Easter Raffle

Thank you to those of you who have already kindly donated eggs, bunnies, etc, for our Easter raffle. We ask all families to please donate an Easter chocolate, eggs, bunnies etc, for the raffle. The more donations we get the more prizes we have, therefore more winners. Please leave your donations with the lovely ladies at the office. The tickets need to be returned to the office ASAP. The raffle will be drawn at K-6 assembly on Thursday 28th March. Thank you for supporting your P&C.

Easter Hat Parade

Our annual Easter Hat Parade is on Thursday 28th March. All students in K-2 and all those interested in Years 3-6 can be involved. Just a reminder that hats are made at home and we encourage the use of recycled materials where possible.

ORGANISATION: for Thursday 28/3/13
Before 9:20am students take their hats to their classroom and place them on their desks. At 9:20am their will be a K-6 assembly in the HALL to hold the Easter raffle. At approximately 10:00am the Easter Hat Parade commences in the COLA. We welcome parents and friends to join us on the day.

Recognising Our Great Students

Congratulations to the following students who received merit awards at yesterday's K-6 assembly.

Bronze  Frankie P, Joseph S, Connor H, Ellie W
Silver  Ashton M, Piper T
Gold bar 1  Dale R

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

These University of NSW competitions are again available for students from Years 3 to 6 to participate in. Assessments include Computer Skills, Science, Spelling, English and Mathematics. Each competition will cost $8.00, Spelling will cost $11.00. If you would like your child to participate in any or all of the competitions please forward the advice slip from the end of the newsletter with payment to the office by Wednesday 27th March 2013. All students who enter receive a certificate acknowledging participation as well as awards including Credit, Distinction and High Distinction. MPS students have performed very well in previous years and we encourage students to take up the challenge.

WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY
- Multi-cultural Speaking Yr 5 & 6

THURSDAY
- Girls Cricket Knockout V’s Ulladulla

FRIDAY
- District Girls Football Trials

MONDAY

TUESDAY
- Student Banking (Bendigo Bank)

COMING EVENTS

Easter Hat Parade
Thursday 28th March 2013

Good Friday
Friday 29th March 2013

Easter Monday
Monday 1st April 2013

AFL Gala Day - Yrs 3 & 4
Friday 3rd April 2013
Attendance
The expectation of the DEC is to achieve attendance rates for each student of at least 90%. It is a parent's legal responsibility to provide an explanation for absence within 3 working days of the child returning to school. This includes late arrivals and early leaving, which are recorded as “partial attendance” and subsequently require an explanation from the parent or carer. If an explanation is not received, the absence will be recorded as “unexplained”. If an absence is not appropriate it will be listed as unexplained and unjustified. For the first six weeks of the school year we have had over 270 unexplained absences. This number is cause for great concern. Our school attendance registers are legal documents and children who have continual unexplained absences are referred to the School Attendance Officer. We ask for your support to provide the best educational opportunities for your child by ensuring they attend school every day possible.

Volunteer Tutor Reading Program
We are looking for volunteers for our reading program. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or would like to continue in this role please complete the slip at the end of the newsletter. We are holding these sessions for 1hr, 9.30am - 10.30am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. If you can help in any way it would be greatly appreciated.

Boys PSSA Cricket Knockout
On Thursday 14th March the Milton School Boy’s Cricket Team travelled to Ulladulla to play the first round of the Brian Taber Shield.
Milton lost the toss and was asked to field first. Milton demonstrated some tight bowling and great fielding restricting Ulladulla to 34 runs off the allotted 25 overs. Outstanding wicketkeeping by Alex E was a highlight of the fielding on the day. Dale R and Angus R put on a fine partnership to quickly chase down the 34 runs required for victory in just over 13 overs. Milton once again demonstrated fine sportsmanship and represented our school with distinction. They now move into the next round which will be played against Nowra in the coming weeks. Thank you to the parents for assisting with scoring and providing transport, support and encouragement.

PSSA South Coast Cricket Trials
On Friday 15th March Dale R and Lleyton R represented the Far South Coast Cricket Team at the South Coast Cricket Trials held at Batemans Bay. Both boys have demonstrated excellent cricket skills and have been key players in the school team over the past two years. Lleyton was successful in gaining a place in the squad of 24 to continue training over the winter months. During September a final 12 will be selected to represent The South Coast at the State Cricket Titles. We wish him every success. Congratulations both boys on your fine efforts.

