PRINCIPAL’S PERSPECTIVE

This week our Year 2 students had a ‘Fizzics Education’ session when they were able to do experiments and explore chemical reactions, forces and textures. This links in with their unit of Inquiry into How the World Works - People apply their understandings of forces and energy to invent and create. Our Year 5 students went to the National Gallery of Victoria (NGV), Australian Centre for Contemporary Art (ACCA) and Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI) to explore ways that people use a variety of media to tell stories. This is linked into their unit of inquiry into How We Express Ourselves - Self-expression through the visual and performing arts is another way to portray stories. These experiences and the learning from them will be used by the Year 2 and 5 students as they explore and learn in the next few weeks.

FOUNDATION 2017 STORY TIME

Over the last few weeks many of the kinder children who will be coming to Milgate in 2017 have been attending Story time sessions in the library on a Friday afternoon. They have enjoyed stories and activities taken by Karen Jensen, our Library Technician, assisted by Year 5 students and a Foundation teacher. This is part of the transition program to familiarize the children with school before they start next year.

YEAR 5 KINDER VISITS

Groups of our Year 5 students are currently visiting the local kindergartens / preschools where they spend time with the kinder children reading stories and playing educational interactive games on their iPads. This develops great relationships with our Year 5 students and kinder children before they come to school.

PLANNING WEEK

Next week will be planning week for the teachers. Each year level of teachers is released for a whole day to work together in collaborative planning of the Term 4 curriculum and learning program. While they are planning, the specialist teachers will provide the learning for the students. The teachers also have a session of collaborative planning each week so they can plan the weekly curriculum in more detail and discuss the student learning needs and cater for the levels of learning. Planning days for the year levels next week are listed in the Compass Calendar.

TEACH MEET

Each term, the Victorian IB PYP network of schools has Teach Meets at various schools. This is when teachers from a variety of IB PYP schools (state and independent) present best practice teaching and learning ideas. One of these was held at Milgate PS this week with Milgate teachers and others presenting to the group. It provides a great opportunity for learning from each other and gaining new educational practice ideas to implement.

Yours sincerely,
Debbie Mierisch | Principal
Karlie Gooding | Assistant Principal
**Bunnings Sausage Sizzle**
The Nunawading Bunnings Sausage Sizzle is **this Sunday 28th August**. We need lots of helpers to man the stall from 9am-4pm! Contact Lee Camilleri from the P&F if you can help. Phone 0408 792 809

**Father's Day Stall**
Our annual Father's Day stall will be held next Thursday 1st September. Items will be priced at $5 and $8 each. Please remember to bring money in a sealed envelope with your child's name written on it. There will be a wide variety of gifts available! If money is forgotten on Thursday, there will be an opportunity to buy gifts on Friday 2nd September before school in the Staff Room.

**Adidas Fun Run**
Milgate is holding a Fun Run on Wednesday 14th September. Register your kids on-line and they will be able to seek sponsorship from family and friends on-line (i.e. no door knocking). There are some great prizes for the kids that participate.

**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.

**SPORTING NEWS**

**Hooptime | Years 5 & 6**
On Wednesday 24th August we had over 60 of our Yr. 5 & 6 students compete at Hooptime Basketball at Nunawading Basketball Stadium. The students all played extremely well and we had a number of very close games throughout the day. The All Star Girls ended up winning their Grand Final and will now proceed through to Regional Hooptime in Term 4. Many thanks to all the Milgate Staff and Parents that assisted on the day. I know your support is always greatly appreciated by the students and myself.

**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 will be holding an Active Travel Day/Healthy Breakfast at school on **Thursday 20th October**. There will be more information on this event nearer the time. If you have any other questions, please don’t hesitate to chat with Mr. James Will.
ENVIROMENTAL NEWS

Milgate Environmental Leaders have worked hard this year to get the veggie garden up and running. They have already harvested and sold a range of super fresh vegetables to the Milgate Community, including kale, mixed lettuces, silverbeet and a variety of herbs. Listen for announcements at assembly, so you know when the fresh produce will next be available to purchase for a gold coin donation. Students are hoping to reinvest all profits back into our veggie garden and are looking forward to taking action in the future by supporting an environmental initiative.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Located outside the Art room. Recent articles include:

- Parent Event – ‘When to Really Worry’ Thu 1 Sep 7-9pm $20 entry
- Warrandyte Kinder | Open Day | Sat 3 Sep
- Gymnastics / Diving | Come Try Day | Sat 3 Sep
- Baseball Come ‘N Try Day | Sun 11 Sep
- OLOP | Sports Night | Wed 14 Sep 7pm
- Puffing Billy & Thomas Fun Run | Sun 9 Oct
- Catjump Comedy Gala | Fri 14 Oct
- Preschools | Enrolments for 2017
- Photographic Competition | Closes 1 Nov
- School Holiday Programs:
  - Bricks 4 Kidz
  - Hula Hoop

ADIDAS FUN RUN | Wednesday 14 September

We’re three weeks out from our Fun-Run event and we hope that students are working hard towards their fundraising goals!

Did you know that you can WIN a Samsung Galaxy Tablet just for setting up your student profile online? Just head over to schoolfunrun.com.au/students

If you’re having any trouble setting up your student profile or online fundraising, feel free to get in touch with the adidas School Fun-Run team on 1300 733 788.

Did you know, you can also help us win a bonus $1,000 for our school, by participating in the Bupa Family Challenge? We’re encouraging all of our students’ families to register for the Fun-Run Challenge at www.bupafamilychallenge.com.au.

The Fun-Run Challenge has been designed to help you and your child work together to prepare for the Fun-Run. You will have access to fantastic training exercises, nutrition tips, recipes and health guides to help you get ready for your fun run and develop some healthy habits as a family.

The school with the most registrations will win $1,000 so every family counts! Remember to enter our school name and the FUN RUN promo code when you register.

Thanks for supporting us with our fundraising effort.

PRINCIPAL’S DAY

Thank you to all the students for their amazing cards, pictures and well wishes. Thank you also the School Council, P&F and staff for arranging the morning tea.

It was great to see staff and parents at the morning tea. Both Debbie and Karlie were overwhelmed and filled with gratitude for the wonderful efforts from everyone. Thank you.
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1. Click on link to approve an absence

2. Put tick in boxes for ALL dates with the SAME absence reason

3. Click button

4. Select reason from drop-down list
   Add any extra details into the Details/Comment field

5. Click SAVE