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Thinkers



We develop a love of learning

PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE

Milgate Mixups

This week we started our 'Milgate Mixups' again for 2017. All students across the school are divided into groups and in each group, there are students from Foundation through to Year 6. Each group has a teacher allocated to their group and they remain in this group and with the same teacher throughout the year for these sessions. All class teachers, Principal and Assistant Principals are responsible for a group. Milgate Mixups take place each fortnight on a Monday afternoon instead of assembly. In line with positive psychology / education, Milgate Mixups provide opportunities for developing new relationships and to build a sense of community. It is about learning to work and cooperate with other students from across the school in different year levels in a positive, exciting way. On Monday the students heard some interesting facts about each other and played a 'Favourites' game, where they found out about some of the favourite foods and activities of those in their new 2017 group.

Getting to Know You Interviews

It was great to see so many parents at the Getting to Know You Interviews this week. It was a great opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher and tell them relevant information about their child that will assist them in the planning of the teaching and learning programs. The teachers found it very valuable to learn more about the students and to meet the parents. This leads to positive relationships and partnerships between home and school as we all work together for the education of our students.

Incursions

There is some fantastic learning occurring as part of our 'Who We Are' inquiries. Last week our Year 4 students took part in the 'Values for Life' incursion, with a focus on ways to be Upstanders and be a voice for others. This week, our Year 1 and Year 3 students had an incursion, from the same organisation, with a focus on developing positive friendships and building resilience. These incursions form a valuable part of our learning program at Milgate.

House Swimming Sports | Friday 24 February | Years 3 - 6

All our Year 3-6 students will participate in the House Swimming Sports at Aqualink Nunawading. It is a wonderful opportunity for all students to participate in a range of events that cater to all ability levels. We wish all our students the best of luck for their events and hope it will be an exciting and fun day.

Yours sincerely,
Debbie Mierisch | **Principal**
Karlie Gooding and David Mander | **Assistant Principals**

DIARY DATES

Mon 27 Feb	Assembly Year 5 Presenting Active Travel Workshop 7.30-9pm
Wed 1 Mar	YR2 Incursion Dance Stomp
Thu 2 Mar	YR2 Incursion First Aid Course YR4 Incursion African Drumming
Fri 3 Mar	District Tennis [selected Yr 4 – 6 students]
Fri 31 Mar	LAST DAY of term 2.30pm Dismissal

2017 DATES

Fri 10 Mar	CURRICULUM DAY
Mon 13 Mar	PUBLIC HOLIDAY Labour Day
Wed 15 Mar	Cyber Safety Presentation
Tue 18 Apr	SCHOOL PHOTOS Siblings
Wed 19 Apr	SCHOOL PHOTOS

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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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



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

We know your email can get clogged up with so many meaningless emails. So to try and avoid you missing any important information from Milgate we try to only send emails for News Items when it is either important or time critical information. We do sometimes post News Items without sending you an email so we recommend parents remember to sign into Compass at least once a week to check your News Items – your email reminder for the weekly Newsletter is a good chance to do this.

Volunteer/s Required | Lost Property

We require a parent or two to help with sorting through our Lost Property uniform items. If you can spare 1 hour every two weeks, or if you'd like to know more about what is involved, then please contact the Office with your details. We'll put you in contact with the parent that is currently fulfilling this very important volunteer role.



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

We're looking forward to a great afternoon of fun at our Barefoot Lawn Bowls event this Sunday!!

Notices were sent home yesterday for families and included your sausage sizzle tickets. See you there.

WORKING BEE | Sun 19 Mar | 9.30 – 11.30am

We'll be busy tidying up around the new portables, including weeding and mulching. Please bring your gardening equipment - rakes, brooms, gloves, secateurs, shovels, wheel barrows, etc.

Please RSVP with your Eldest Child's Name & Grade as well as how many will be attending. We look forward to seeing you there!

Email to milgate.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au.

SPORTS UPDATE

Templestowe District Swimming | Fri 17 Feb

We had 31 swimmers attend the Templestowe District Swimming Competition at Aquarena. All the swimmers represented Milgate to the best of their ability and showed terrific sportsmanship throughout the competition. We were successful in having the following students make it through to Manningham Division Swimming on Monday 6th March at Aquarena:

Courtney M	10yr Girls 50m Butterfly
Nathan W	11yr Boys 50m Freestyle & Breaststroke
Alisha M	12yr Girls 50m Freestyle, Breaststroke & Freestyle Relay
Tayla Mc	12yr Girls 50m Backstroke, Butterfly & Freestyle Relay
Brianna H	12yr Girls Freestyle Relay
Kate Mc	12yr Girls Freestyle Relay

Active Travel Workshop | Mon 27 Feb | 7.30 – 9pm

Venue: Manuka Building, Milgate PS

The workshop will look at what neighbourhoods can do to make streets a place for people to connect, and how to create an environment where families feel safe in getting out and about – and of course, the benefits of walking, riding or scootering to school. It would be great to see as many parents in attendance as possible, as we want to make Milgate PS the best Active Travel School in Manningham.

Girls AFL Footy Skills | Come & Try

Beverley Hills Junior Football Club is holding "Come & Try" AFL footy skills clinics for girls of all ages at Milgate Primary on Friday 3 March, 10 March and 17 March from 4 – 5pm. Just come along for a try or call Julie Martyn for more details on 0409 488 397.



EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Enrolment forms or links for any extracurricular activities can be found on Compass [see below for details] or are available at the Office [on display on the wall near the glass doors].

These activities include:

- Art Club
- Basketball
- Code Club [Semester 2 available only]
- Jazz Dance
- Kelly Sports
- Lego | Young Engineers
- Music Lessons
- Special Religious Instruction | Christianity
- Tennis

Compass

Here's how to find all the Extracurricular Activity forms or links on Compass:

Navigate to

- **School Documentation**

Navigate to:

- **2017**
- **Extracurricular Activities**

WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE

Our learning programs provide students with a wide range of opportunities to develop real life skills including social, self-management and communication skills. We offer learning experiences for students that are connected to their local community and promote intercultural understanding through global connections. Teachers strongly encourage students to take action on new knowledge and understanding, to be critical and creative thinkers and empower students to have a voice.

One of our students, Eamon L (Year 4) has volunteered to participate in 'The World's Greatest Shave' to raise money for the Leukemia Foundation. This is a perfect example of our students being proactive, caring and responsible citizens in our community. Milgate Primary School fully supports Eamon in his fundraising efforts and we hope you get behind him too!

Please donate at:

www.my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/MilgatePS

There is also a donation box at the school office. Eamon will be having his head shaved at the school assembly on Monday 20 March.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Located outside the Art room. Recent articles include:

- Understanding Autism Seminar
- Positive Parenting Telephone Service 1800 880 660
- Amazing Kids | Talent Search
- Warrandyte Festival Kids Market | Sun 26 Mar
- Foster Carers Needed
- Warrandyte Junior Football Club
- Superhero Fun Run | Sun 2 Apr | Royal Botanic Garden
- Friday Night Fun | Years 4 – 8 | Salvation Army
- Kid Zone Fridays | Salvation Army
- Action Drama Studio
- Beverley hills Junior Football Club