Welcome Back!
It is great to return to Milton Public School following my Long Service Leave.
I would like to thank members of staff who relieved in executive positions in the recent past. It is a sign of the strength and capacity of our staff here at Milton to see that our teachers are willing and able to step into leadership positions in such a competent way. In particular, I would like to thank Mr Greg Bass who was relieving Principal during my leave.
Parents visiting the school in recent weeks would, I'm sure, agree with me when I say how fantastic our school and grounds are looking at the moment. Well done to all students for ensuring litter is placed in the bins, but especially, a huge thank you to our cleaning staff Kerry, John, Noelene and Steve and General Assistant, Darren, who go above and beyond to ensure Milton Public School facilities and grounds are maintained to such a high standard; it certainly makes the learning and working environment all the more enjoyable, and is very much appreciated by all. I would like to welcome our new families who have joined us at Milton Public School recently. Please feel free to come in to school to discuss your child's specific needs or learning styles. At Milton Public School we are keen to get to know all our students individually to ensure we maximise each child's learning experience.
Mark Thomson
Principal

Gold Bar 3 for Christabella
Bella is an encouraging team player and class citizen. She is known for her positivity and kindness. She's an enthusiastic learner and always looks out for others. Bella deserves her Gold Bar 3 because she tries her hardest in and out of the playground. She's a good role model to younger students. Christabella was voted by her peers to be the House Captain of Flinders. She has good sportsmanship and is great at most sports. She's a good school leader and has a good attitude to work. Christabella definitely deserves her Gold Bar 3.
Reef K and Jade M

Orientation Begins
Kindergarten Orientation will take place on Thursday 30th October and Thursday 6th November, 2014, from 10.00am to 11.40am. Parents of children enrolling in Kindergarten have been notified of their day and we look forward to welcoming our 2015 Kindergarten students to Milton Public School.

K-2 Sports Day
A big thank you to Mr Tidbury for organising the K-2 Sports Carnival, and all staff for their flexibility and assistance on the day. It truly was a fantastic day with great weather, races and activities. A special mention to the canteen, which ran as a well oiled unit!

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

**WEDNESDAY**
- Mini Fete Talent Quest Heat 5

**THURSDAY**
- Mini Fete Talent Quest Heat 6
- Music Count Us In
- Kindergarten Orientation Day

**FRIDAY**
- K-6 Assembly

**MONDAY**
- Kindergarten Orientation Begins

**TUESDAY**
- Student Banking (Bendigo Bank)

COMING EVENTS

**Kindergarten Orientation**
Thursday 6th November

**Year 6 Mini Fete**
Friday 7th November

**Year 2 Intensive Swimming Scheme**
10th - 21st November

**Year 5 Mogo Excursion**
Monday 10th November

**Year 3/4 Social**
Wednesday 12th November

P & C Meeting Tonight
Tuesday 28th October 2014
7pm in the Staffroom
Merit Awards

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

**Bronze:** Thomas C  
**Gold:** Reign N, Jaimee S  
**Gold Bar 1:** Ashton Matthews  
**Gold Bar 3:** Christabella H

Music Count Us In

On Thursday, 30th October at 12:30pm the 652 students of Milton Public School will fill the school hall to sing “Paint a Song” with 600,000 other students across Australia. Milton Public have been part of Music Count Us In since its inception in 2007. We love it and we absolutely love this year’s song!
Thank you to Mr Rutherford and class teachers for participating in this Massed Choir.

State Athletics

Well done to Kai F and Chelsea P who represented Milton, Eurobodalla and the South Coast at the State PSSA Athletics. These students did their area proud with Chelsea competing in the 800m and Kai in shot put and discus.

