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.

Easter Raffle

We are very grateful to the students, friends and families who have generously donated eggs and purchased tickets for the 2013 P & C Easter Raffle. Donations of eggs and raffle tickets can still be left at the office.

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Ingenue Milton have donated a Chocolate facial to the Easter Raffle. Make sure you have returned your raffle tickets for a chance to win the the Chocolate facial or one of the many, many wonderful Easter trays.

Easter Hat Parade

Our annual Easter Hat Parade is on Thursday 28th March, this will be a mufti day for students K-6. One more day to complete hats! All students in K-2 and all those interested in Years 3-6 can be involved. The P&C ladies have been doing an amazing job making up the Easter egg prizes for the raffle. There are many, many prizes to be won! All students K-6 are permitted to wear mufti on the day. Please be mindful of footwear (NO thongs) and sun safety.

ORGANISATION:
Before 9:20am students take their hats to their classroom and place them on their desks. At 9:20am there 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. If we are very lucky, the famous one with the white fluffy tail may even arrive.

Morning Routine

Just a reminder that children arriving before 8:55 must sit in the quad until the bell rings. When the bell rings they walk down to the classrooms and put away their bags. After that they return to the big COLA where they line up and the teacher on duty will take them down to Area A. Children who arrive after 8:55 can go immediately to their classrooms and put their bags away and then make this way down to Area A. At no time should any child be in the Canteen COLA.

Morning Tea to Celebrate Achievements

We will hold the very special morning tea for our Gold awardees on Thursday the 11th April to recognise and congratulate the students that have achieved a Gold Award or higher during Term 1. Mrs Barclay looks forward to celebrating with these students.

WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

• Easter Raffle - Hall 9.20am
• Easter Hat Parade - Big COLA approx. 10am
• Boys cricket Knockout

FRIDAY

• Good Friday - No school

MONDAY

TUESDAY

• Student Banking (Bendigo Bank)
• State Swimming Carnival

COMING EVENTS

AFL Gala Day - Yrs 3 & 4
Friday 3rd April 2013

Year 4 Dolphin watch
Monday 8th April 2013

Anzac Parade
Friday 12th April 2013

Staff Development Days Term 2

All students in NSW have an additional staff development day for schools to work on syllabus implementation in 2014. Term 2 Staff Development Days will be Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th April.

STUDENTS RETURN WEDNESDAY 1ST MAY 2013
Recognising Our Great Students

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

**Bronze**  
Nash B

**Gold**  
Joe S, Airlie M

**Gold bar 2**  
Matthew W

Swimming

Years 3 to 6 have experienced some very enjoyable afternoons at Milton Swimming pool over the last few weeks taking advantage of the good weather. With the pool closing shortly this will be the last week for swimming and we will begin focusing on training and fitness activities in preparation for both the Cross Country and Athletics carnivals which are held in Term 2.

Years 3 / 4 AFL Gala Day

The bus for the year 3 / 4 AFL gala day will leave as soon as the morning buses arrive. Please ensure your child is at school by 9.00am if you are driving them.

Touch Football

Several students went to the Touch trials last week and those successful in gaining selection for the girls and boys Eurobodalla District teams were Kelsey M, Reagan R and Jayden F.

Well done and good luck in the trials for the South Coast teams.

Girls Football

At the district trials on Friday - Eliza G, Ruby K and Abbey P were selected in a very strong Eurobodalla team to compete at the South Coast trials on Tuesday April 9 at South Nowra.

Well done and good luck girls.

Girls PSSA Cricket

Milton Public School and Ulladulla Public School Girls’ cricket teams travelled to Milton Showground to play in Round 3 of the Lord Taverners Shield Primary School cricket knockout last Thursday. Milton won the toss and elected to field. Eliza was the first to claim a wicket with a magnificent caught and bowled. Zara was the best of the bowlers with 2 wickets. Both Eliza and Abbey bowled 2 maiden overs each at a critical time in the game. Casey did a magnificent job behind the stumps. Unfortunately we let a few catches slip by and only managed 3 out for 75 runs in our 25 overs.

