PRINCIPAL’S PERSPECTIVE
EDUCATION WEEK
This week students, staff, parents and the wider school community celebrated Education Week. There was an exciting buzz around the school with students exploring how different cultures of the world practise positivity and happiness. We had many visitors, both prospective and current parents during the open morning and open night.

Our outstanding School Leaders, House Leaders and Year 6 JSC Leaders led many school tours, confidently communicating information about the learning programs at Milgate. Congratulations to the Foundation students who performed beautifully, beginning the evening with a Mandarin song. Congratulations must also go to the choir who concluded the evening with a wonderful vocal performance. Student buskers were also heard throughout the school serenading us with their incredible talent.

Grandparents and Special Friends day was extremely popular this year. Grandparents and special friends visited the students during lesson time and then shared a picnic lunch together. Always popular is the annual Book Fair with students excitedly selecting and purchasing a wonderful array of books. To finish Education Week, the JSC held a dress-up day to raise money for our sponsor child, Binod. Students looked fantastic dressed up as their favourite book characters [see next page for further details].

Education Week 2016 was a wonderful celebration of student learning and school community.

Yours sincerely,
Debbie Mierisch | Principal
Karlie Gooding | Assistant Principal
**CODE CLUB**

**Scratch Day Prize Winner**

Saturday 14th May was ‘Scratch Day’! Students in Code Club use a software program called Scratch to create games. Code Club students entered their best and most creative Scratch creations and went into the draw to win some great prizes! The lucky winners were announced on Scratch Day, and we were very excited to hear that Jamie, one of our Year 5 students won a prize for his game ‘Buddies Friends’. We would like to congratulate Jamie and encourage all Milgate students to have a play of Jamie’s game by clicking on the following link!

https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/104797564/

**SPORTING NEWS**

**Walk Safely to School Day | Friday 20 May**

It was terrific to see so many Milgate students walking safely to school this morning. Great job everyone!

**Entertainment Books – Almost Sold Out**

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. Books are almost sold out and orders will need to be finalised by Friday 3rd June. Fill out the form on Compass and collect your book at the Office.

**National Reconciliation Week**

This is a time to recognise and celebrate our indigenous cultural heritage in Australia. The Multi-Cultural Sub Committee will be attending a celebration organised by Manningham City Council and we invite you to join us. It will be held at 10:30am on Friday 27 May at MC Square (687 Doncaster Road, Doncaster). There will be aboriginal performances, an art exhibition and a bush tucker light lunch. Further information is available at:


Bookings are essential so please let us know if you plan on attending by emailing milgate.pf@gmail.com

**WORKING BEE**

We had an absolutely fantastic turn out for our Term 2 Working Bee and managed to complete a number of jobs around the school. The Foundation Courtyard was a prime focus with parents, grandparents and students pruning, weeding and cleaning the area. Many students became ‘mulch-machines’ collecting and spreading mulch across garden beds at the front of the school. Fantastic work was also carried out at the back entrance to the school, making it cleaner and safer for all. Thank you to all who attended, making the morning such a success.

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JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL FUNDRAISER
Storybook Character Dress-Up Day

The Junior School Council held a dress-up day on Friday 20 May to fundraise for our sponsor child, Binod. Tying in with Education Week, students dressed up as their favourite book character and helped support Binod with a gold coin. We are very proud to announce that we raised $576 – thank you everyone.
An Evening with Michael Grose

Don’t miss this amazing opportunity!

A trailblazer in the parenting education scene Michael is the founder of Parentingideas, Australia’s leader in quality parenting education for parents and schools. Come and join us to share in his insights and ideas.

Raising well-behaved kids that other people rave about (for the right reasons)

Getting co-operation from your kids is one of the biggest challenges modern parents face. As you know, if you have easy kids then getting co-operation is usually straightforward. But with some children you need to know what you are doing if they are going to fall into line.

In this fantastic presentation Michael reveals road-tested tried and true techniques and strategies that’ll make the life of every parent easier.

Michael will also reveal:
• Why your children are different despite the fact they came from the same gene pool and receive the same parenting.
• How to get more co-operation without repeating yourself, raising your voice or resorting to tears.
• Great ways to promote self-control and self-discipline even in highly wired kids.
• The BIG question to ask yourself when kids repeatedly misbehave that will quickly lead to improvement.
• How to work out behaviours to worry about and those that kids will grow out of.
• A simple definition of misbehaviour that you can use in any situation.
• How you can bring emotional intelligence into your everyday parenting so that you can help your kids to recognise and regulate their emotional state.

Tickets $15 - May Earlybird and Group discounts available.

7.30pm -9pm Wed 15th June 2016
VENUE: PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE, PARK ORCHARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL
BOOKINGS: www.trybooking.com/LLBJ

Awesome! You wowed them again Michael!
Kath Brier, St Thomas PS, NSW