

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



## We develop a love of learning

### PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE

With Term 2 back in full swing, students have been working hard and participating in challenging and exciting learning. This week we had our first Milgate Mix-Up session for the term which focussed on equipping students with tools for letting go of negative day to day events and emotions. It was fantastic to hear the students connecting with their emotions and identifying strategies in order to help manage them independently.

#### OPEN DAY | Saturday 6 May

We have our Open Morning for prospective parents showcasing the fantastic learning programs running across the school. Thank you to the teachers who will volunteer their time over the weekend to promote the broad range of programs, resources and in-depth learning that Milgate Primary School has to offer.

#### NAPLAN | Week 4

Next week, our Year 3 and Year 5 students will participate in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. NAPLAN tests are one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process, they do not replace the extensive ongoing assessments made by the teachers about each student's performance. As IB PYP students, our students are critical and creative thinkers, show curiosity about the world around them, are risk-takers in their learning, have a deep conceptual understanding with a global perspective. These too are essential for every child to learn and flourish.

NAPLAN Assessments will take place on the following dates:

**Tuesday 9 May**  
Language Conventions  
Writing

**Wednesday 10 May**  
Reading

**Thursday 11 May**  
Numeracy

Yours sincerely,

Debbie Mierisch  
Principal

Karlie Gooding  
Assistant Principal

David Mander  
Assistant Principal [Acting]

## CURRICULUM DAY | Friday 12 May

Report Writing Day – no students at school.

### DIARY DATES

Sat 6 May	OPEN MORNING 9.30 – 11.30am
Mon 8 May	Assembly   2.45pm YR 2 Presenting
Tue – Thu	NAPLAN   YRS 3 & 5
Tue 9 May	YR F   Incursion - RACV
Thu 11 May	YR 4   Excursion – Scienceworks
<b>Fri 12 May</b>	<b>CURRICULUM DAY</b> <b>No students at school</b>
<b>Fri 30 Jun</b>	<b>LAST DAY of Term 2</b> <b>2.30pm Dismissal</b>

### 2017 DATES

Thu 14 Dec	Carol's Night   7pm
Fri 15 Dec	End of Year Celebrations
Tue 19 Dec	Year 6 Graduation
Thu 21 Dec	Meet new Teacher / Class
Fri 22 Dec	LAST DAY of 2017 1.00pm Dismissal

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



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## YEAR 4 EXCURSION | Thu 4 May Geocaching

Yesterday our Year 4 students set out on their mission to be explorers. They headed off to Westerfolds Park and began their Geocaching adventure. Their group leaders led them using navigational devices to find hidden treasures. If you would like to know more about Geocaching ask a Year Four student or check out [www.geocaching.com.au](http://www.geocaching.com.au)



## STUDENT ENGAGEMENT TEAM

### Future Schools Expo and Code Club Meet-Up

Code Club Australia had an exhibition at the Future Schools Expo held at Melbourne Exhibition Centre last term. The Future Schools Expo showcased some of the latest technologies and programs that can be implemented in schools.

Milgate Primary was fortunate enough to be asked to send some students to showcase their learning from their time at our Milgate Code Club. Amy, Stevaan and Jamie from Year 6 presented and did an outstanding job discussing some of the skills they have learnt.

Amy presented a game she had created using 'Scratch'. She also used a 'Makey Makey' to create a joystick made out of a cup and foil to control the characters in her game. Stevaan worked with 'Micro:bits' and created code and synced them to one another to send messages. Jamie shared his 'Scratch' game that has extremely complex coding and has had over 5000 views. A wonderful achievement!

Milgate also hosted a Code Club Meet-Up last week, which aims to share that learning that is taking place in Code Clubs across the network. Although the weather hampered the numbers in attendance, it was a wonderful learning opportunity for both the students and those that were in attendance. Amy, Stevaan and Jamie presented yet again and spoke brilliantly.

