Captain and Prefect Nominees
2015

Congratulations to the students who were selected by their peers as nominees for the role of Captain or Prefect of Milton Public School in 2015. Well done Clare F, Neve L, Lucinda P, Maisie S, Piper T, and Isabella V our girl nominations, and Michael A, Joel C, William L, Rohan S, Sam S and Thomas S for the boys. Congratulations, you have been recognised by your peers and the staff as appropriate candidates for the privilege of school leaders. Well done and thank you to every student in Year 5, who took their task seriously and nominated such exemplary role models.

All students have accepted nominations and are invited to present speeches at a special 3-6 Assembly on Thursday, 4th of December in our school hall at 9:30am followed by elections in the library. We wish them luck as they speak about the strengths they could bring to the role. Any one of the nominees would make a fantastic school captain or prefect. Parents and other family members are most welcome to join us.

Merit Awards

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

Bronze: April D, Raedon H, Ivy L
Silver: Kiara T, Hugh H
Gold: Drew R
Gold Bar 2: Emily M

P&C XMAS RAFFLE!

As part of this year’s fundraising, we have our last fundraiser for the year! It is nearing the very fun, cheery time that Christmas brings and we are having our big Christmas Raffle once again. This runs very similar to our Easter raffle. We are asking families to donate something Christmassy or non perishable goods so that we can make up hampers to raffle off on Monday 8th December. We also make one or two bigger hampers and give them to a charity within our local area who then pass them on to a family in need. Thankyou all in advance for your generosity. (Raffle tickets were sent home last week, and will need to be returned by Friday 5th December).

P&C Christmas Dinner Tonight

Tonight is our annual Christmas dinner at Tipsy Fig Milton at 7pm. You are invited to come along and celebrate all we have achieved for the year. The dinner is at your own expense. Please phone Mel Wills to confirm on 0414 261 778.

WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY
- School Swimming Year 3
- Year 6 Orientation Day - High School
- Years 3 & 4 Backyard League Football

THURSDAY
- School Swimming Year 4
- Prefect Speeches

FRIDAY
- Stage Assemblies

MONDAY
- K-6 Assembly
- School Swimming Year 6
- UHS Parent Information Session

TUESDAY
- Student Banking (Bendigo Bank)
- School Swimming Year 5
- Di Morrissy Visit

COMING EVENTS

Prefect Elections
Thursday 4th December

Senior Social
Monday 8th December

Gold Award Recipients Morning Tea
Tuesday 9th December

K-2 Christmas Concert
Wednesday 10th December

Helpers Morning Tea
Thursday 11th December

3-6 Presentation Day
Friday 12th December

3-6 Pool Party and K-2 Picnic
Tuesday 16th December
Staff Development Days
Pupil Free Days
18th December - 19th December
Last Day for students 17th December 2014

Christmas Concert
Save the date: Wednesday 10th December
Matinee performance 11:45am
Evening Performance 6:00pm
The title of the concert is Christmas: Past, Present and Future and the children have begun practising.
Your class teacher will let you know of the costume that is required. All Kindergarten children have been asked to bring a new white t-shirt for screen printing.
I would really like to access a smoke machine for the performance. If anyone has one that I could borrow it would be greatly appreciated.
Are there any dressmakers who would be willing to run up some elasticised shorts for KC? I already have the fabric and the pattern. Please see Lynn Chittick if you can help out.

Scripture Concludes
Tuesday the 25th November will be the last session of scripture for 2014. The students and staff of Milton Public School would like to sincerely thank the volunteers who give their time to work with our children each week. Your efforts are really appreciated and it has been wonderful having you as an important part of our learning community.

2015 Enrolment Information
To assist in planning classes for 2015 we would like to confirm the number of students not returning to Milton Public School in 2015. If your child will not be returning in 2015, please complete the slip at the end of this newsletter and return to the office as soon as possible. Also, if you know of any families intending to enrol, please direct the family to our office.

Helpers Morning Tea
A special morning tea for our parent helpers, volunteers, scripture teachers, canteen helpers and reading tutors will be held on Thursday 11th December.
This is a wonderful opportunity for the staff at Milton Public School to show their appreciation and to personally thank each and every one of the fabulous volunteers who give their time to support our school and for their outstanding contribution to the learning of our students.

Free Bus Travel – Year 3 2015
New applications for free travel need to be completed by all students commencing Year 3 in 2015. This is required to ensure students who are eligible for free travel continue to receive a travel pass. New applications have been sent home with Year 2 students. Please return completed applications to your class teacher by Monday 1st December, children who do not return their forms will be charged for bus travel in 2015.