2013 Tennis Report
Last Tuesday the first round of the NSWPSSA tennis knockout was held between Milton Public School and Ulladulla Public School. Milton PS won 7 sets to 1. The tennis was played in fantastic spirit and friendliness. Several of the sets were very close. This year the members of our school tennis team are: Anton W, Chilee R, Morgan S and Rohan S. It was great to see the improvement and growth in all of our students in the tennis team. Congratulations to Milton Public School tennis team and we wish them well this week in their next round against Batemans Bay Public School. Congratulations also to Anton Willett for making the regional tennis team.

Girls PSSA Cricket
Good Luck to the Girls cricket team who play their first game of the Lord Taverners Shield knockout against Ulladulla Public School at Milton Showground on Thursday. If you play as well as you have trained then it will be a great game. Remember girls, “catches win matches”.

PSSA Netball Knockout
Last Friday the 15th March, Miss Sutherland took 18 girls down to Broulee to compete in the PSSA Netball trials.
What a fabulous day! Milton Public School had 2 teams competing in the knockout with both teams winning the majority of their games. Chloe Scott was selected for the representative team. All the girls represented Milton Public School very proudly and had a fantastic day. A big thank you to Dee Henderson who refereed on behalf of Milton and all of the parents who assisted in transporting the students down to Broulee. Well done girls!

This week’s special at the canteen
Italian Spaghetti and Meat Balls
$3.50
Available from the canteen at lunch only
Harmony Day
Milton Public School students and staff celebrated Harmony Day Friday 16th March. The day started with an assembly that lifted the hall roof. We had performances from an African Drumming group, followed by Hamish on the bagpipes. He also wrote our catchy school song. We truly live in an amazing area where such talented people are prepared to give their own personal time to entertain and teach our children. Children learnt about the types of drums, where they come from and how they are made. Hamish spoke about the origin of bagpipes and played many different songs that kept the children engaged and enthralled from start to finish. The school assembly was a sea of orange- the colour of Harmony Day. Classroom activities continued the celebration of cultural diversity including; Takako playing the Koto (Japanese harp), learning international greetings, Koi Carp kites and mosaics to name a few. Congratulations to all staff and students on a wonderful day. The canteen also was in the swing of cultural diversity with Monique and other helpers creating, making and serving food from around the world.

Recounts
Sean H 3C
Last Friday, Milton Public School celebrated Harmony Day. Some of us had special lunch orders. We made Harmony messages onto orange leaves. We got to have orange jaffas. My mum came into play the Koto which is a Japanese Harp.

Tyler P 3C
In the morning we had a K-6 assembly. There was African drumming and bagpipes. It was loud at the start because Hamish came in the back of the hall. We then went back to our classroom and started activities. We even watched a program about African children.

Kiara K 3C
On harmony Day we played lots of games and had lots of fun. We coloured Guatemalan textile designs, made harmony messages and listened to music. My message was, “Everyone should be kind to others”.

Emily S 3 / 4 D
On Friday we celebrated Harmony Day. 3 /4D made South Africa Mandelas and Takako taught us to play the Koto. The Koto is a Japanese harp. It has frets that look like the Eiffel tower. The frets move up and down to change the sound of the instrument.

Ralph Baker 6G- Library
We went to the library in the morning on harmony day. We looked at lots of books from around the world and found where they came from on the big world map on the wall. My favourite was The Little Refugee about a little boy called Anh Do who came from Vietnam. He is now a comedian and is on TV and talks about Vietnam. We have a lot of books from other countries in the library.
Lost
One silver bracelet/bangle on Harmony Day, belonging to a Year one student. Please hand into the office if found.

Lost Property
Missing a hat, school jumper, lunch or drink bottle? Please check the lost property, which is located outside both the staffroom and canteen. The tubs are overflowing with property that has not been labelled. Please assist us in ensuring everything is returned to its rightful owner by labelling everything!

