PRINCIPAL’S PERSPECTIVE

It has been a wonderful week to end a busy Term 3. On Tuesday we had our whole school, ‘Be Your Balanced Best’ day where all students across the school participated in activities to promote a balanced lifestyle.

In their Milgate Mix-Up groups, students rotated through 4 activities encouraging a positive balanced lifestyle including areas of Social Well-Being, Understanding Emotions, Physical Health and Mental Well-Being. The day was a huge success with both students and teachers engaged in the essential concept of living a balanced lifestyle.

SCHOOL FUN RUN

On Wednesday we braved the weather and held our 2016 School Fun Run! The rain certainly did not dampen the students’ spirits as they raced around the course over and over again. Drawn beautifully by one of our Foundation students Thy in FJP, you can see in the photo on the left a sketch of the course that the students ran. The course was 330m long and we even had some of our Year 5 and 6 students run over 20 laps! It was an incredible effort by all. Thanks so much to everyone for participating and for your amazing fundraising efforts! We raised well above our $20,000 target which is an absolutely phenomenal effort! A huge thank you to our Parents & Friends Committee for all the work they have done for the event. The money raised will be going towards creating a sensory garden and to new playground equipment for the students!
NEW PORTABLE CLASSROOMS
DET has the new portable mod 5 building (2 classrooms) ready to come to Milgate PS. In order to place the portable, there has to be some work done first as they are planning to sink it down so that the classroom has no steps and students walk straight out of the room onto the path. However, there has been a hold up as the fire service pipes are not as deep as they should be and if they dig, that will be a problem. The Project Manager is currently working with the fire services company to source quotes to rectify this. Once the fire services are sorted out, the work can begin and the classroom can be brought in. This will all take time and realistically, the works are likely to be completed towards the end of Term 4. We apologise for the inconvenience in terms of school and classroom access.

CHINESE SCHOOL ANNUAL PERFORMANCE
On Saturday the Formosa Chinese Kids Class (Chinese school that is at Milgate PS on Saturdays) had their Annual Performance. All the classes (Preschool – Year 6) performed using song, dance and drama. They wore traditional costumes and the performances were from various times and traditions in the Taiwanese / Chinese culture and history. There were beautiful displays of the students’ work around the stadium and many of the parents enjoyed seeing their children’s learning and performances.

MATHS CHALLENGE
Families with children in Years 5 to 8 are encouraged to take part in the new Victorian Maths Challenge, a fun way to explore the links between mathematics and real-world situations. Modeled on the hugely successful Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge, it provides a range of captivating mathematical experiences that children and their families can participate in together.

Making paper planes, constructing and measuring paper towers, building boats and strategy games are among the eight exciting online challenges designed to make maths engaging for students and their families. Created with the Mathematics Association of Victoria, the activities are linked to the curriculum and are devised to promote problem solving, increase confidence and boost participation and performance in maths.

Each activity comes with an instructional video and explanation of mathematical concepts and terms. Families can take on as few or as many challenges as they like and work together to find their own solutions. They can even share their responses, reflections and solutions online. The Challenge is open for 12 weeks until 29 November 2016. To get involved and find out more, see: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/vmc/Pages/default.aspx

Have a fantastic holiday and we look forward to exciting learning in Term 4!!

Yours sincerely,
Debbie Mierisch | Principal
Karlie Gooding | Assistant Principal
MILGATE COMMUNITY BASKETBALL
New Coordinator Required for 2017 Season

Many of our students play in Milgate Community Basketball teams and it’s a great way to encourage friendships and being active. However we now need one or two parent volunteers to coordinate the team registrations and organisation. The teams can only play if there is a coordinator, so please consider putting your hand up for this role. For further details or to register your interest, please contact Kate at kate.thomas3111@gmail.com.

OFFICE NEWS
Term 4 Excursion Payments

These are now available to parents for payment on Compass, under Course Confirmations. Parents can pay any time over the holidays and up until the end of Week 2 in Term 4. We would really appreciate parents processing their payments, via Compass preferably, by the due date.

Thank you.

EARLY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
Sunday 16 October 2016

With the usual busy end of year period of November and December, a group of Milgate parents are organising an early Christmas afternoon tea to celebrate the season of agape/unconditional love that we associate with Christmas, and to network with other Milgate families.

This will be held at Sportlink Vermont South (2 Hanover Rd, Vermont South) from 2 to 5pm. Several table tennis tables will be set up in the room (and badminton courts can be hired if required). Families do not need to stay for the whole 3 hours, but it would be great if each family could bring a plate of finger food to share at afternoon tea time (about 3pm).

Please RSVP Mei Lee (email: meichooi@gmail.com or mobile: 0406 378 111) by 9 October, if you are able to come. We look forward to seeing you there.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Located outside the Art room. Recent articles include:

- Photography Competitions | Closing dates Fri 7 Oct & 1 Nov
- Puffing Billy & Thomas Fun Run | Sun 9 Oct
- Catjump Comedy Gala | Fri 14 Oct
- Fun Fair & Open Day | Gum Nut Gully Preschool | Sun 16 Oct
- Whitefriars | Open Day | Sun 16 Oct
- Hockey - Come ‘N’ Try | Wed 19 Oct 5pm
- Templestowe Preschool | Enrolments for 2017
- Beverly Hills JFC Free AFL Superclinic for girls (aged 7-17) | Friday 23 September | AFL players attending. See www.bhjfc.org.au

- School Holiday Programs:
  - Bricks 4 Kidz
  - Dr Hubble’s Bubble Show
  - Bag of Tricks
  - Hula Hoop
  - Creative Workshops
  - Hackathon for Girls aged 5-8 Templestowe College Thu 22 Sep
  - Arr We There Yet?
  - Pirate Circus
  - Woody’s World
  - Soccer FSA
  - Paddling @ Templestowe

SPORTING NEWS
Walk to School in October

We will be participating in VicHealth’s Walk to School month during October. This program is a free, easy and fun way for kids to get active this October. Victorian primary students are encouraged to walk, ride or scoot to and from school to kick-start healthy travel habits that can lead to good health for life.

It would be great to see as many students participating in this event during October and we would like to encourage as many students to come to school actively on our WOW Days (Walk and Wheels on Wednesdays). On Thursday 20th October will be holding an Active Travel Day Healthy Breakfast at school, as a final celebration of Walk to School month.

There will be more information regarding this event nearer the time. If you have any other questions, please don’t hesitate to chat with Mr. James Will.

Trivia Night | Saturday 15 October

Tickets are now on sale at $20 each or $18 each if you have a table of 10 ready to book. Go to https://www.trybooking.com/MVWM to book. It promises to be lots of fun so talk to your Class Rep and ask to join their table, or create your own. BYO drinks and snacks. Over 18’s only. We are still in need of donated items for the Silent Auction. This is a great opportunity to promote your business. Please email milgate.pf@gmail.com for further details.

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