PRINCIPAL’S PERSPECTIVE

Welcome back to all families! Hopefully you all found some time to relax and managed to keep warm in this cold weather. We are excited to commence another term of challenging learning and have many exciting opportunities for students throughout the coming weeks.

We had a number of new students joining us at Milgate PS this term and we welcome them and know that they will enjoy their learning at Milgate. Many of these students are from overseas, some here for a shorter term and some for the remainder of their primary schooling. Last term we said farewell to Susan Prentice one of our classroom support staff and we welcome Chloe Powell who will replace Susan.

MILGATE MIX-UPS

There will be no assembly on Monday as students will be participating in their Milgate Mix-up groups. The focus of the activity for this session will be about keeping ourselves safe and what to do if approached by an unknown person.

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

The government has introduced the Child Safe Standards and these are being phased in during 2016 and 2017 for all organisations across the state that work with children. Registered schools and other child-related organisations have an important responsibility for keeping children safe. Most organisations already take steps to protect children. There are many things already in place at Milgate PS we will be working on the other policies and processes required by the VRQA for all child organisations. There is further information available at the website: http://www.vrqa.vic.gov.au/childsaf.

CHINESE SISTER SCHOOL VISIT OCTOBER 3 – 7

We will have 12 students and 6 teachers from our Beijing sister school, Experimental Primary School of Beijing Normal University, visiting Milgate PS in October. The students will be hosted with families from Milgate PS for 3 nights and further information in regard to host families will be sent out soon. You may like to consider hosting a student as the families who have hosted in previous years, have found it to be a very valuable and enriching cultural experience. The students come to school each day and spend the nights with the host family being involved in their normal activities, and sometimes host families have taken their host student to some other activities / places so they can learn about Australia.

AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES

We are fortunate to have a professional artist offering after school art classes starting this term in the school Art Room. If you would like your child to take part there are details available at the back of this newsletter or from the office.

Yours sincerely,
Debbie Mierisch | Principal
Karlie Gooding | Assistant Principal
POSITIVE EDUCATION | CURRICULUM DAY
On Wednesday, all staff at Milgate participated in a day of learning with presenter Georgina Manning, about Positive Psychology and Positive Education. Positive Psychology is the scientific study of human flourishing and uses an applied approach to optimal functioning. It is also the study of the strengths and virtues that enable individuals and organisations to thrive, creating positive relationships and a happier environment for everyone.

The day also covered the practical application of positive psychology in the classroom. Staff learnt the background of positive psychology and PERMA (Positive Emotion, Engagement, Relationships, Meaning & Purpose and Accomplishment) and how to implement simple yet effective exercises and practices daily into the classroom. Some of the exercises include gratitude, values and wellness exercises. The day was hugely successful in building and developing a positive learning culture for all staff and students.

There are many fantastic resources for both staff and parents on Georgina’s website, ‘Well Being for Kids’. http://wellbeingforkids.com.au/

RUN MELBOURNE KIDS RUN
Jett T in 1SB will be getting active, getting involved and helping beat Kids Cancer by running in the Run Melbourne 3km Kids Run to raise funds for the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation. But he can’t do it alone - we need your support! Please donate generously and together we can beat Kids Cancer!
There will also be a collection tin at 1SB for gold coin donations. Thank you for your support!

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:
- Deep Creek Preschool | 30th Anniversary
- Sporting Clubs
- Yip Children’s Choir performance at EDSC
- Parenting Seminars | Anglicare Victoria
  - Discipline Vs Punishment
  - Behaviour
  - Rules and Consequences
  - Dealign with Feelings
  - Resilience

Cadbury Fundraiser
Boxes of chocolates will be sent home this Friday with the eldest child. If you elected to collect the chocolates yourself, you can collect your order from the Conference Room [Office foyer] at 3:30pm on Friday.

School Disco
Thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who helped at the School Disco. The kids had a wonderful time dancing away to all the latest and greatest tunes. Thank you also to DJ Vando for donating your time and energy, Woolworths The Pines for donating oranges and The Ginger Snap for donating popcorn.
Colo
u
r Fun Visual Art Program at Milgate Primary School 2016

Enrolment for Term 3 (classes will commence on the 3rd week)

Programs
· Level Caterpillar (recommend Foundation - Year1)
Level Caterpillar is a great starting level for Children who want to extend and discover their creative and imaginative ability. This level opens the eyes and mind to observing and exploring the magic world around them and leads to developing confidence with lines, shapes and colours. Students will experiment with the basic art elements through visual and imaginative images.
· Level Butterfly (recommend Year 2-6)
Level Butterfly is designed to encourage young minds to stretch their creative and imaginative abilities. Students will explore the three dimensional world through learning light, shade, space, texture and colors. They will understand the general concept of art, such as composition, contrasting etc.
· Level Rainbow (Year 6)
Level Rainbow is an advanced level, open to the students who want to develop and enhance their creative and imaginative skills. Students at this level study professional drawing, design, sketching, portrait work, landscape and multi-media. They will combine all the elements of art to create a quality art expression.

WHERE and WHEN? School term, in the art room, once a week
   Level - Caterpillar (Foundation-Yr1)  I  Wednesday  3:45-5:15pm
   Level - Butterfly (Yr2-4) I  Thursday  3:45-5:15pm
   Level - Butterfly (Yr4-6) I  Friday  3:45-5:15pm

COST:
$28/Class, pay by school term
$35/Drawing kit (recommend for Caterpillar & Butterfly), including an A3 Visual Diary, a Pkt25 Oil Pastel, a Pk12 Connector Pens, 1 Black Permanent Marker.
$35/Water color set (optional), including a 24colours WaterColour Compact, 3 sizes Brushes, a Plastic Palette, a Water Pot.

HOW TO ENROL:
1. Confirm availability and secure a place by:
   · Emailing Yinghong.sl@gmail.com and include the name of your child, age, level, and the class he/she wish to join  OR
   · Phone or SMS Sophia Li on 0450696399
2. Once a spot has been confirmed you will be emailed an enrolment form which must be completed and returned along with payment prior/at your child’s first lesson.

I look forward to sharing my wonderful experience of doing arts with your child.
Yinghong Sophia Li (MFA, Professional Artist & Art Teacher)