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We develop a love of learning

PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE

Across the school there have been many opportunities for students to participate in real life learning within their local community over the last few weeks which is so important for students to develop key life skills. Students in Year 3 and 4 explored Anglesea last week as part of the Outdoor Education Camp Program. Students learnt about eco-systems and the way humans can care for the environment. They eagerly participated in activities on the beach and in the estuary, even in the very cold conditions! They developed their persistence, resilience and independence by taking responsibility for their own daily organisation and involvement in a broad range of exciting activities including skate boarding, rock climbing, orienteering and hiking.

Homework

This year saw changes to homework practices across all year levels at Milgate. There is an enormous amount of research out there around the impact of homework on student achievement, including the work of John Hattie. Hattie is a leading educational researcher into evidence based quantitative research methodologies on the influences on student achievement. He has been Professor of Education and Director of the Melbourne Education Research Institute at the University of Melbourne. An article in the Herald Sun last weekend featured Hattie's work and research titled, 'Lessen Is More – Too much homework for little benefit, say experts'. If you would like to read the full article please see the attached document.

School Review

As part of the School Review process taking part early in Term 4, we are interested to have feedback from parents in regard to the current school programs and for the future learning of students. To collect this feedback, an online survey will be available for parents to complete. Details in regard to accessing this, will be sent out via COMPASS in the next couple of weeks.

Yours sincerely,

Debbie Mierisch
Principal

Karlie Gooding
Assistant Principal

David Mander
Assistant Principal [Acting]

DIARY DATES | Upcoming

Tue 15 Aug	ICAS Mathematics
Wed 16 Aug	Yr 6 Parent Session PYP Exhibition - 2.30pm Staffroom
Thu 17 Aug	Yr 3 & 4 Hooptime
Fri 18 Aug	Storytime 2-3pm
Fri 22 Sep	LAST DAY of Term 3 2.30pm Dismissal

2017 DATES

Sun 27 Aug	Working Bee 9.30 – 11.30am
Wed 20 & Thu 21 Sep	School Musical The Lion King
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



IB World School

Landscape Drive | East Doncaster Vic 3109

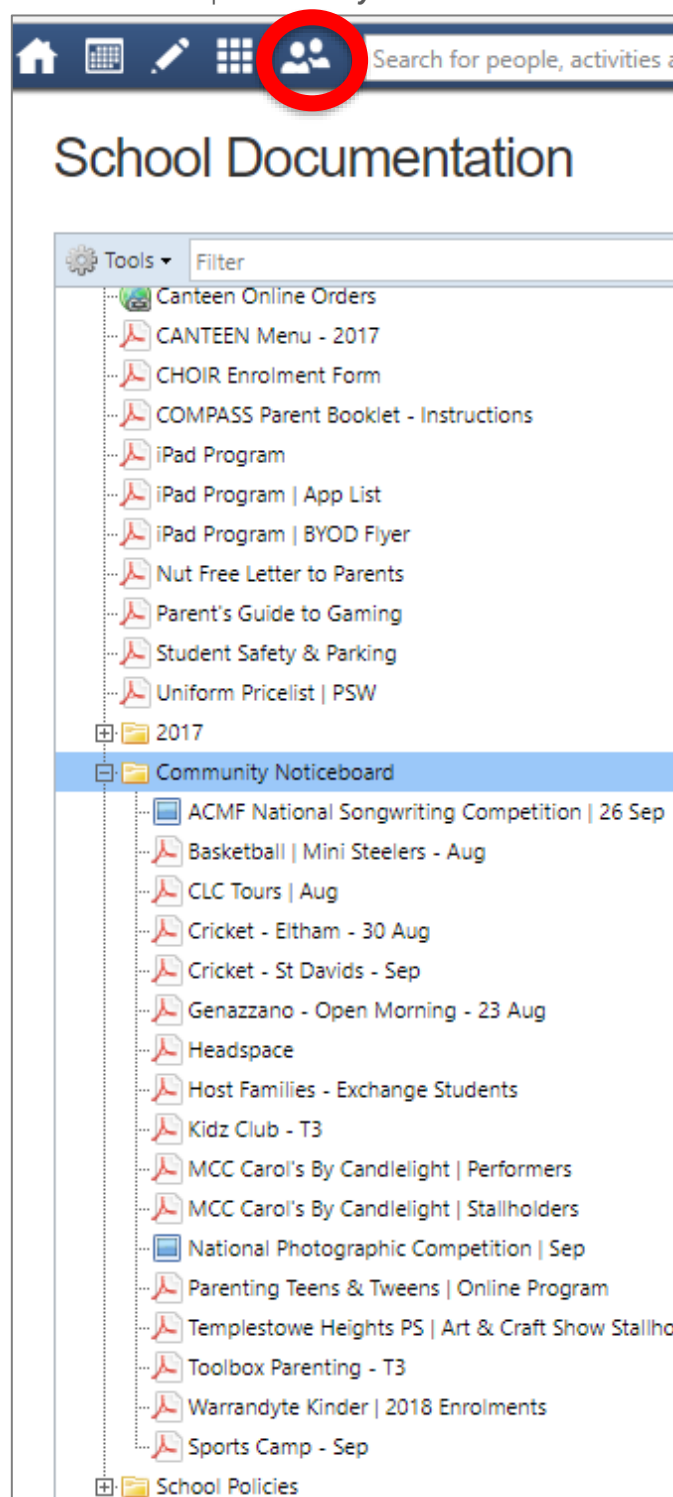
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COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

This is now available on Compass so parents can access these items at any time and from anywhere. Once logged into Compass, just go to: **Community | School Documentation | Community Noticeboard**



PARENT OPINION SURVEY 2017

We want our parents to tell us what they think

Closes: **Sunday 27th August - 5pm**

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents at each school.

It is designed to assist our school in gaining an understanding of parents' perception of school climate, student engagement and relationships with our parent community. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

The survey will be conducted online by **ORIMA Research Pty Ltd** and only takes 15 minutes to complete. The survey can be accessed via desktop computer, laptop, tablet or mobile at any convenient time by the required due date and time.

Approximately 30 per cent of parents have been invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. The online survey is available in English, Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha) and Hindi. Parent emails have been sent to randomly selected families with the link to complete the survey.

The survey results will be reported back to our school at the end of September. For further information, please speak to your child's teacher or visit:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/management/improvement/Pages/performsurveyparent.aspx>



Woolworths Earn & Learn | Ends 19 Sep



We're thrilled to announce that the Woolworths Earn & Learn program is back for 2017. Now anyone can

help our school earn amazing equipment by shopping at Woolworths from 26th July. All you need to do to help is shop at Woolworths during the promotional period, collect your stickers and send them to school. Ask grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends to collect the stickers too and we can earn even more fantastic equipment for our school.

Term 3 | Save The Date

Father's Day Stall - Thu 31 Aug & Fri 1 Sep

Family Photoshoot - Sat 16 & Sun 17 Sep



Milgate Multicultural Catch up

Wednesday 30th Aug 9:30am, Limelight Café (352 Blackburn Road, Doncaster East)

Do you want to make a connection with other parents in the school community? Come and join us at the Milgate Multicultural catch up!

The Milgate Multicultural sub-committee of Milgate Parents and Friends Association focus on encouraging parents from various backgrounds to come together and meet up in an informal social way. Whether you've been at Milgate for years, or you're new to the community and just want to meet other parents, you can come along with us for a gathering.

Young children are welcome!

Hope to see you there!

Jane Liang (coordinator) RSVP to 0410749765
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