PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE
Welcome back to Term 2. We hope all families had a relaxing break. It is great to see the students all rested and enthusiastic for another exciting term of learning at Milgate PS.

POSITIVE EDUCATION AT MILGATE PS
Last week Claire Harvey-Beavis (Student Wellbeing leader) and I attended a 4 day conference and professional learning program on Positive Education at Geelong Grammar School. Also attending were educators from all states in Australia as well as from Finland and Chile. Geelong Grammar School have been implementing Positive Education in the school for the last 10 years and it has had a very positive impact on the culture and lives of the students, staff and parents. Positive education is a whole school approach focusing on a state of personal wellbeing. It is based on a number of research models and one of these is PERMA:
- P – Positive emotion
- E – Engagement
- R – Relationships
- M – Meaning (positive purpose)
- A – Accomplishment

Another part of Positive Education is Character Strengths and Virtues. There will be more information about these in future newsletters. At Milgate PS we have already done some work around Gratitude, Kindness and Mindfulness with staff and students. The work will continue as we introduce other aspects into the school during the year. In Term 3 on the pupil free day, 13 July, all staff will be participating in a Positive Education professional learning day with Georgina Manning from Wellbeing for kids / peaceful kids program - http://wellbeingforkids.com.au/.

KOKI SALY
As part of the Year 5 and 6 Inquiry Unit, Koki Saly spoke to the Year 5 and 6 students about his life as a refugee and the amazing things he has achieved since then. See further details in this newsletter.

YEAR 5 AND 6 CAMP AT THE GRAMPIANS
Our Year 5 and 6 students will head off to their 5 day camp at The Grampians on Monday. They are all looking forward to the new experiences, challenges and friendships they will develop over the week. Hopefully they have beautiful weather for their many outdoor activities – hiking, abseiling, canoeing, etc. Debbie Mierisch will also be going to the camp to join in the activities from Tuesday to Thursday.

Yours sincerely,
Debbie Mierisch | Principal
Karlie Gooding | Assistant Principal
INCURSION - KOKI SALY
On Tuesday, our Year 5 and 6 students at Milgate were extremely fortunate to have a visit from Koky Saly. Koky is the founder of a not-for-profit organisation called BabyTree Projects and has devoted the last seven years of his life to changing the lives of children in Cambodia by building schools in impoverished rural areas. Through sharing his life story and the challenges he has personally overcome, Koky highlighted the importance of family and friends in the children’s lives and emphasised that every single person has the power to change the world. He implored the students to have the courage to raise their hand and stand up for what they believe in - to put on their capes and be the superhero that the world needs.

Koky also spoke more specifically about his business the BeeKeeper Parade, which creates products that change the world, do not harm the environment, nourish and support the people and animals that dwell on our planet, and raise funds to seek solutions to some of the world’s biggest problems. He used his experience to offer practical advice to the Year 5 students who will be holding a market at Milgate later this term as part of their inquiry into How We Organise Ourselves. Koky encouraged students to think about what they want to sell from their market stalls, and told them that in 2016 when customers purchase a product they want to know what it’s doing for the world, where the item comes from and how it is helping other people.

Koky made connections to the Year 6 inquiry ‘Who We Are’, through discussing the importance of being self-aware and understanding our emotions. He shared that through developing our self-awareness, we are able to maintain healthier relationships with family and friends.

If you would like to support the BeeKeeper Parade you can currently purchase a handmade backpack from Koky’s pop-up stall at Melbourne Central. Each backpack sold will send one child in Cambodia to English school for an entire year. Also keep your eyes peeled for more information about the Year 5 craft market to be held later this term.

CURRAWONG BUSHPARK ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS PROGRAM
On Wednesday 13th April our Year 3 - 6 Environmental Leaders took part in the Currawong Bushpark Schools Program organised by Manningham Council. The Leaders had the fantastic opportunity to go on a bush walk following small animal trails as well as large animal trails such as kangaroos.

Another highlight of the program was the wild animals, where students got to see as well as hold a variety of Australian Native animals, many of which they had never been near before. Students also participated in initiative and team work activities where they learnt about leadership and were provided with a number of great ideas to promote recycling, the environment and sustainability at Milgate.
SCHOOL NEWS

CAMP AUSTRALIA
Before and After School Care
School holiday program was really fun. We had lots of Milgate kids as well as kids from other local schools too. We had a great time watching Zootopia at Eastland and an energy filled day at Super Zu play centre too! We had lots of interesting excursions as well as a Milgate Olympics day where the kids represented a country in sports games and relays, an art competition, a Lego competition and a chocolate cake making competition. It was really great fun!

Just letting everyone know as well that our land line phone number will be disconnected on Monday 18th April so please make sure you have our correct phone number: 0412 442 732.

Friday 13th May is a curriculum day at Milgate and we are able to offer a full day of care for any students who need it but we need a minimum amount of kids before it can go ahead. If you think you will need your child to be looked after on this day please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the sign-in desk in the foyer of the gym.

We have recently bought some new electrical circuit kits which the kids are really enjoying, have a look at the huge circuit creation that a couple of the kids made!

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:

- Sporting Clubs - Netball, Dance, Basketball, AFL / Auskick, Soccer, etc.
- Koonung Secondary College | Open Night
- Eltham College | Open Day

EASTER BONNET PARADE & RAFFLE
Thanks to everyone who supported our fundraiser and purchased a raffle ticket for the Easter Hamper Raffle. Congratulations to the lucky three families that won!

We were very impressed with all of the wonderful bonnets that the students made and displayed at the Easter Bonnet Parade. There were some very creative entries! Congratulations to the winners, who each received a chocolate Easter bunny.

HARMONY DAY MORNING TEA
Thank you to everyone who attended the Harmony Day morning tea. It was great to hear about your cultural traditions and help us plan more cultural events at the school. The next Multicultural Sub-Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 26th April at 9am in the Staff Room.

We will explore the meaning of ANZAC Day, followed by cultural events planning. ANZAC biscuits, coffee & tea will be provided. All are welcome. Please RSVP to milgate.pf@gmail.com.

MOTHER’S DAY
Our Annual Mother’s Day Stall is coming soon. We require helpers to wrap the gifts for sale at the stall. Wrapping Days are 28th and 29th April at 9am (see further details on Compass).
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