PRINCIPAL’S PERSPECTIVE

YEAR 2 CAMP | Camp Oasis

Our enthusiastic and very excited Year 2 students enjoyed their first overnight adventure camp last week. They stayed at Oasis Camp in Mount Evelyn which is set in the beautiful Australian bushland. Students participated in many activities demonstrating their courage, cooperation and teamwork. Some of the highlights were flying through the air on the flying fox, bush cooking around the campfire and getting up close and personal with some Australian creatures in the Eco Centre. Thank you to all staff and parent helpers who attended the camp to make it a huge success.

YEAR 1 CAMP | Sleepover

Tonight our Year 1 students are having their sleepover. It is an exciting event for the students who are keen to stay up as late as they can! Students will participate in lots of fun activities throughout the early evening until it is time to change into their pyjamas ready for the big screen movie. Following the movie, students will brush their teeth, snuggle down into their sleeping bags and head off to sleep. A huge thank you to all staff and parent volunteers involved in the Sleepover – I’m sure the students will have an amazing night!

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

DIARY DATES | Next Week

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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.

Parents are still required to enter their approval into Compass afterwards.

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The aim of Global Gardens of Peace (GGOP) is to plan, design and deliver natural play spaces to communities around the world that have suffered significant hardship through war or natural disaster. Global Gardens of Peace is an apolitical, non-religious organisation. Our philosophy is that ‘Gardens are Forever’. Our belief is that gardens are the centre for which to build a new community around.

The Opportunity
To bring awareness of the importance of ‘green space’ and specifically gardens when rebuilding communities around the world that have been devastated by war, natural disaster or economic disaster. The focus on the day is to educate people about what an important role gardens play in rebuilding devastated communities. The garden stands as a non-political, non-religious statement where people and families can find sanctuary and a connection to nature. Allowing them to re-connect with each other and ‘play’ in a happy, clean and safe environment.

Current research around the world shows that having a ‘green space’ within a 1-3 kilometre radius of people’s homes has a significant impact on their general health. The percentage of green space is directly linked to the increased or decreased health of people, living with or without green spaces respectively. This relationship was generally present at all degrees of urban areas and clearly indicates that green space is much more than just a luxury. It is a necessity and should be allocated a much higher priority when rebuilding devastated communities.

Green space should not be compared with other important infrastructure elements such as hospitals, schools and housing etc. but rather seen as one of the critical elements that is part of the complex matrix that comprises the rebuilding of devastated communities. The beauty of a garden and its ability to grow and change, not only during the seasons, but also change with the community over the years; makes it completely unique. It can help redefine how a community sees itself.

Global Gardens of Peace is a charity founded by Moira Kelly in 2013 with the aim of building gardens of hope in devastated communities around the world:

- Providing safe green spaces for children and their families
- Connecting children to nature through play
- Supporting learning via education programs
- Building communities through gardens
- Providing opportunities for local employment

www.globalgardensofpeace.org

ICAS RESULTS 2016
International Competitions and Assessments for Schools
In 2016 we had a total of 102 students in Years 2 – 6 participate in completing over 450 individual assessments across various subjects.

The total awards received were:

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The Idea

One day in the year when children, their friends and families across Australia stand up for ‘green space’. By simply making a gold coin donation and wearing green for the day they can send out a clear message to our governments and corporations that we need more green space and will not accept the destruction of our environments across the world. All funds raised will go to Global Gardens of Peace who are actively building gardens around the world to provide children/ families in war torn areas the opportunity to play peacefully in gardens - a green space where they feel comfortable and enjoy being in.

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‘GREEN DAY FOR PEACE’ INITIATIVE
Thursday 20 October
Wear green and bring a gold coin donation
“Making the world a better place, one Garden at a time”.

