PRINCIPAL’S PERSPECTIVE

This week our Year 3 and 4 students have enjoyed their camp at Mt Evelyn Recreation Camp. Although the weather has been cold and wet, they have still been able to do the activities such as: bush cooking, giant swing, flying fox, low ropes, bike riding and bushwalking. Many have challenged themselves trying new activities and been risk takers as they have learnt new skills. They have also formed new friendships working with other students and been able to get to know the teachers in a more informal setting. They all returned tired and happy after a very enjoyable 3 days. Thank you to the teachers and parents who went on the camp and to James Will who organised and coordinated the camp. A wonderful opportunity for everyone.

The Foundation – Year 2 students complete their swimming program this week and have developed their swimming and water safety skills over the last 2 weeks. This is a good preparation for summer when many will go swimming and great learning and exercise for their health and wellbeing. Thank you to the staff at Aquarena pool, to teachers and parents who have assisted over the last 2 weeks.

There have been a number of new and international students coming to Milgate over the last few weeks. We welcome them and hope they enjoy learning in an Australian school. Next week Milgate PS will be open for teachers from other IB PYP schools in Victoria to come and visit and see the learning that is happening at Milgate PS and to share teaching and learning ideas together.

Our Foundation and Year 1 students have been practising and learning their circus skills each week ready for their circus performance on Wednesday 17 August at the Besen Centre. Tickets are available online and information is available from the school.

STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to Ange Alexandrou (Year 2 teacher) who has been appointed to a regional visiting teacher position working in a variety of schools assisting and advising teachers re curriculum and learning programs for students with visual impairment in schools. While this is a loss for Milgate PS, it is a great opportunity for Ange. Ange has been at Milgate PS since 1999 and we thank Ange for her contributions to Milgate PS over many years and her great work with the students. We wish her all the best in her new position.

Ange will be replaced by Georgia McAllister and we welcome Georgia to Milgate PS and look forward to having her join the teaching team.

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

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DIARY DATES | Next Week
Mon 8 Aug  CURRICULUM DAY
Thu 11 Aug  Hooptime [selected students]
Fri 12 Aug  Storytime
Full calendar details available in Compass.

REMINDERS
LATE ARRIVALS [after 9am bell]  Students must report to the Office to be signed in by an Office staff member.
EARLY DEPARTURES [before 3.30pm]  Parents are required to have an Office staff member record the early departure BEFORE collecting your child from their classroom.

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CODE CLUB

On Monday at the after school Code Club, representatives from Telstra came to present gifts of appreciation to David Mander (teacher), Martin Tan (parent) and Jay Tragas (ex-Milgate student) for all the fantastic work they have done with code club at Milgate PS and teaching the students about coding.

The students are using coding to create their own games, to code drones, spherobots and 3D printing. Code club is an Australian organisation. [https://codeclubau.org/](https://codeclubau.org/)

‘The mission of Code Club Australia is to give every child in Australia the skills, confidence and opportunity to shape their world. We support kids by providing project materials and a volunteering framework that supports the running of after-school coding clubs. We also provide free curriculum and free training for teachers in schools across the country.’
YEAR 4 CAMP | Mount Evelyn
On Monday 1st August our Year 4 students headed off to Mount Evelyn camp to face some new and exciting challenges. Students participated in many activities and were encouraged to “challenge by choice”. One challenge for all students was the ‘Crate Stacking’, where students developed their teamwork and communication skills in order to get the highest amount of milk crates stacked up and stood on top of by one of their team members.

The favourite activities and highlights of the camp came from the ‘Giant Swing’ and the ‘Flying Fox’. Students even got to witness some teachers facing their fears and adventuring right up to the top of the ‘Giant Swing’.

Students learnt how survive in the wild by making damper and enjoyed the warmth of the campfire. By learning about the plants and wildlife surrounding the camp, they gained an appreciation for the fragility of our ecosystems. We concluded our camp experience with a hike through the bush, finally arriving at Silvan Dam. The sight of our buses was a welcome surprise and we all headed home!

Well done Year 4!
**CURRICULUM DAY | Monday 8 August**

Teachers will participate in professional learning on Concept based learning which is part of the PYP and will assist them with planning the teaching and learning program for students. During this week, two of the Foundation teachers who went to a Reggio Emilia early learning conference in Italy earlier in the year, presented a professional learning session for our staff sharing their learning in regard to project based learning. They are using many of these ideas and implementing them into the Discovery time in the Foundation years. There are also elements of the Reggio Emilia philosophy that are applicable to all year levels.

**CUA GRANT | Vote Now**

There are only a few weeks left to vote for our school project to win $5,000 from this year’s CUA Community Care program. Thank you to everyone who has voted so far. There are still three weeks left to vote, so if you haven’t already voted, please vote now! You can register your vote at www.cuacommunitycare.com.au or go to the local CUA branch at: Shop 1067, EASTLAND Shopping Centre, Maroondah Highway. Don’t forget – you can make a vote once online AND once in the branch.

We’re up against 19 other schools in the area and it’s down to who gets the most community votes. So, please feel free to get friends and family involved and voting as well!

To learn more about CUA Community Care and our school project proposal, please visit www.cuacommunitycare.com.au and select our school from the drop-down menu. Remember, voting closes at 4:30pm (AEST) on Tuesday 23 August.

**SCHOOL YEARBOOK | Advertising**

It is that time of year again! The School Yearbook captures the wonderful learning that happens across the school and with over 350 copies sold each year, it is a great space to advertise your business. If you would like to advertise your business in our 2016 Yearbook, please see our website for dimensions, costs and submission dates.

**PLASTIC BAG COLLECTION**

**Mats for the Homeless**

Just a reminder to donate all your used plastic shopping bags. Please bundle them altogether in one bag and tie them up. Donations can be put into the tub near the Canteen / Art Room. Thank you.

**Cadbury Fundraiser | Due: Friday 12 August**

Please return your money by Friday 12th August in an envelope with your eldest child’s name on it. We have additional boxes of chocolate available at the Office.

**Bunnings Sausage Sizzle**

We have been allocated a spot at the Nunawading Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on Sunday 28th August. We will need lots of helpers to man the stall from 9am-4pm! A notice will be sent home soon. We hope that you can spare an hour or two to help raise $2000 for Milgate!

**Trivia Night | Saturday 15 October**

After the success of last year’s Trivia Night, Milgate will be holding its second Trivia Night on Saturday 15th October. We are calling for sponsors and donated items for the Silent Auction. This is a great opportunity to promote your business. Please email milgate.pf@gmail.com for further details.

**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:

- Film Night ‘Inside Out’ – Friday 5 August
- Parent Workshop – Mathematics | Wed 17 Aug
- Bionic Eye [Science] | Tue 23 August 7pm
- Wordburger | Tue 23 Aug 4.30-5.30pm
- Parent Event – ‘When to Really Worry …’ Thu 1 Sep 7-9pm $20 entry
- Disney Fairytale Film Festival | Village Cinemas
- Volunteer Host or Mentor Program
- Deep Creek Preschool | 30th Anniversary
- Preschools | Enrolments for 2017
- Deep Creek Kidz Club | Fridays [fortnightly]
- Hula Hoop Dance & Fitness Classes
- Sporting Clubs
  - Beverley Hills JFC – Girls Footy Wed 10 Aug 5-6pm Come and Try.
  - Vikings Basketball