K-2 Sports Day Results

- **5 year girls:** 1st Sarah H, 2nd Isabella F, 3rd Ruby W  
- **5 year boys:** 1st Judah W, 2nd Callum L, 3rd Nathan D  
- **6 year girls:** 1st Aliyah H, 2nd Marl R, 3rd Grace C  
- **6 year boys:** 1st Nate B, 2nd Thomas J, 3rd Sonny P  
- **7 year girls:** 1st Annabelle H, 2nd Brodie M, 3rd Maisie B  
- **7 year boys:** 1st Jack W, 2nd William H, 3rd Harry W  
- **8 year girls:** 1st Jaya B, 2nd Avara S, 3rd Mackenzie Z  
- **8 year boys:** 1st Joshua D, 2nd Cooper L, 3rd Banjo M

House Points

- **Cook:** 1900  
- **Bass:** 2100  
- **Tasman:** 2300  
- **Flinders:** 2600

Year 2 Swimming Scheme

Year 2 will be involved in our swimming school scheme from 10th November – 21st November which takes place week 6 and 7 of this term. Lessons will be held at Ulladulla Leisure Centre between recess and lunch for 10 days. Notes have been sent home with students. Please return as soon as possible as we only have 10 places left.

Payments to Milton Public School

The change in the school’s financial system has resulted in a change to the way we receipt. All payments for excursions, sports, activities and events for students will be receipted to a parent. This now means that parents can pay for all things relating to their children attending Milton Public School, in just one payment. Payments can be made at the office or given to a class teacher. Receipts will be returned to students and teachers are sent regular reports so they can see who in their class has paid for an excursion or activity. A box will be set up in the office for students or parents to deposit payments at any time. Payments and permission notes should be secured in a sealed envelope or zip lock bag. We appreciate correct cash amount as money is banked daily and change will be limited. We currently are only able to accept cash or cheques. It is hoped that in the near future the Department of Education will be able to activate the Parent Portal to allow for on-line payments. We will keep you posted.

Assistance with Excursions

This year St Vincent de Paul, Ulladulla has provided the school with funds to support families who are struggling to afford excursions or other extra curricula activities for their children. If you would like assistance for your child, please contact the school office to discuss your request with the Principal. Already this year assistance has been given to 20 students at this school.

Year 6 - 7 Confirmation of Enrolment Amendment

The Parent information evening at Ulladulla High School for Year 6 is Monday 1st December 2014 at 6:00pm and the Student Orientation day is Wednesday 20th November. Please call 4454 1758 if you would like to volunteer to help in the canteen for 2015.
Mini Fete Coming Soon

Year 6 will be running the annual Mini Fete on Friday 7th November. This is an opportunity for Year 6 students to practise all the leadership and organisational skills they have developed during their years in primary school. In today’s newsletter there is a tear-off slip for all students in years K-5 to fill in and return to school with $4. This money will ensure they receive a “token sheet” on the day of the mini fete to use at the stalls. The stalls this year include: haunted house, drink stall, cake stall, biscuit decorating stall, hit the hooligan, fortune telling, disco, find the golden key (treasure hunt), talent quest, basketball shoot out, obstacle course, hairspray, face painting, nerf ball and super soaker. The Year 6 students will then use the money raised to purchase a farewell gift for the school. The Mini Fete will conclude with a Talent Quest.

Mini Fete Talent Quest

The 2014 Mini Fete will be held in Week 5, on Friday the 7th of November. Heats will continue this week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Entry for the audience to watch the heats will cost 50c. We wish everyone the best of luck and we hope to see you there!

If you can crochet, we need you!

ANZAC day 2015 marks 100 years since Gallipoli landings. Poppies are a symbol of great loss in war and hope for those left behind. We want to crochet as many poppies as we can before ANZAC day 2015 to create an awe-inspiring display in our local community. There are many students at school who would love to be involved in this project but the problem is they don’t know how to crochet. If you can crochet or know anyone who can crochet and would like to be involved in teaching students this skill - we need you. We will supply the wool, crochet hooks, patterns and enthusiastic students! If we can get some talented people who can crochet to help out, a crochet class will be held on Fridays at lunchtime from 1pm till 1:45pm in 5W’s classroom. If you are interested please leave your name and number with the school or talk to Mrs Watkins for more details.

Year 7 Selective School Placement

Applications are now open for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2016 and can be made online between 14th October and 17th November 2014. Parents can apply at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

ICAS Mathematics

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Mathematics competition. A special mention to Adrien L who gained a distinction, scoring in the top 9% of all participants. ICAS is an International Assessment- well done Adrien.