Parents are encouraged to logon to Compass weekly to keep up to date on happenings around Milgate. Recent updates include:

- Parent session | Child Wise Program
- Considerations for 2017 Classes
- PARKING CHANGES in Landscape Drive
- CANTEEN Competition
- SCHOOL HATS
- Canteen CLOSED | Monday 31 October
- Book Club | Due: Fri 14 Oct
- New Classrooms

MILGATE’S NEWSLETTER
MUSIC INFORMATION EVENING
Thursday 27th October | 7pm - Milgate Stadium
We are delighted to host two ensembles from East Doncaster Secondary College along with a number of visiting instrumental music professionals to talk about the range of instruments which will be available to learn at Milgate next year. Students will have a chance to try out the instruments and find out more information about how to join the concert band or string ensemble launching in 2017.

These ensembles will be open for students in Year 3-6 in 2017, but Milgate students and their families from all year levels are encouraged to attend.

SPORTS UPDATE
Manningham Division Athletics | Thu 6 Oct
We had 15 Milgate students attend Manningham Division Athletics. All the students performed to an extremely high standard and we had many terrific results on the day. All the Milgate students were a real credit to the school and we should be very proud of them. The students who placed 1st or 2nd in their events proceeded to Eastern Region Athletics on yesterday:

- Emma P ~ 12yr Girls 200m & 4 x 100 Relay
- Amelia R ~ 12yr Girls 4 x 100 Relay
- Jo-Yen T ~ 12yr Girls 4 x 100 Relay
- Alannah M ~ 12yr Girls 4 x 100 Relay
- Daniel G ~ 11yr Boys Shot Put
- Ziggy B ~ 11yr Boys 100m
- Nicholas F ~ 11yr Boys 80m Hurdles
- Tahila M ~ 9/10yr Girls Shot Put

Summer Sports Finals | Fri 7 Oct
The following teams participated in Templestowe District Summer Sports Finals at Serpell PS. The students all played terrific games and the results were as follows:
- Girls Softball ~ Templestowe District Premiers
- Mixed Rounders ~ Templestowe District Premiers
- Bat Tennis ~ Templestowe District Runner Up

Both the Girls Softball and Mixed Rounders teams will now proceed on to play a Manningham Division Final. Good luck in the coming rounds.

Walk to School | Healthy Breakfast | Thu 20 Oct
Let’s keep up the good work during October and have as many students as possible coming to school actively. Remember Wednesdays are our special "Wheelie Wednesdays" where students are encouraged to use wheels (scooter, bike or skateboard) to get to school. We are having an Active Travel Day/Healthy Breakfast on Thursday 20th October from 8:00am – 8:40am. Please come to school actively on this day and enjoy something to eat with the rest of the Milgate Community.
OFFICE NEWS
Term 4 Excursion Payments | Due THIS SUNDAY
These are still available to parents for payment on Compass, under Course Confirmations. Parents can pay online up until the end of this week. We would really appreciate parents processing their payments, via Compass preferably, by the due date. Thank you.

BPay
The option to pay via BPay will no longer appear on Statements of Account or invoices. We have now decommissioned BPay as a payment option, so moving forward your payment options are using Compass or at the Office.

Book Packs | Collection Days
School fees for 2017 will be determined by School Council in the next few weeks. They will then be available for parents to pay on Compass. The Essential Items component includes the cost of stationery for 2017 for each student, so once the Essential Items has been paid parents will be able to collect their child’s bookpack on either of the following days:
- Thursday 15 December 8:30am – 9.30am
  3.00pm – 6.00pm
- Friday 16 December 8:30am – 9.30am
  3.00pm – 4.00pm

MILGATE COMMUNITY BASKETBALL
New Coordinators for 2017 Season
We would like to thank and welcome Janine Moll and Kym Hartley as the new 2017 Milgate Basketball Coordinators.
We would also like to acknowledge and thank Kate Thomas for her dedication and behind-the-scenes work over the last two years in this role.

