PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE

LEADERSHIP PRESENTATION | Assembly Mon 8 Feb
Our new School Leaders and House Leaders were presented with their badges at a very special assembly. Jennifer Yang, Mayor of Manningham, presented the students with their badges and spoke about the privilege and importance of being in a position of leadership. The students were thrilled to receive their badges, officially marking the commencement of their roles. We are extremely proud of our 2016 leaders and know they will represent the school with confidence and integrity.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU INTERVIEWS
Each year we hold these information sharing sessions between parents and teachers. To provide the best possible learning environment for your child relevant background information such as family circumstances, medical or health information is useful for teachers to know. If you would like to arrange a time please do so from your homepage in Compass – the link is on the top-right of your screen in your News Feed.

IMPORTANT: If you have already made a booking on Tue 16 Feb at 6:00 / 6:10 / 6:20pm you will need to rebook another time please. Our apologies for this but staff are not available at these times, please rebook and select another available time.

COMPASS | Online Payments
This term we have been trialing the processing of payments individually for each excursion. We are aware of the time implications, for both parents and staff, and are currently working towards a better solution to commence in Term 2 where we will go back to an Excursion Planner with a single payment for most excursions and excursions each term. There will however be separate payments required for camps, swimming programs, interschool sport or other district sporting events. Consent will be done individually per event on Compass. We appreciate your patience during this time while we investigate and implement the best solution that suits the needs of our entire school community.

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

DIARY DATES | Next Week

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Full calendar details available in Compass.

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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SCHOOL NEWS

HEAD LICE
Back to school for another year and unfortunately this often means the start of the head lice season too. We see an increase in the number of head lice cases in the February to March period, particularly amongst school aged children. Head lice are extremely contagious. Early treatment is recommended to kill head lice and their eggs and to limit school and family contamination.

95% of lice are transmitted through close head to head contact and by sharing objects such as hats, hair brushes, head bands, pillows and towels. Ensure that you and your household are protected from head lice this season by taking the necessary preventative steps to keep head lice away:
1. Avoid sharing clothing, especially hats, ribbons, head bands and helmets
2. Discourage children from playing with each other's hair
3. Don't share brushes, combs, towels and pillows
4. Keep long hair plaited or firmly tied back to prevent contact from other kids

CSEF APPLICATIONS
Eligible parents / carers may claim the CSEF (Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund) amount of $125 per year if they meet the following criteria:
- Have a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school
  o on the first day of Term one
  o on the first day of Term two
- Have a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card or be a temporary foster parent

Forms must be submitted before Mon 29 Feb 2016. Forms are available at the office and parents must produce their relevant card with the application.

HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS | Friday 4 March
This event is for all our Year 3 – 6 students and runs from 10:30am – 3:00pm at the Nunawading Pool. Parents are welcome to attend and your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

SCHOOL CROSSING | Landscape Drive
Just a note to parents that our Crossing Lady, Dianne, is currently away on leave and will return on Fri 26 Feb.

PHOTOS | School Events
Parents are welcome to take photos of students participating in school events eg excursions, camps, special days, etc for their own records. However, due to privacy, photos including other students are not to be uploaded to any social media such as Facebook, Instagram etc. Please respect the privacy and safety of all our students. Thank you for your assistance.

YEAR 5 | Who We Are
Students are currently inquiring within the transdisciplinary theme ‘Who We Are’ to find out how ‘The beliefs and values of a culture impact the way decisions and laws are made’. To gain a foundation for their learning, last Wednesday our Year 5 students enjoyed an excursion to the Old Melbourne Gaol, Victorian Parliament House and Melbourne Museum. Some of the students looked rather comfortable sitting back in the Houses of Parliament and have new ambitions to be our future law-makers.

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:
- Our Lady of the Pines | Community Fete [Sun 20 Mar 11am – 4pm]
- Beverley Hills Football Club | Girls Footy & Registration Day
- Irabina | Various workshops
- Irabina | Auskick 2016
- Irabina | Fun Run – Sun 3 Apr 8am
- Eltham Rugby
- Doncare | Op Shop Volunteers needed 9856 1500
- Manningham City Council | Rubbish free lunch box ideas - Wed 24 Feb 7 - 9pm
- Hook in2 Hockey Come n Try Session Free of Charge @ the Doncaster Hockey Club | Sat 13 Feb 10–11am
- Young @ Art | Art Program
- DC Kidz Club | Fridays 4.30-7pm
SCHOOL NEWS

WORKING WITH CHILDREN | Parent Helpers
In 2016, all parent helpers for excursions, camps, classroom programs, etc are required to obtain a WWC card [Victoria]. Parents only need to apply for a volunteer card and the application is free. In your application you need to nominate Milgate Primary School and we will be notified of your details – you do not need to provide a copy of your card to the Office. However, if you have an employee WWC or nominated a different school in your original application, then you will need to present your card to our Office staff. Online applications can be done at: www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au
We value the time many parents dedicate to volunteering at Milgate and we thank you for support in all our programs.

YEAR 5 & 6 | Collingwood Football Club
Earlier this week, on Tuesday, Collingwood Football Club players Adam Treloar and Jamie Elliott visited Milgate Primary School. They spoke to our Year 5 and 6 students about leadership and the qualities that make a good leader.
The students asked some fantastic questions and they were very impressed with Adam and Jamie’s responses. It was an exciting session for all! A special thank you to the players and Mr Will for organising the session.

COMPASS | New in 2016
We are continuing to improve the areas within Compass for parents and this year have introduced the following features or functionality:
- Online payment processing
- Email your child’s teachers
- Parent / Teacher interviews – bookings online

YEAR 6 | Safer Internet Day Virtual Classroom
Our Year 6 students participated in Safer Internet Day on Tue 9 Feb by contributing to an online forum. They were involved in a range of circumstances where they had to think of how they would best respond to a scenario and make wise and respectful choices on social media.
The session assisted students to:
• understand the possible consequences of posting images
• be upstanders
• communicate online respectfully
• understand how to report inappropriate material
It was a fantastic learning opportunity for the students and they really enjoyed the virtual classroom experience!

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

Lost Property
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
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. We already have one lovely parent to volunteer but we still need one more please.
How can I see what times are still available when booking a Parent/Teacher interview?

STEP 1: From your Compass homepage on the right of your screen is the My News section, under this is a section titled Parent Student teacher Conferences. Select Click here for booking at the bottom of this section. This is a quick link to take you to the correct screen. This will continue to appear until the bookings have closed – even if you’ve already scheduled an interview.

STEP 2: Select the teacher’s name in the bottom table to see their availability.

The following pop-up window will display the teacher’s availability so you can then close this window and go back to the previous screen to select a suitable time.

Where do I find Notices or Activity enrolment forms?

STEP 1: From within Compass select Community | School Documentation.

STEP 2: Select and navigate through the folders and files listed down the left of the screen. To view any files you just need to select Download File on the right of your screen.

This is where you will find:
- Notices
- Extracurricular Activities
- Newsletters
- School Policies