students in Years 1 - 6 in 2016

Student book/supply packs will be available for collection from the Community Room on:
- Friday 4 December 8.30 - 9.30am 3.00 - 4.00pm
- Monday 7 December 8.30 - 9.30am 3.00 - 4.00pm
- Tuesday 8 December 8.30 - 9.30am 3.00 - 6.00pm

Students in Foundation/Prep in 2016
Foundation students’ stationery will be delivered directly to their classrooms. We request payment to be made to the Office before Friday 18 December 2015.

CAMP AUSTRALIA
Before and After School Care
Holidays are creeping up on us again! We are running the Milgate holiday club from the 4 - 27 January (excluding public holidays), go to our website to have a look at what’s happening each day and to book your place. We have lots of awesome excursions and incursions on offer: www.campaustralia.com.au/HolidayClubs/Program/Milgate/14479

This week at before and after school care we have been getting into the spirit of Christmas! We have been making paper chains, doing Christmas colouring pages and making a giant Christmas tree out of our hand prints too!
Melissa [Camp Australia Co-Ordinator]

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:
- Girls Footy 2016 | Beverley Hills Football Club
- Wildlife Detectives ‘Adventures After Dark’ Night Walk | Fri 11 Dec

Community Christmas Celebration | Sun 6 Dec

2016 DATES

Wed 27 Jan Curriculum Day | No students at school
Thu 28 Jan School Starts for students in Yrs 1 - 6
Fri 29 Jan School Starts for Foundation students [8.50am – 12.30pm]
Mon 1 Feb First full day for Foundation students

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