M.U.D.S (Milton Ulladulla District Schools)

On Wednesday the debating/public speaking squad travelled to Ulladulla Public School to watch St.Mary’s debate against Ulladulla. Prior to this debate Ruby T, Nazar E, Erin T and Sophia K delivered a speech on a particular topic they chose from a list on Monday. In the junior section Nazar’s topic was ‘Summer is the best and worst of times. Why?’ and Ruby’s topic was ‘Celebrations’. Both students were clear, confident and had excellent structured speeches. In the senior section Sophia’s topic was ‘My typical day’ and Erin’s topic was ‘Australia’s greatest national treasure’. These two girls had well prepared speeches, were entertaining and used great variation and tone in their voices. Ulladulla won all three sections of the competition. This was a great learning experience for all our students. There will be more opportunities to further develop their public speaking skills between now and next years’ competition, which will be hosted by Milton.

This week’s special at the canteen

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

Colouring Competition for Noah’s Ark
Noah’s Ark Shoalhaven is running a colouring competition to support work being done in Autism Awareness and the effect this can have on communication. Entry forms are available from the school office. Students entering can leave their $2.00 entry fee with the office staff. Donations to Noah’s Ark Shoalhaven can also be left at the office. Entries need to be returned to the school by Friday 12th December.

Girls – Live Your Goals Football Session
U9s-U11s girls with a passion for football are invited to attend Southern Branch’s FIFA Live Your Goals training session on Tuesday 28 October 2014. The Skills Acquisition Program session will run from 6-7.30pm at the South Nowra Football Complex. Participants will have the opportunity to meet and train with Renee Rollason current Matilda and Sydney FC W-League player. To register for the session go to www.southernnswfootball.com.au. Further details can be obtained from Matthew Shepherd on 0419 925 006.

Beginner Guitar Lessons for MPS
Lunchtime guitar lessons will be available in Term 4 for beginners who are in years 2-6. Doug Smith, a qualified guitar tutor with over 20 years’ experience will be offering 1/2 hour lunch classes of up to 5 children. This is a private venture and any enquiries should be directed to Doug on 0418 406 043. Term cost is $80 for an 8 week session starting in 27th October and will run for 8 weeks finishing in week 11 (17th December). Fees must be paid by week 6. It is preferable for students to have their own guitar; however a guitar can be hired for the term for $20.00. If your child is interested in this opportunity, please complete the expression of interest below and return it to the school office. Places are limited.

My child ____________________________ of class ____________ is interested in enrolling in the beginner lunchtime guitar class. I understand this is a private venture and will cost $80 for the term’s tuition.

Parent: ______________________________ Contact Number ____________________

Girls and Youth League Football Trials
Southern Branch Football Club is holding trials for girls and boys for its 2015 competition teams. Under 13 girls are trialling on Sunday 2 November 1pm, Tuesday 4 November 6pm and Sunday 9 November 1pm. Boys are trialling on Sunday 16 November U12s at 9am & U13s at 10.30am; Tuesday 18 November U12s & U13s at 6pm; and Sunday 23 November U12s & U13s 2pm. All trials are being held at South Nowra Football Fields. To register complete the online forms at www.southernnswfootball.com.au. Further details can be obtained from Phil McColl Southern Branch Manager on 0418 255 209.

Poetry Competition
Milton Show Society will be having a poetry reciting competition at the Milton Show at 9.30am 21st February 2015. Prize money 1st $30 2nd $20 3rd $10, ribbons to 6th place. Entry forms from show office or contact me: John Davis ph 44552013 number of entries limited to 12 performers.

Budding Brumbies
This year’s Budding Brumbies Program will be held in Batemans Bay/Broulee for the first time. The UC Budding Brumbies is a Rugby Program for kids aged 4-9 years run in November. The program is used as an introduction to kids who have not played the game and also to further enhance the skill level of those who play. We encourage all kids from the region to sign up. This will be a great tool to recruit for the Friday Night South Coast Mini Rugby competition for 2015. For further information please contact: D.hooper@brumbies.com.au

MINI FETE
I would like to purchase tokens for my child/children (Kindergarten to Year 5 only) for the Mini Fete at Milton Public School on Friday 11th November, 2011.

Name/s: .......................................................... Class/es: .................
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