

Balanced  
Caring  
Communicators  
Inquirers  
Knowledgeable  
Open-Minded  
Principled  
Reflective  
Risk-Takers  
Thinkers



## *We develop a love of learning*

### PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE

#### Student Leadership Presentation

We had a very special assembly on Monday for the official School and House Leader badge presentation. Local Member of Parliament, Mr Ryan Smith, graciously presented the leaders with their badges. Mr Ryan Smith also spoke to the school about the meaning of leadership, that all students are leaders which can be demonstrated in many different ways every day. Our school leaders then presented speeches highlighting their passion, dedication and vision for Milgate during their leadership in 2017.

It was fantastic to see so many families and friends attend the special presentation taking part in this momentous celebration.

Student Leaders for 2017 are:

|                         |                         |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| School Leaders:         | Charlotte E & Stevaan A |
| Deputy School Leaders:  | Megan O & Nicholas F    |
| Boyd House Leaders:     | Alisha M & Nathan W     |
| McCubbin House Leaders: | Brianna H & Daniel G    |
| Roberts House Leaders:  | Kate M & Kalan F        |
| Streeton House Leaders: | Chelsea C & Noah K      |

Students across the school have been busy exploring their new inquiries and learning lots of exciting new things. Our Year 2 students started their Stomp Dance sessions as part of their inquiry that explores the effects that physical activity has on the body. There were many excited students, both young and old last week as the Buddy Program for Year 6 and Foundation students commenced. During the Buddy sessions, students work together on a range of activities developing their social, self-management and communication skills. The relationship between the Foundation student and the Year 6 buddy is a special bond that often is one of their most significant primary school memories.

Yours sincerely,  
Debbie Mierisch | **Principal**  
Karlle Gooding | **Assistant Principal**



### DIARY DATES

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| Mon 20 Feb        | Milgate Mixups - NO Assembly                                      |
| Tue 21 Feb        | Getting to Know You Interviews                                    |
| Wed 22 Feb        | YR1 Incursion   Values for Life<br>Getting to Know You Interviews |
| Thu 23 Feb        | YR2 Incursion   Dance Stomp<br>YR3 Incursion   Values for Life    |
| Fri 24 Feb        | YRS 3 – 6 Excursion   House<br>Swimming - Aqualink                |
| <b>Fri 31 Mar</b> | <b>LAST DAY of term</b><br><b>2.30pm Dismissal</b>                |

### 2017 DATES

|  |                                    |
|--|------------------------------------|
| Fri 10 Mar   | <b>CURRICULUM DAY</b>              |
| Mon 13 Mar   | <b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY   Labour Day</b> |
| Tue 18 Apr   | <b>SCHOOL PHOTOS   Siblings</b>    |
| Wed 19 Apr   | <b>SCHOOL PHOTOS</b>               |
| <b>Full calendar details available in Compass.</b> |                                    |

### 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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### 2017 TERM DATES

|        |            |              |
|--------|------------|--------------|
| Term 1 | 30 January | 31 March     |
| Term 2 | 18 April   | 30 June      |
| Term 3 | 17 July    | 22 September |
| Term 4 | 9 October  | 22 December  |



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## OFFICE NEWS

### CSEF Applications | Due: Tue 28 Feb

Eligible parents / carers may claim the CSEF (Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund) amount of \$125 per year if they meet the following criteria:

- Have a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school
  - on the first day of Term one
  - on the first day of Term two
- Have a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card or be a temporary foster parent

Forms must be submitted by **Tue 28 Feb 2017**.

Forms are available at the office and parents must produce their relevant card with the application.

### Compass Parent Portal

Did you know there is an app available to use on your smart phone? Never miss any school news again!



## COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Located outside the Art room. Recent articles include:

- Constitutional Forum | Wed 22 Feb - Doncaster
- Understanding Autism Seminar
- Positive Parenting Telephone Service 1800 880 660
- Amazing Kids | Talent Search
- Warrandyte Festival Kids Market | Sun 26 Mar



### Annual General Meeting | Tue 21 Feb - 9am

The Milgate Parents & Friends Committee organises activities for the school community to participate in and raises funds to improve the school facilities. The Committee is holding their AGM on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 9am in the Staff Room. If you would like to join the Committee for 2017, please come along. If you're not sure and want to learn a bit more about what we do, please come along.

Keep up to date with P&F events and news by liking our P&F Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/milgatepf](http://www.facebook.com/milgatepf)

### Family Barefoot Lawn Bowls | Sun 26 Feb 2-5pm

Come join us for a fun afternoon of Barefoot Lawn Bowls at Mitcham Bowling Club. \$30 per family covers the cost for entry, all family members to bowl, and each family member one sausage from the sausage sizzle!!

As accurate as weather forecasts are, the longer range forecast at this stage suggests it will be a lovely day in the low to mid 20's....perfect for parents and kids to enjoy walking around shoeless on the beautiful lawn green! There will be a sausage sizzle and drinks can be purchased at the licensed bar. Pizzas will be available on the day too, at a cost of \$9 each. There is a comfortable Club room to relax in..... for those who prefer the indoors!

RSVP will be accepted until this coming Monday. Forms were sent home last week [with the eldest child] and are also available at the office. Come along and join us for a fun afternoon for parents and kids....all ages welcome!

## OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Hello Everyone!

My name is Jolien Van Der Knoop and I am the new coordinator here at Camp Australia Milgate OSH care. I have recently taken over from Melissa Wilkinson who has left to teach grade three at Laurimar Primary School. I have been with Camp Australia for about 16 months, before this I managed a children's entertainment centre for ten years. Wanting a more fulfilling career with more focus on children I decided to return to study to become a primary school teacher. I am currently in my second year at Deakin University and enjoying the challenge of being back in a learning environment. I love the outdoors, photography, and my dogs, with most of my weekends spent training or playing with them.

Thank you to everyone who has made me feel so welcome already. I look forward to meeting all the wonderful staff, students and parents here at Milgate.

**Jolien** [Coordinator]



Before & After School Care