PRINCIPAL’S PERSPECTIVE
This will be our last newsletter for the term. Thank you to all staff, students and parents for a very successful term of learning at Milgate PS. It has been a very busy term full of amazing learning and achievements for the students academically, socially and in sport and music. Everyone has worked hard to achieve their learning goals throughout the term. Congratulations to all. We wish everyone a healthy, enjoyable and relaxing holiday time.

MUSICAL INSPIRATION CONCERT
Last Thursday night the students who are learning to play musical instruments had a performance for their parents. Some have just started learning and others have been learning for several years. It was good to see them developing confidence as they played violin, keyboard, guitar, drums and sang. Well done to all students who performed.

PUPIL FREE / CURRICULUM DAYS
There will be two Pupil free days in Term 3 on Wednesday 13 July and Monday 8 August. These will be the last pupil free days for 2016. On 13 July the staff will take part in professional learning in Positive Education which is what we are implementing in the school eg character strengths, gratitude, mindfulness, growth mindset, purpose, looking after ourselves and our relationships. On 8 August the focus will be on staff learning in Concept Driven Learning for students which is part of the PYP.

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

DIARY DATES | Next Term
Mon 11 Jul | Term 3 – First Day

UPCOMING DATES
Wed 13 July | CURRICULUM DAY
Mon 8 Aug | CURRICULUM DAY
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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LAST DAY | TERM 2 | TODAY
Dismissal at 2.30pm
CURRICULUM DAY
Week 1 | Wednesday 13 July
FOREST OF WELCOMES
Last year Milgate PS took part in the Manningham City Council ‘Welcome Tree’ program and enthusiastically hosted one of their four Welcome Trees. By adding our many messages of welcome to the Tree and generating associated discussions, our school community was helping to make Manningham an understanding and welcoming community.

On Thursday eight Milgate student leaders participated in the follow up event of this important Social Inclusion activity. It was a celebration of the United Nations World refugee Day when all migrants and refugees were welcomed to Manningham.

The ‘Forest of Welcomes’ was celebrated with a number of speakers and cultural performances and all of the thousands of Welcome Leaves that have been created over the past year were on display. The cultural performances included traditional Korean folk music, Burmese singers, a multi-cultural group of singers from AMES, and Bwe Thay who arrived in Australia in 2009 as a refugee having fled the Burmese war spoke to the audience.

A living Welcome Tree (a native Red Box) was planted by the Mayor of Manningham in a prominent position near the front entrance of the Manningham Council offices. Each school was also presented with three native Manningham plants to plant in their own school gardens. It was a privilege for Milgate students to be a part of this celebration.

POSITIVE EDUCATION | Making a Difference
Another aspect of Positive Education is Positive Purpose or making a difference. Positive Purpose is understanding and believing in something greater than yourself and deliberately engaging in activities for the benefits of others.

Research has shown that people who find a sense of purpose in their lives report:
- Greater overall happiness
- Higher levels of physical and emotional strength
- Higher levels of resiliency
- Greater sense of control over their lives

Knowing and understanding what you believe in - your core values, is a useful way of identifying your positive life purpose.

Some questions to consider:
- What is important to me?
- Why is it important to me?
- How do I want to be?
- In what ways do I currently give to others?
- What are some other ways I can give help to others that resonate with me?

Talk to your child about how you can make a difference as a family. Making a difference does not have to be an enormous task, there are many small things you can do.

Some useful resources:
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-plCMVcT8f4 - Be True to Yourself clip
- ‘Change the World in 5 Minutes’ – A DVD consisting of 9 short films that encourages change for the world
- http://payitforwardday.com - Pay it Forward website with ideas of how you can do something kind for someone else
- https://www.randomactsofkindness.org - A website with ideas on how to brighten someone else’s day

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