PRINCIPAL’S PERSPECTIVE

PRINCIPAL CONFERENCE

Last Thursday and Friday Karlie Gooding (Assistant Principal) and Debbie Mierisch (Principal) attended the Manningham Schools Network Principal Class annual conference at Marysville. This was a wonderful opportunity to network with other leaders in our local Primary and Secondary schools. We participated in presentations on Mindfulness (Dr Richard Chambers), the Mind Body Voice connection (Louise Mahler) and motivating students to write (John Marsden) who has set up his own school. It was a most worthwhile and inspiring conference.

PYP TEACHMEETS

On Tuesday 8th March Milgate hosted the first Victorian PYP Network ‘TeachMeet’ for 2016. Over 50 educators from across the Victorian PYP Network participated in the valuable teaching and learning sharing session. Each presenter shared fantastic ideas and provided excellent, practical resources for staff to use and implement. We had a large number of Milgate staff present at the ‘TeachMeet’ and were very impressed with their contributions.

CURRICULUM DAY | Friday 13 May

In Term 2 we will have a Curriculum Day as teachers will use this time for their report writing purposes.

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

UPCOMING DATES

Sun 20 Mar  Working Bee | 9.30 – 11.30am
Tue 22 Mar  Free Dress Day [Gold Coin Donation]
Tue 22 Mar  Milgate Community Picnic [5 – 7pm]
Wed 23 Mar  SCHOOL PHOTOS
Thu 24 Mar  Last Day - Term 1 [2.30pm Dismissal]
Fri 13 May  CURRICULUM DAY

REMINDEERS

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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LAST DAY - TERM 1
Thursday 24 March
Dismissal at 2.30pm

Parents that will be on holidays before the end of term are requested to enter the upcoming absence in Compass.
SCHOOL NEWS

COMMUNITY PICNIC NIGHT | Tuesday 22 March
Our annual Community Picnic Night is held on the school oval from 5 – 7pm. This year at 5:45pm we will have a community drumming session that will involve everyone playing drums or percussion instruments together while having lots of fun. So come along and join in together with others from our school community. Parents, students and families are invited to come along and bring your chairs, rugs and a picnic. There will also be a sausage sizzle where BBQ sausages can be purchased.

YEAR 3 | Library Books Wanted
We are establishing 2 large libraries for the students to use and are desperately looking for books to fill them. If you have any picture storybooks, fiction or non-fiction books that you donate to the Op Shop or just get rid of, we would consider Year 3 instead. take children’s reading levels in fairly good magazines like be gratefully
We dearly hope that you have some books that your children may have outgrown and would like to donate. If you do please take them to Miss Dub’s classroom [3TW] for processing and adding to our class libraries. Thank you.

YEAR 4 INCURSIONS
Bully Zero
Katie from Bully Zero Australia Foundation came in to talk to our Year 4 students about bullying and the different types of bullying that can occur in schools.
We learnt about some famous people who have been bullied as a child but pushed through to become very successful. We learnt some vital information about cyber safety, how to stay safe online and appropriate use of our iPads

African Drumming & Multicultural Lunch – Thu 3 Mar
Our Year 4 students participated in an African drumming incursion. Here they learned about different types of drums typically used in West African music and got to perform on their own drum. The students learned a number of different drumming rhythms, songs and dances, culminating in a circle dance which was lots of fun!

The students learned a lot from their instructor Shaba, as well as getting to hear some authentic drumming performances. It was certainly an exciting start to the day! Our students also brought in plates of food from their own family’s culture and shared the food with their peers. Lunch was a huge feast with lots of food from all around the world! The Year 4 team would like to say a big thank you to all the parents for helping their children with the food, without your help this would not have been the great success that it was.

EASTER BONNET PARADE & RAFFLE
Thursday 24 March | 12noon in Stadium
Students are invited to design and make their own Easter Bonnet for our Annual Easter Bonnet Parade. There will be small chocolate prizes awarded for the best hats [one girl and one boy] in each year level. Parents are welcome to attend.
Return your raffle tickets and $5 now to be in the draw to win one of three fabulous hampers. The winners will be drawn on Thursday 24 March at the Easter Bonnet Parade.

