We develop a love of learning

PRINCIPAL’S PERSPECTIVE

SAFETY AND SECURITY

The school has had a safety audit completed by an expert and School Council is currently looking at the report to ascertain any necessary modifications to the school to assist with security. Staff are also to be trained by Child Wise in the Personal Safety for Children program and this will provide teachers with training to teach the students about personal safety. There will also be a parent session in Term 4 for parents to learn about personal safety for children. The Child Wise Personal Safety Program aims to build resilience in children by educating them on their rights and responsibilities, and developing strategies which empower them to identify and speak up about concerns. The overall objective of the program is to ensure children have the knowledge, skills and confidence to prevent them from experiencing child abuse.

OPEN SCHOOL

On Wednesday a number of teachers from other schools that use the IB PYP curriculum came to visit Milgate PS to learn about what we are doing and to share ideas. They visited classrooms and talked with students and teachers about their learning.

CIRCUS PERFORMANCE | Foundation and Year 1

Our Foundation and Year 1 students have been learning circus skills over the last couple of months and are now preparing for their circus performance on Wednesday 17 August at the Besen Centre. This will be a great night for our Foundation and Year 1 students, friends and families.

ASPIRING PRINCIPAL PROGRAM PARTICIPANT

As part of the Education State, the Victorian Government will provide programs over the next four years to develop current and future Principals and school leaders. Unlocking Potential (UP) is the flagship principal preparation program for high potential leaders. The program includes 160 aspiring principals each year and internships of 20 days in another school under the guidance of an experienced principal. The aim of this rigorous and highly innovative program is to thoroughly prepare aspiring Principals for their first Principal appointment. UP provides candidates with the confidence, skills and professional knowledge necessary to create school cultures that support the provision of high quality educational opportunities for all students. Christian Holdsworth (Assistant Principal from Mount Waverley North PS) is part of this program and is doing his 20 days at Milgate PS in August and November. This is a great opportunity for the school and for Christian to learn about leadership in another school. We look forward to having him work with us. He will be working with staff, students and leadership.

Yours sincerely,
Debbie Mierisch | Principal
Karlie Gooding | Assistant Principal
CURRICULUM DAY
On Monday’s pupil free day, the teaching staff had professional learning in PYP concept driven learning. These PYP concepts provide an important framework for the ideas and issues we explore with our students in their Units of Inquiry.

Form: what is it like?
The understanding that everything has form with recognisable features that can be observed, identified, described and categorised.

Function: How does it work?
The understanding that everything has a purpose, a role or a way of behaving that can be investigating.

Causation: Why is it like it is?
The understanding that things do not just happen, that there are causal relationships at work, and that actions have consequences.

Change: How is it changing?
The understanding that change is the process of movement from one state to another. It is universal and inevitable.

Connection: How is it connected to other things?
The understanding that we live in a world of interacting systems in which the actions of any individual element affect others.

Perspective: What are the points of view?
The understanding that knowledge is moderated by perspectives; different perspectives lead to different interpretations, understandings and findings; perspectives may be individual, group, cultural or disciplinary.

Responsibility: What is our responsibility?
The understanding that people make choices based on their understandings, and the actions they take as a result do make a difference.

Reflection: How do we know?
The understanding that there are different ways of knowing and that it is important to reflect on our conclusions, to consider methods of reasoning, and the quality and reliability of the evidence we have considered.

On Monday the ES Classroom support staff took part in an online eLearning program about Autism which includes the areas below.

Teaching Strategies
- What is Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Autism learning style
- Key teaching strategies from preschool to secondary
- Classroom strategies
- Promoting understanding in peers
- How to motivate and use special interests
- Visual strategies
- Social skills
- Teaching play
- Strategies for playgrounds

Behaviour Support
- What are ASD behaviours?
- Preparing child and staff
- Common playground issues
- Meltdowns
- Anxiety
- Transition strategies for school (preschool, primary and secondary) and home
- Repetitive and obsessive behaviours
- Sensory issues

This was a very valuable learning day for all teaching staff with many ideas to implement into the learning program.
BIG CAKE BAKE | Thu 18 Aug

As part of the Year 2 current Inquiry, ‘Sharing the Planet,’ the students have decided to take action by raising funds for the Red Cross. They will host a ‘Big Cake Bake’ fundraiser on Thursday 18th August.