Multicultural Public Speaking
The Multicultural Public Speaking Competition started today for Year 3 and 4 students. Well done to the following students for delivering well prepared and clear speeches – Thom S, Piper T, Maisie S, Isabelle V and Talina G. The Year 5 and 6 speeches will be held in the hall tomorrow from 2:05pm onwards. Good luck to Darcy E, Jacob W, Tahlee B, Sarah S and Kirsten T. We look forward to hearing your speeches. The top two students from each Stage will move on to the District level. Thank you to all the prefects and prefect nominees as well as the judges for their assistance with the organisation.

COMMUNITY NEWS
The following articles have been submitted for inclusion in our parent newsletter and are not part of Milton Public School curriculum.

AFL for K-6 Boys & Girls
before school fun & skills sessions
Starting Week 2 – Tuesday 7th May
Every Tuesday Week 2 to week 9 (8 weeks)
8.30am to 9.10am
Bottom playground
Includes cross body skills & awareness fun games
Cost $40.00 includes AFL Football Pack (RRP $55.00)
If anyone is interested please fill in the expression of interest slip at the end of the newsletter.

Kid’s Alive, Supporting children and families.
Kid’s Alive! A wonderful opportunity for infants and primary aged children.

Each week children learn valuable life skills and have great fun in the process with games, crafts, cooking and much more! This term children are learning about friendships; making and maintaining healthy friendships and being a positive influence on others. So come and join the fun! Kid’s Alive is led by a dedicated and experienced team of adults who want to see children given every opportunity to reach their full potential.

Parents, why not relax in our coffee lounge while the kids are having their fun?

Kid’s Alive is for all school age children.
When: Every Tuesday afternoon, 5pm-6:30pm
Where: Milton Ulladulla Baptist Church, Matron Porter Drive Narrawallee,
Cost: $3, afternoon tea is included.
Want more info...Contact Pastor Justin Ratcliffe, 4455 5322

Experience Another Culture In 2013 And Improve Your Language Studies At Home
In June-July students from over 20 countries around the world will be arriving in Australia to study at local high schools for 5 or 10 months. Opportunities exist for families to act as a host family, in a volunteer capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis. Host families help provide international students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To hear more about this wonderful opportunity or our student exchange programs out of Australia Call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 331 or visit www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student

The Alley Gallery (at the Dunn Lewis Centre)
Come and visit your local community art gallery! Bring your friends and have a cuppa and a catch up at the same time and support the Dunn Lewis Foundation for Youth Development.

Current Exhibition: Open Slather
Coming up: A retrospective on the art of Carolyn Whan
Then: The Alley Archies –why not have a go!

Kids Fishing Workshop
Kids 8-14 years old are invited to come and learn to fish safely and responsibly. Instructors are experienced volunteers and staff from the Department of Primary Industries.

The day runs from 10 am-2pm and involves fishing techniques, bag & size limits, fish handling for catch & release.

Cost: $40 PER CHILD, and includes
rod & reel combination, shirt, hat, tackle box and show bag — all to take home!

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL. Maximum 25 participants.

Tuesday, April 23rd 2013, at the park on Wharf Rd, between Easts Riverside Holiday Park and the highway bridge.
Ring Stephen Thurstan, Primary Industries NSW, Ph 02 4220 8484 or 0438 245190
or e-mail stephen.thurstan@industry.nsw.gov.au

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AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS 2013

I would like my child………………………………………… in Grade ……… in class ………. to participate in:

(please tick the appropriate box)

[   ]   Australian Schools English Competition ( Wednesday 31st July ) $8.00
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[   ]   Australian Schools Computer Skills Competition ( Tuesday 21st May ) $8.00
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Please find enclosed $ …………… in payment

Signature Parent/Guardian: ………………………………………….

Please return slip and payment to the office by Wednesday 27th March 2013

VOLUNTEER READING TUTOR PROGRAM 2013

9.30am - 10.30am

Name: ___________________________________________ Phone: ___________________________

The day I prefer      Tuesday     Wednesday     Thursday     Friday

AFL K – 6 BEFORE SCHOOL FUN & FITNESS SESSIONS FOR BOYS & GIRLS

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY (please tear & return to school)

Yes I am interested in my child attending AFL sessions on Tuesday morning 8.30am - 9am in Term 2 cost $40.00 per child.

Childs Name: ___________________________________________ Class ___________________________

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Princes Highway, Ulladulla
Phone: 4455 2894

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• Girls Grey Pants Navy Blue Stockings
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• Hats Royal Blue Hoodies
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