After a short break Milton went out to bat. Jadyn and Shannon started the run rate ticking from the very first over with runs immediately coming from the bat. Abbey and Hannah continued a great partnership and were hitting balls to all areas of the field. We are still not sure how Brittany managed to catch that ball that Abbey whacked with full force. Ulladulla made a few good catches and bowled straight so we were worried when we had 6 girls out by the time the girls came off for drinks. Hannah, Zara and Ruby settled in to bat for the remainder of the game and scored some good runs. We had won the game by the end of the 15th over and went on to score 108 runs in our 25 overs.

Zara was undoubtedly the player of the game with her 2 wickets, 4 runs and the support she gave the team. All girls must be commended on the standard of sportsmanship and the way they played as a team. We will train again in term 3 ready for the South Coast Championship game early in Term 4. Thank you to John Field for his help with the team and for umpiring on the day. Also thanks to all parents for your support of the girls on the day. Remember girls, “Catches win Matches!”

This week’s special at the canteen

**SLUSH PUPPIE PROMO**

$1.60

Heaps of prizes to be won! (Scooters, Kites, Skipping ropes, Yo-yos and more)

Available from the canteen at lunch

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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Little Athletics State Championships
Ben S competed in the Little Athletics State Championships in Shot Putt on Saturday at Sydney Olympic Park and came 5th with a throw of 7.61m, congratulations Ben.

Tennis Report
Last Tuesday our Milton Public school tennis team played the second round of the NSW/PSSA tennis knockout between Milton and Batemans Bay Public School at Batemans Bay. Milton PS won 7 sets to 1. A fantastic result as Batemans Bay also has quite a strong team with their number 1 girl player in the Regional tennis team. Anton was in devastating form winning his singles again 6-0. Morgan won her singles 6-1 and Rohan had a very tough win in a tiebreaker. Chloe and Rohan played a fantastic mixed doubles and are developing into a great combination as is Anton and Morgan. Our next games is against Jerrabomberra PS after Easter. Well done team !!!

Multicultural Public Speaking
The Multicultural Public Speaking Competition was held in the hall last Tuesday morning for Year 3 and 4 students. Well done to the following students for delivering well prepared and clear speeches – Thom Smith, Piper T, Maisie S, Isabella V and Talina G. The Year 5 and 6 speeches were held in the hall last Wednesday afternoon. Darci E, Jacob W, Tahlee B, Sarah S and Kirsten T also prepared and delivered great speeches. Congratulations to Maisie and Isabella (Years 3 & 4) and Darci and Kirsten (Years 5 & 6) who will represent Milton Public School in the District final next Term. Thank you to all the prefects and prefect nominees as well as the judges (Mr Bass, Mr Nisbet and Ms Coleman). A big thank you to Mr Tidbury for organising such a fantastic event.

ANZAC Assembly
The annual Milton Public School ANZAC Day Assembly will be held on Friday 12th of April (the last day of Term 1) at 10:45am in our school hall. Our 3-6 choir and the 2013 “Four Amigos” will perform publicly for the first time this year. Parents and friends are welcome to join us. The ANZAC Assembly will conclude at approximately 11:15am.

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 tomorrow 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.

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.
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!

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 kid’s 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

St Vincent de Paul Society

Invite you to attend their “Winter Appeal Charity Dinner” Saturday 4th May 2013 “BOMADERRY BOWLING CLUB”

Book your seat to enjoy a relaxed, fun night with friendly atmosphere.

Dress: Formal 7pm Arrival for 7.30pm seating
R.S.V.P by Friday 26th April 2013 @ $90 per person.
Cost includes: Champagne on arrival, 3 course Dinner, Beer, Wine, Soft drink, Orange juice & Entertainment. Lucky door prizes, silent auctions and balloon sales will also take place.

For more information invitations will be held at Milton Public School or contact lee.hughes@vinnies.org.au 0458 297 667 / 9820 9011
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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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Over 30 years experience.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2013
Mon 15th to Fri 19th April
9am to 12 noon
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