Backyard League Program
Over the next 2 weeks, students from Years 3 and 4 will continue to participate in the Backyard League program on Wednesdays. This program is inclusive and fun, and teaches students basic skills through games, student centred practice and skills that can be implemented into mini games. Students will learn how to play a safe, modified version of rugby league and at the end of the program will receive a FREE mod league ball courtesy of the NRL. This program is free of charge for our students.

International Disabilites Day
International Day of People with Disability (IDPwD) is held on 3 December each year. IDPwD is a United Nations sanctioned day that aims to increase public awareness, understanding and acceptance of people with disability and celebrate the achievements and contributions of people with disability.
The Australian Government has been supporting IDPwD since 1996 and provides funds to promote and raise awareness of the day around Australia.
On the 3rd December students at Milton Public School are going to join in on the celebrations by participating in a range of activities to help raise awareness for the day. We are looking forward to our first year being involved in celebrating this important day.
For more information contact Sue Griffin or Tanya Sutherland.

UNSW Global Spelling and English Competitions
Students from Milton Public School achieved outstanding results when they participated in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) this year. In our latest round of results for Spelling, Milton Public School students were awarded 4 distinctions and 12 credits. In the English assessment the school scored 10 credits, 4 distinctions and two High Distinctions. Well done to Duncan M and Sienna C who scored in the top 1% of students that sat the ICAS.

KidzWish
On Thursday 20th November, Students in K-6S travelled to Wollongong to enjoy the annual KidzWish Christmas party.
Each year in November, The WIN Entertainment Centre in Wollongong is filled with thousands of children having the time of their lives. This year’s entertainment included a KidzWish Cinderella pantomime, Santa, Ronald McDonald, KidzWish Fairy and Butterscotch's Playground going to join in on the celebrations by participating in a range of activities to help raise awareness for the day. We are looking forward to our first year being involved in celebrating this important day. by Greg Page.
The Stockland KidzWish Christmas Party for 4,300 special children, siblings and carers is an annual event that allows families to forget their everyday stresses, make new friends and get an early taste of the Christmas spirit.
Each child that attends receives a gift from Santa to remember the day, a McDonald's Happy Meal for lunch and a gift bag with all the essentials: chocolate, chips, cookies and a whirling, light-up toy.
All students had a fantastic day.
“I had an awesome day. I saw the Ninja Turtles and I also saw Santa. He flew in on a helicopter, then rode in on a motorbike” – Max W
DEBATING DAY

On Wednesday 19th November a few students were selected from Yr 4 and 5 to go to Vincentia High School to take part in a debating workshop. We left at 8:30 am and arrived at Vincentia High 9:15 am. We arrived back to school at 3:25. Everybody met in the hall and sat on the steps. We put our bags behind a big curtain and grabbed our notebooks then we returned to the steps to listen to some high school students debate. Then they told us about the keys to debating. We wrote down some notes in our notebooks and then we played a game where we had to think of two nouns. Then we had to get another pair of nouns from another group and mix them together to make a product to sell. Then we had morning tea in the high school’s playground. A few of the students played handball, while others sat and talked. After a while we had to go back inside.

Then we worked in our teams of three preparing for our debates. After a while we stopped and played another debating game and then had lunch. Lunch was provided for us. There were sandwiches, fruit and drinks. After lunch we were split into two groups and our group was taken to a classroom and the other group stayed in the hall. We then had our debates, one negative team and one affirmative team. Then we got in the car and went back to school.

By Poppy G and Emily S.

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Isaac K 2A

My Water Adventure

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By Lulu H 2A

My Water Safety Adventure

It was a Saturday and I was at the beach. I had sun cream and a hat on. I was with an adult. Then I checked for rips. Then I checked if lifeguards were there. Then I swam in between the red and yellow flags. When I came out of the water I put on my sunglasses.

By Evie S 2H

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Michael Tan 2A

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EXPERIENCE the MAGIC of HOSTING

Do you have a Friend, a Man, Sister, Neighbour, Mum or Daughter? Everyone is invited!

Afternoon Tea

You are invited to help acknowledge the month of February as ‘Teal’ month. Remembering those we have lost to Ovarian Cancer like my Grandma Liz, and building awareness for others.

DATE: 1st Feb 2015 TIME: 2pm
VENUE: MASONIC HALL
COST: $10 adults $5 children

Afternoon Tea, Hot & Cold beverages, Lucky Door, Raffles.

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Oliver (17) from Belgium loves the American culture and sports. He is interested in basketball and hopes to one day play for the Australian basketball team. He enjoys the different culture of Australia.

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www.keepingitsimplemilton.com.au

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO MILTON PUBLIC SCHOOL IN 2015
(NOT for students in Year 6 progressing to High School)

My child/children will not be returning to Milton Public School in 2015.

Name/s: ……………………………………………………………………………………
Class/es: …………………………………………………………………………………
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School attending in 2015 (optional) ………………………………………………………………

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