PRINCIPAL’S PERSPECTIVE

It has been fantastic to see the incredible authentic learning experiences for students across all levels throughout the last couple of weeks. Milgate’s first ever ‘Maker’s Market,’ - organised, managed and executed by our Year 5 students demonstrated their complex understanding of economics and showcased their creativity, persistence and integrity.

Our Year 3 & 4 students eagerly participated in the Swimming Program at Aquarena, training hard with commitment and dedication. Foundation and Year 1 students began their exciting circus skills program run by Little Devils Circus School, as part of their inquiries into expressive forms of art.

Our Year 2 students have been exploring how images communicate information and messages within our community and also for artistic purposes. Next week our Year 6 students will travel into Melbourne CBD for the annual Milgate-City Marathon. This week, they have mapped and planned their route around the city using only public transport to visit as many locations and landmarks as possible, developing a range of invaluable life skills in the process.

Students are excited to share their learning with you during the upcoming Student-Led Conferences. They have been working on their communication and presentation skills with a ‘buddy’ class in preparation for the meeting. It is remarkable to hear our students articulate their learning with clarity and purpose, filling them with great pride in their achievements.

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

Students from Milgate Primary School’s ‘Code Club’, an after school club run by volunteers, were invited to attend Parliament House on Tuesday 7th June to showcase their learning. The evening included members of parliament, Telstra and Code Club Australia representatives and eleven Milgate PS students and their parents.

Shadow Minister for Innovation, Mr David Southwick, spoke of how impressed he was that the students of Milgate not only used programming and coding skills for fun and their future job opportunities, but that they were thinking of new and innovative ways to become entrepreneurs. Mr Southwick highlighted Heather’s use of a ‘Sphero’, a robotic ball, that was coded to work as a handheld massager.

The students set up demonstrations around the room, answering questions and explaining their projects to members of parliament. Shanise, Alex, Emily, Jamie and Nathan shared their games that they wrote, using a visual programming language that runs on software called, ‘Scratch’. Jeremiah and Heather showed how flying drones and ‘Spheros’ (illuminated rolling ball robots) could be programmed using the ‘Tickle’ app. Kieran and Jason shared their 3D Printed designs and spoke about how they were able to create a Lightsaber and Captain America shield using the website ‘TinkerCAD’. Finally, Andrew and Darren explained how they extended their ‘Scratch’ programming to control a robot, taking it from human control to autonomous control, by making scripts to control motors based on information gathered with sensors.

Martin Tan, one of our parent volunteers at Code Club, was presented with an award for his outstanding contributions to Code Club Australia. Martin works tirelessly to think of interesting ways to engage our students. He creates documents that will allow students to follow instructions and learn new skills. He also keeps a blog updated for the students to continue their learning at home and he contributes to online forums that allow other Code Clubs around the world to hear about the ways in which they can extend students learning.

Everyone was extremely impressed with how well the students spoke and represented Milgate Primary School. A special thank you goes out to the students, their parents and Martin for attending this event.

**David Mander | Learning Technologies Coordinator**
STUDENT REPORTS

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES and PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Teachers are currently writing student reports and these will be available to parents on COMPASS from Monday 20 June [NEW date].

Student Led conferences will be held on Wednesday 15 June 4 - 7pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to visit their child’s classroom and see all the learning that has taken place already this semester. Students are very excited to share the work they have completed that best explains the skills and knowledge they have gained. Students will come in with their parents and talk with them about their learning and share their achievements from the first semester, using their portfolio as part of the discussion. Teachers will prepare the students for the discussions prior to the student led conferences and will be present during the conference.

Parents will book into a half hour session online and during this time up to 8 students will be sharing their learning with their parents. If parents have more than 2 children, they can book the same half hour for two students in different classes and go to each classroom for 15 minutes. Details in regard to booking will be posted on COMPASS.

If parents would like an individual parent teacher meeting / interview with their child’s teacher, these will be conducted on Tuesday 21 June and parents can organise the time directly with the teacher.

SPORTING NEWS

Nunawading Swimmers

Many thanks to Rohan Taylor for allowing our Yr. 5 & 6 students to meet a couple of his swimmers (Travis Mahoney & Joshua Beaver) who are attending the Rio Olympics in August. We had a fantastic Q & A session and learnt a lot about what it takes to become an Olympic Swimmer. Good luck to Travis and Joshua in Rio, Milgate PS will be cheering for you.

Manningham Division Cross Country

Well done to Tom G (4SI), Jack D (5MN), Callum M (6CD) and Jayden O (6DM) who competed at the Manningham Division Cross Country Competition at Yarra Glen Race Course on Tuesday 7th June. The boys all ran extremely well, showed great sportsmanship and were a credit to Milgate PS. We would also like to wish Jack D (5MN) all the best at Eastern Region Cross Country on Tuesday 14th June.

YEAR 5 | Makers Market

On Thursday 2 June our Year 5 students took action following their unit of inquiry ‘How We Organise Ourselves’. Having learnt a lot about financial systems and the different ways people spend their money around the world, the students submitted business plans to their teachers, detailing their target market, initial costs, sales prices and potential profit. Then they went about making and sourcing the products they had chosen to sell. The success of the market exceeded all of our expectations and was a fantastic learning experience. The Year 5 students raised an impressive $1,962 which they chose to donate to Koky Saly’s charities, enabling him to build more schools in Cambodia and send more children to English classes. We would like to thank the entire school community for their support, without which the market would never have been possible.
YEAR 5 INCURSION | History in a Box
The Year 5 students enjoyed a fantastic ‘History Box’ incursion this week. The incursion involved hands-on activities and interactive theatrical presentations. Currently undertaking an inquiry into Where We Are In Place and Time, the students learnt a lot about the First Australians and Early European Settlement. Throughout the morning, they dressed in traditional and old fashioned costumes, wrote using feather quills, investigated aboriginal artefacts, created clay sculptures, ground herbs and spices and made clay ‘love tokens’ just like convicts used to make for their families before being sent to Australia. The students thoroughly enjoyed the morning and now have a much broader understanding of significant historical events in Australia.

School Disco | Thursday 23 June
The much anticipated School Disco is coming up on Thursday 23rd June. You will have received a ticket order form last week. Please return it with payment for your child/ren to attend. If you are able to help out on the night, it would be really appreciated (especially dads!). Please note that only Milgate students may attend (no friends or pre-school aged siblings).

Cadbury Fundraiser
We are running a Cadbury Fundraiser and order forms were sent home this week. Please help us raise funds to improve the school by selling chocolates to your family, friends and work mates. If you want to steer clear of the sugar, a donation would be appreciated. Every box sold raises $20 for the school. Please complete the order form and return it to school.

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.
- Short Story Competition for Young Writers
- Free dental treatment for children | Box Hill
- School Holiday activities | Kelly Sports, 2 day football camp, Leadership program, Netball, Basketball, Bricks 4 Kids, Soccer, sports camps
- Gum Nut Gully Preschool | Enrol now for 2017
- Warrandyte Kinder | Enrol now for 2017
- FREE TENNIS LESSONS for children and adults from a Chinese / Persian background.
- Blackburn HS | 60th Anniversary – Thu 23 June
- Meet the Candidates for Menzies – Mon 20 Jun
- Single Parents | Family Fun Day – Sun 19 Jun
- Foster Carers Needed
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