HARMONY DAY
Come along to our Harmony Day celebration on Mon 21st Mar at 9am in the Staff Room, where you can share traditions from your home country and learn more about Australian traditions.
Please RSVP to milgate.pf@gmail.com and bring a plate of food to share.
SCHOOL NEWS

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL | Free Dress Day
This term, the Junior School Council are proud to support the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal. For a gold coin donation, students can come to school in free dress and bring along their favourite soft toy. It will be held on Tuesday 22nd March. Please support this great cause!

CAMP AUSTRALIA
Before and After School Care
Hi everyone!
Wow after school care has been busy lately! We have lots and lots of new foundation students this term who are fitting in with everyone so well! We are really proud of how helpful and welcoming the other students have been! We’ve had some great creativity at after school care lately, have a look at the awesome marble run some of the boys made.

HOLIDAY CLUB is fast approaching!
Information about our holiday club is on our sign in desk in the foyer of the stadium, come by and grab a flyer! You can also go to the Camp Australia website or call the customer service team on 1300 105 343.
We have some great excursions these holidays, we are going to see Zootopia at the Cinemas and visiting the Super Zu play centre too! It’s going to be great fun!
To see our full program follow the link here. For bookings just go to our website: www.campaustralia.com.au.
Melissa

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:

- Ajani Multicultural Festival | Sat 19 Mar 12 - 4pm
- OLOP Community Fete | Sun 20 Mar 11am - 4pm
- Campfire & Cricket Night | Fri 18 Mar 6 - 7.30pm
- Warrandyte High School | Open Night - Thu 17 Mar
- Sporting Clubs - Netball, Dance, Basketball, AFL, Soccer, etc.
- Blackburn High School | High Achiever’s Program
- Developing Resilience in Girls | Wed 23 Mar
- Holiday Programs – Basketball, Netball, Football
- FREE Sports Coaching – Yrs 3 & 4 – Netball, Soccer, Hockey or Basketball

COMPASS | Computer Access at School
There is now a computer available for parents to use at the school to access Compass. It is located in the Admin building near the canteen. Parents are welcome to come and use it to access their Compass account at any time during the day. If you need assistance with this, please speak to the office staff and they will be able to assist you.

SPORTING NEWS
House Swimming Sports
Many thanks to all the Milgate students, staff and parents who made Friday’s House Swimming Sports so successful. The students all had an amazing day and it was great to see so many students pushing themselves and having a go at so many different events. There was a great sense of sportsmanship on the day and the results from our House Swimming Sports were as follows:

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Eastern Regional Swimming
Congratulations to the following students on their outstanding performances at Eastern Regional Swimming on Monday 7th March at Aquanation, Ringwood:

Isaac L
- 12yr Boys 50m Freestyle: 10th in Final
- 12yr Boys 50m Breaststroke: 8th in Final
- 12yr Boys 50m Freestyle Relay: 4th in Final

George C-J
- 12yr Boys 50m Freestyle Relay: 4th in Final

Evan C
- 12yr Boys 50m Freestyle Relay: 4th in Final

Ethan Y
- 12yr Boys 50m Freestyle Relay: 4th in Final

Tayla Mc
- 11yr Girls 50m Backstroke: 10th in Final

Nathan W
- 11yr Boys Breaststroke: 6th in Final
SCHOOL NEWS

COMPASS | Parent Portal

How do I enter an upcoming absence for my child?

If your child will be absent from school [family holiday, medical appointment, dentist, etc] you can enter this directly into Compass instead of writing a note to your child’s teacher.

STEP 1: On your child’s homepage / dashboard select + Add Attendance Note/Approval (Approved Absence/Late).

STEP 2:

- Select the Reason from the drop-down list, complete the Details/Comment box
- Select the Start and Finish dates [no need to change times unless you’re collecting your child from school early on the start date]
- Save

How can I see what events are 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 screen shot].

Navigate through the dates by using arrows or visual calendar [see top-left of above screen shot].
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