A special thank you to one of our Code Club Parent Volunteers Mart, for attending both the Future Schools Expo and for organising the Code Club Meet-Up. Also a special thank you to the parents of Amy, Stevaan and Jaime for allowing them to attend both events and supporting them at the Meet-Up.

### David Mander

Student Engagement Leader & Acting Assistant Principal



## SISTER SCHOOL VISIT | Experimental Primary School of Beijing Normal University

Samyue (4CS) and Dannu (3TW) visited our sister school in Beijing, China in March. While they were there they met the Principal, Mr Wu, some of the teachers and students. They enjoyed their time there seeing the school and making friends with our sister school students. The school has two campuses in Beijing.



## SPORTS NEWS

### Templestowe District Cross Country | Tue 2 May

Well done to all the students who competed at the Templestowe District Cross Country. The students all ran extremely well and were a real credit to Milgate. In particular well done to the following students: Ruby C, Shakira H, Josh M & Scarlett S, who will now proceed onto Manningham Division Cross Country on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June at Yarra Glen Race Course.

### SSV Regional Trials | Soccer

Congratulations to Alec T (6CM) who has made it through to the SSV Regional Soccer Trials, as part of the process of State Team selection. All the best in the next round Alec.

### SSV Regional Trials | AFL Footy

Congratulations to Jack D (6JC) who has made it through to the SSV Regional AFL Footy Trials, as part of the process of State Team selection. All the best in the next round Jack.

### Walk Safely to School Day | Fri 19 May

On our "Walk Safely to School Day" it would be terrific to see as many students walking to and from school on this day as possible. If you would like any more information about this day, then click on the following link:

<http://www.walk.com.au/WSTSD>

### Golden Boot Award | 4CS

Congratulations to 4CS who had the most active travel participants during last week, therefore making them the winners of the Golden Boot Award.

## DONCARE FOOD DRIVE

Hi, my name is Patrick.

I am a Year 5 student at Milgate Primary School. I am also a member of the 1st Doncaster East cubs pack.



At cubs we do a lot of fun things. We also get involved in community minded issues occasionally. I have decided to coordinate a food drive on behalf of my cubs pack. I have chosen local charity group Doncare to be the recipient.

Thank you for all the donations that have come in this last week. If you would still like to support Doncare with a non-perishable food item that would be appreciated. Students brought home a flyer last week listing items Doncare are in urgent need of. If you are able to donate, could you please do so by leaving your item/s in the box supplied in the school office foyer.

I will be collecting all donations from Milgate families by **Friday 26 May**. I am also collecting through my cubs pack. I will transport & present all donations to Doncare with help from our cubs leader just in time for winter. Your help is very much appreciated.



## MOTHER'S DAY STALL | Monday 8 May

Our annual Mother's Day Stall is coming up on MONDAY 8 MAY! This year we have a huge variety of gifts to choose from, for mums and nanas/grandma's. The range includes fresh flowers, chocolates, candles, mugs, photo frames, baking sets, jewellery plus much more.

All gifts are priced at either **\$5** or **\$8**. So please place money in an envelope clearly marked with students name and class; and bring it along on the day. There will also be a stall held on Tuesday 9 May at lunchtime for those who are absent or needing to purchase additional gifts.

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS | \$70

These are being sold at Milgate again this year through the P&F and can be purchased online at:

[www.entbook.com.au/18037a6](http://www.entbook.com.au/18037a6)

Books are now available. Digital memberships can be accessed via the app on your device immediately.

## COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Located outside the Art room. Recent articles include:

- Parenting Anxious Children | Tue 6 Jun
- Donvale Primary School | 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Cocktail Party | Fri 16 June
- Foster Carers Needed | [canifoster.com.au](http://canifoster.com.au)
- Programs | Term 2:
  - Basketball | Various Clubs
- Chess | EDSC – starts Sun 30 Apr
  - Football | Various Clubs
  - Join the CLC Band - Eltham | Girls in Yrs 4 - 6
  - Soccer
  - Sports Program FREE | Yr 3 & 4 | Netball, Soccer, Hockey | Blackburn High School

