PRINCIPAL’S PERSPECTIVE

Last Friday the Year 3 students attended the school’s ANZAC service at the Shrine of Remembrance and lay a wreath on behalf of the school. On Monday at assembly they will be doing a presentation about their visit and ANZAC Day. Next week the Foundation students will be participating in a ‘Hands On Science’ incursion which links into their unit of inquiry ‘Senses’. They will spend time exploring their senses in the session.

Our Year 3 students are going to the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra next week as part of the school music program to enjoy a variety of music and learn about the instruments. There are many great learning opportunities for students in these activities that enhance their classroom learning.

NAPLAN

This is the national testing program for Years 3 and 5. It will be conducted during the week from 9 – 13 May. The tests will be conducted on the following days:

- Tuesday 10 May  Years 3 and 5  Language Conventions
- Wednesday 11 May  Years 3 and 5  Writing
- Thursday 12 May  Years 3 and 5  Reading

NAPLAN is one of the assessments we use for assessing student learning in Years 3 and 5 and we wish our students all the best.

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

DIARY DATES  |  Next Week

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UPCOMING DATES

- Fri 13 May  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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milgate.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

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SCHOOL NEWS

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY AT MILGATE

3D Printing
We are really excited by our recent purchase of a 3D printer. Already we are starting to design and print a range of useful objects. Several Year 6 students are beginning to design models to accompany their Maths Talent Quest projects and it will be wonderful to see how they turn out!

Sphero SPRK’s
We have purchased five Sphero SPRK’s that will assist students to better understand the basics of programming. Sphero’s are robot balls with several features that can be controlled through mobile apps, including computer programs that the students build. They are a fun and exciting way to learn! Our Year 4 students are currently using them as part of their Maths Talent Quest project. They have been working in small groups to investigate a range of concepts including speed, friction and momentum.

eSafety
As an eSmart school, we are continuously reviewing resources and undertaking professional development that will assist in ensuring students are utilising technology in a safe way. The Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner has excellent resources for parents that we would encourage you to take some time to look through.
https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/parent-resources

The Learning Technologies Team
CHARACTER STRENGTHS

Last year all staff members at Milgate completed the VIA Character Strengths survey to determine their top strengths that are exhibited in their day-to-day lives. These strengths are displayed on the wall near our staffroom.

There has been an incredible amount of research that has been undertaken to identify human strengths. Martin Seligman and his colleagues researched all major religions and philosophical traditions, and found that the same 6 virtues were shared in practically all cultures across three millennia (Seligman, 2002).

These virtues are:

- **Wisdom and Knowledge** – The acquisition and use of knowledge (Creativity, Curiosity, Love of Learning, Perspective, Judgement)
- **Courage** – The will to accomplish goals in face of opposition (Bravery, Perseverance, Honesty, Zest)
- **Humanity** – Connect us to other people (Love, Kindness, Social Intelligence)
- **Justice** – Build a healthy and stable community (Teamwork, Fairness, Leadership)
- **Temperance** – Buffer against excesses (Forgiveness, Humility, Prudence, Self-Regulation)
- **Transcendence** – Connect us to a larger universe (Spirituality, Humour, Hope, Gratitude, Appreciation of Beauty and Excellence)

The 6 virtues were considered too abstract to be studied scientifically so positive psychologists began to focus their attention on the character strengths, which sit under the umbrella of the virtues.

The 24 different Character Strengths are not what you are, but are what you do. They are the strengths which you most often demonstrate each and every day, some strengths more than others. The lower ranked strengths do not mean you don’t use them; you just use them less than others.

Research has indicated that Character Strength awareness and use reduces stress, increases motivation, confidence and positive emotion and leads to greater student engagement in school.

If you would like more information or to complete the survey yourself, the website is: [http://www.viacharacter.org](http://www.viacharacter.org)

**Claire Harvey-Beavis**
Student Wellbeing and Engagement Leader

**KOKY SALY**

In Week 1 we mentioned the work Koky Saly is doing as the founder of a not-for-profit organisation called BabyTree Projects. These are the websites for further information:
- [www.babytreeprojects.org](http://www.babytreeprojects.org) building schools in Cambodia.
- [www.beekeeperparade.com](http://www.beekeeperparade.com) backpacks made from discarded materials. Proceeds from one backpack sends a child to English classes for a year in Cambodia.

**Mother’s Day Stall**

We are holding our annual Mother’s Day Stall next week, where students can select from a wide variety of lovely gifts for their Mum/Grandma. Gifts are priced at $5 and $8. Please place money in a sealed, labelled envelope with students name and class. Students will have the opportunity to purchase one gift on THURSDAY 5th MAY. For those that forget their money or would like to purchase additional gifts, the stall will also be held on the morning of FRIDAY 6th MAY.

If you can spare an hour or two on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th May please come along and help us at the Mother’s Day Stall. It will be held in the main Office Building, outside the Canteen from 9am. Please let us know if you can come and help by emailing milgate.pf@gmail.com.

**Entertainment Books**

The new edition 2016 Entertainment Books are now on sale. This is a great fundraiser for Milgate as every book sold brings $13 to the school. Fill out the form on Compass and send it to school with your payment or buy your book at the Office.

**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
- East Doncaster SC | Open Night – Tue 2 May
- Community Market Templestowe | 7 May
- Scouts

Landscape Drive | East Doncaster Vic 3109
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www.milgateps.vic.edu.au
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The Entertainment™ Book returns as a fundraiser at Milgate Primary School in 2016 and we’re sure it will become one of your favourites! We are raising money for our School and would love your support! In 2015 we raised $1000

The Books sell for $65, and we keep $13 for every book sold.

The Entertainment™ Book gives you access to thousands of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for Melbourne’s best restaurants, cafés, attractions and the theme parks that you can use whenever you like until 1st June 2017.

New this year: Laurent Bakery, Lombards, Pizza Hut and Bounce.

The Entertainment™ Books are available as a Book (with a gold card and paper vouchers) or as a Digital Membership that puts all the offers on your smartphone to redeem at the touch of a button.

More information about the book and its offers is available at www.entertainmentbook.com.au

Digital memberships will be available from April 11\textsuperscript{th}

Books available for delivery from Friday 15\textsuperscript{th} April.

Please indicate your delivery preference below.

To pre-order your Book or your Digital Membership securely online today visit:

If you can’t purchase online, please complete your details below and return this form to the school office

Childs Name: ___________________________________________________________________________ Class: ___________________ Mobile: ___________________

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Please send my book home with my eldest child   [ ]      I will collect the book from the school office   [ ]

Please contact Melinda Parcell if you have any queries: Ph 0425 777 100