PRINCIPAL’S PERSPECTIVE
MILGATE OPEN MORNING
Milgate Primary School will be opening its doors this Saturday 7th May from 9.30 – 11.30am. New and prospective parents are invited to come and learn about our exciting and challenging learning programs, chat with teachers and explore the fantastic facilities we have here at Milgate. There will be lots of hands-on activities for the young ones and giveaways to collect as families visit the different areas of the school.

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING | REGGIO EMILIA STUDY TOUR
Carly Jones and Julie Parker attended the Reggio Emilia Early Years Education conference in Italy in April with 400 early years educators from around the world. This was a great learning opportunity and they have many new learning ideas that they will implement at Milgate PS and provide for staff to implement and learn about. This was partially school funded - the school funded the cost of the conference. Further details about this study tour are in the article on the next page.

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

DIARY DATES | Next Week
Sat 7 May | OPEN DAY | 9.30 – 11.30am
Tue 10 – Thu 12 May | NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
Fri 13 May | CURRICULUM DAY
Sun 15 May | Working Bee | 9.30 – 11.30am

UPCOMING DATES
Fri 20 May | National Walk Safely to School Day

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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CURRICULUM DAY
Friday 13 May
No students at school on this day.
EDUCATION WEEK
All across Victoria, Primary and Secondary schools will celebrate Education Week from 16-20th May. Education Week is a fantastic way to celebrate the outstanding and innovative teaching and learning that is happening at Milgate. All members of the school community are encouraged to be a part of the many exciting activities and events organised for the week. This year our theme for Education Week is simply, ‘Happy’.

**Tuesday 17 May**
**Open Morning 9.30-10.30am**
Parents, friends and families can visit students in the classrooms. New and prospective parents are invited to come and explore the exciting learning that takes place.

**Open Night 6.00-8.00pm**
Open Night is a great opportunity for students to show off their creativity and curiosity to family and friends! Visit different classrooms and explore what it means to be ‘Happy’, for different cultures across the world. Buskers will also perform throughout the night. Also throughout the evening:
- 5.30pm Sausage Sizzle
- 6.15pm Mandarin Performance [Foundation students]
- 7.45pm Milgate Choir

**Book Fair 6.00-8.00pm**
The Book Fair will be in full swing again this year! Come along and delve into the enormous selection of books available for purchase.

**Wednesday 18 May**
**Grandparents & Special Friends Day 12.00-1.00pm**
Grandparents and special friends are invited to come and visit students in their classrooms and share lunch together in the school yard.

**Friday 20 May**
**Favourite Book Character Day**
The Junior School Council have organised a free dress day where students are to dress up as their favourite character from a book! Students are asked to bring a gold coin donation on the day with all donations going to our sponsor child, Binod.

ILLNESSES
As the weather starts to turn cooler, there can be an increase in colds suffered by students. If students are very unwell, they should be kept at home to rest and be given lots of fluids – this gives them a better chance of recovering quickly and reduces the chance of spreading infections to other students and staff.

Symptoms of:
- Fever
- Frequent sneezing and/or coughing
- Constant running nose
- Nausea
- Headache
- Generally feeling unwell

These are all good indicators your child should recover at home. Ensure students reduce the risk of passing coughs and colds by
- Avoiding coughing or sneezing on or near other people
- Wash their hands appropriately after blowing their nose or handling tissues
- Coughing or sneezing onto the inside of their elbow instead of their hands, as this lowers the transmission of infections.

Colds can also be a trigger for asthma, now with the colder weather upon us asthma management can become more difficult for students attending school when they have a cough or cold.

Esther Smith | First Aid Officer

REGGIO EMILIA STUDY TOUR
In the first two weeks of this term, Julie Parker and myself attended a study tour in Reggio Emilia, Italy. Reggio Emilia is a province of Italy known around the world for quality teaching and Early Childhood learning. Over 400 delegates attended the study tour from 41 different countries.

We attended lectures and also had the opportunity to visit Early Learning Centres and a Primary School. It was an amazing experience and one that will help us continue to develop an enriched curriculum for our students.

Carly Jones | Foundation Team Leader
YEAR 3 | EXCURSION
Melbourne Legacy's 85th ANZAC Ceremony
On Friday 29th May, our Year 3 students attended Legacy’s 85th ANZAC Day Commemorative Ceremony for Victorian school students at The Shrine of Remembrance. As we arrived at The Shrine all of the students were given a sprig of Rosemary to symbolise remembrance and it is worn to remember the soldiers who gave their lives for us.
All of the schools that attended the ceremony brought a wreath with them to lay at The Shrine. Escha and Christian laid Milgate Primary School’s wreath in front of the eternal flame.

After the commemorative service we were able to enter the Visitors Centre below The Shrine where the students were able to see many artifacts from various wars. This included one of the boats that the soldiers landed in at Gallipoli and many of the medals that they received.

SPORTING NEWS
Templestowe District Cross Country
In rather windy and challenging conditions we had around 60 students from Milgate compete at our annual Templestowe District Cross Country Competition at Ruffey Lake Park. The students all ran extremely well considering the conditions and were a real credit to Milgate PS.
The following students placed in the top 10 and will now run at the Manningham Division Cross Country on Tuesday 7th June at Yarra Glen Race Course:

- Thomas G ~ 10yr Boys ~ 2km race
- Jack D ~ 11yr Boys ~ 3km race
- Callum M ~ 12yr Boys ~ 3km race
- Jayden O ~ 12yr Boys ~ 3km race

We would like to wish them all the best.

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.

Mother’s Day Stall
A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered to work on the Mother’s Day stall this week and help wrap the gifts last week. This was another successful fundraiser, and we could not have done it without your help. Wishing you a Happy Mother’s Day and we hope you like your gift.
VEGGIE PATCH UPDATE

On Tuesday morning, 4SI, 5JC and several Environmental Leaders worked extremely hard to mulch gardens around the stadium and tidy up the Veggie Garden. It was no easy task, but fuelled by cooperation, enthusiasm and school pride, the students prevailed.

We are very fortunate that Mitre 10 in East Doncaster generously donated $100 worth of potting mix and seeds to our school. We will put it to good use in the coming weeks now that the Veggie Garden is free of pesky weeds. Stay tuned as we would love to involve the Milgate Community in the 2016 Veggie Garden revival!

We are offering a program on Friday 13th May for the curriculum day, however we need a minimum amount of children so if you are interested please go to www.campaustralia.com.au and book in by Friday 6th May. We have been having a great time lately with our new electrical circuits toy that the kids have been playing with and learning about electricity. We have also been learning some new group games and teaching the Foundation students the games we played last year too. Ronan also made a really great Lego creation last week, great job Ronan!

As of Monday 9th May our landline phone will be disconnected, so if you need to contact us please use the mobile phone: 0412 442 732. Thank you.

Melissa | Coordinator

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.
- Community Market Templestowe | 7 May
- Scouts
- Short Story Competition for Young Writers