Trivia Night | THIS SATURDAY at 7pm
Tickets are still 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 with Silent Auctions, Games, Prizes and students artwork for sale. Talk to your Class Rep and ask to join their table, or create your own. BYO drinks, glassware and snacks. Alcohol is permitted. Over 18’s only.
Thanks to our sponsors:
- Fletchers Real Estate
- East Doncaster Cricket Club
- Lavrin & Lawrence Orthodontics
- BMW Doncaster
- P&D Thompson Accountants
- Caring Dental Group
- BurnsRED
- Ryan Smith MP
- Health Dynamix
- Chan House
- Pre Uni College Burwood
- Automatico
- Coco Bay
- Dr Douglas Lau Endodontist

"Milo in2cricket & T20Blast programs begin on Friday 21st October at East Doncaster Cricket Club at Zerbes Reserve".

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD
Located outside the Art room. Recent articles include:
- Catjump Comedy Gala | Fri 14 Oct
- Yarra Valley Grammar | FESTIVAL | Sat 15 Oct
- Gum Nut Gully Preschool | Fun Fair & Open Day | Sun 16 Oct
- Whitefriars | Open Day | Sun 16 Oct
- That Sugar Film | Sun 16 Oct – 2pm | Templestowe Lower
- Local Movement Workshop – Boys 12-22yrs | Mon 17 & Sat 22 Oct – audition for Lord of the Flies dance troupe
- Hockey - Come ‘N’ Try | Wed 19 Oct - 5pm
- Salvo Fete | East Doncaster | Sat 22 Oct 9am-2pm
- Parenting Programs:
  o Tuning in to Kids | Doncaster | Wed 2 Nov – 7 Dec
  o Parenting Workshops | Ringwood | Thu 20 Oct – 24 Nov
Dear Parents and Carers,

In the near future, we will be introducing a **Personal Safety Program** for primary school children. We are currently working with **Child Wise**, one of Australia’s leading child abuse prevention organisations, to implement the program, which has been designed to provide children with the skills to know what to do in situations where they may be at risk of harm. Sadly, there are times when we cannot be there to provide protection for our children. Therefore, we believe it is very important, as a school community, that we do everything we can to provide our children with skills in self-protection.

**What Is Personal Safety?**

Personal Safety is the building up of children’s resilience and confidence in order for them to problem solve and identify strategies to prevent them from harm and abuse. Personal Safety strategies teach children how to identify and avoid risky situations. The program empowers and educates children to identify and speak up about situations such as:

- abuse
- grooming
- bullying
- risk-taking behaviours.

**Why a Personal Safety Program?**

- We want children to be safe, able to identify what is right and wrong, and what to do if they have concerns.
- We want children to take notice of their feelings. This will enable them to respond safely to worrying feelings, people who make them feel uncomfortable, and concerning behaviour.
- We want them to develop good observation and problem-solving skills to stay safe in emergencies.
- We want them to have the resources and networks to call on if they have concerns or are in danger.

To be successful, we need your help and support. The Personal Safety Program involves a holistic approach to keeping children safe. Personal safety education is at its most effective when there is a three way approach to educating teachers and other professionals, parents/carers and children.

To ensure that parents and carers are fully informed and know how to help children to stay safe, we will hold an information session at your child’s school, which you are encouraged to attend. The session will introduce you to the program and ways you can reinforce protective messages at home. If you are unable to attend, there are other ways for you to access information:

- Visit the Child Wise website at www.childwise.org.au, and click on: ‘Programs’ and ‘Parents/Carers’
- Speak to your child’s teacher
- Pick up a Child Wise (Parent’s guide talking to children about safety) information booklet at the school’s main office

Whether you attend or not we urge you to take the time to read through the Child Wise “Parents’ Guide to Talking to Children about Safety” and discuss these themes with your child. It is important that you participate as much as possible, so that you can reinforce the messages children are receiving and help your child use his or her new skills with confidence.

The parent’s information session will be held as follows: (please note no children are permitted to this session)

**DATE & TIME:** Wednesday 19 October | 6.30 – 8.30pm

**VENUE:** Manuka Building