The School community is encouraged to bring some money on the day to purchase biscuits, cakes and slices. We will be selling each item for $1.00 and we thank-you in advance for your support and generosity.

The Year 2 Team

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.

LOST PROPERTY

Located in the cupboard near 5AP & 4FB [just past the Library]

Just a reminder to parents to name all clothing so if students leave it around the playground, in classrooms, on bag hooks, etc. it can be returned to its owner.

We understand that clothing is easily mixed up. We just ask that parents please check their child’s clothing to make sure they haven’t taken another student’s clothing by mistake? We’ve had reports from a number of families that named clothing is not being returned to Lost Property. This is very frustrating for families and an extra expense so your help with this is greatly appreciated by them.

Cadbury Fundraiser | Due: Friday 12 August

Cadbury Fundraiser: MONEY DUE BACK THIS FRIDAY 12TH AUGUST

Please return the money for chocolates sold in an envelope with your eldest child’s name on it.

CUA GRANT | Voting closes Tue 23 Aug

Have you voted yet? Only 11 days left to vote! It’s one vote per email account, so if you have more than one email account remember to vote with them all! Make sure everyone in your family casts a vote for Milgate (mum, dad, kids, grandma, grandpa, aunts, uncles…) You can vote at the Eastland CUA branch too. We stand to win $5000 to build a multi-sensory garden. Sadly we have dropped to 7th position - get voting and let’s aim for 1st position!

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

Located outside the Art room. Recent articles include:

- 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
- Preschools | Enrolments for 2017
MILGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL’S FIRST EVER GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM

The girls started the day with the first match against MLC who had obviously been training hard. Congratulations to Alannah for scoring the first Milgate goal for the day. MLC 3-0-18 defeated Milgate 1-0-6. The girls’ next match was against Mooroolbark East. Our girls tackled better and showed more on-player action in the second half. Mooroolbark East 3-2-26 defeated Milgate 0-1-1.

Milgate’s next game was against Anderson Creek PS. The girls brought a new football commitment to this game and benefited from playing on the main ground at the Templestowe Reserve. The team was now more structured, Alannah and Alana doing a great job in the ruck with Jasmine and Steph working well to help clear the ball. Emma kicked a Captain's goal from a tight angle kicking in from the boundary at the forward flank. In the second half Alannah kicked a behind. Brianna showed great discipline and calm to override her natural instinct to chase the ball towards the centre of the ground and stayed in position to kick the second goal for the game from full forward. This was followed by much tackling by all the midfielders and Emma kicked the final goal from a successful holding the ball tackle to finish the game with Milgate 3-1-19 defeating Anderson Creek 1-0-6.

The final game for the day was against Mont Albert PS and it provided more game time for all the girls. The game was competitive and the girls all gained an appreciation of the physicality of AFL football. Milgate was strongly out scored in the first half, but in the second half redressed the advantage by terrific defensive efforts from Brianna and Emma, resulting in a shut-down of Mont Albert’s scoring opportunities. Mont Albert 5-5-35 defeated Milgate 0-0-0.

The girls had a team photo, rugged up and had the opportunity to hear Melissa Huy (Melbourne FC) talk about her journey into football. She attended Rowville Primary and will play as a Rover for Melbourne Football Club in the Women’s AFL League next year. A number of the girls were given footballs by Jim Pahos and Andy Caldwell from Beverley Hills Junior Football Club who should be acknowledged for their support of Milgate.

This was a great opportunity for all the girls to experience AFL Girls Football which is the fastest growing sport in Australia today. C