2015 - A Brilliant Start to the Year

What an amazing start to the year for students years 1 to 6. Their smiles, attitude and enthusiasm for the new year is inspiring. Students are to be congratulated for their common sense, cooperation and fantastic behaviour. By not forming classes during the first week, all students in each grade were able to spend time with teachers on the grade. It also allows us time to reorganise classes according to the number of new enrolments. We have had a large number of new enrolments, including 86 kindergarten students. As a result, we now will be forming 26 mainstream classes, 1 M.C. class and 1 Autism class.

Please be reminded that our school uniform includes a blue hat (bucket hats can be purchased from the school office for $6). We are all looking forward to a very productive term with a lot of exciting events and quality learning taking place.

New Staff Members

At Milton Public School we welcome Mrs Jeanette Scheer who joins us on a teacher exchange from British Columbia, Canada. Mrs Scheer is swapping duties with Ms Oxley who has gone to Canada for the duration of 2015. This is Mrs Scheer's third exchange to Australia, having working in Queensland on both previous exchanges. Jeanette is excited to be here at Milton Public School and looks forward to becoming involved with the local community. We wish Jeanette a wonderful experience at Milton Public.

Kindergarten

It was a great start for all Kindy children Monday morning. Parents please take your kinder child to their classroom each morning by 9:20am. Please be assured that they will have a lovely time. Give them a kiss and tell them you will be back to pick them up at 3:20. Kindergarten students are asked to bring an art shirt, library bag, two glue sticks, box of tissues and packet of snaplock sandwich bags or the larger size (A4 size)

Paying for Excursions and Activities

With the new finance system all payments made to the school are receipted to parents. To speed up the process we ask parents to make payment for the family where possible. Use just one envelope or zip lock bag, enclose all permission notes and a single payment. Teachers receive daily reports regarding students in their class and the payments received. Payments can be left in the locked box in the foyer before school or any time during the day. It would be appreciated if payment is made at least one day prior to excursion or activity.

Refunds held in School Account

You may have noticed on excursion and activity permission notes the different ways excursions and activities can be paid for.

Funds held at School

When a Child is unable to attend an excursion due to illness, in most cases, full payment is credited back to the parent. These funds can be accessed to pay for future activities for any of your children attending MPS.

Cash or Cheque

Cheques should be made payable to Milton Public School and we appreciate exact money where you can. Online payment (will be available soon). The department is finalizing the parent portal to enable you to pay for excursions and activities online. We will notify you as soon as this system is operational.

P & C Meeting

Our first P&C meeting will be held next Tuesday 10th February 2015 at 7pm in the staffroom, which is located at the opposite end of the office building. We would love to see some new faces as well as our regulars attend. This is your chance to hear the goings on in the school, ask questions and also meet new people. See you there!

Shoalhaven Eisteddfod 2015

Calling all those interested in entering either Individual Verse Speaking, Duologue (a poem performed by two) or both! Milton Public School has a long and proud association with this annual event and last year saw a staggering amount of entries and an extraordinary amount of success. So have a think, have a chat with family and friends, and, if you are keen; entry forms will be available next week from Ms Allen.

WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY
• 3-6 Swimming Carnival

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

MONDAY
• K-6 Assembly
• Life Education 9th-24th February

TUESDAY
• Student Banking
• P&C Meeting

COMING EVENTS

District Swimming Carnival
Thursday 19th February
Canteen News
Welcome back to another fantastic year in the canteen 2015!

Canteen Opening Hours:
8:55am - 9:20am. Before school children can purchase cereal and drinks. Fruit is FREE for all children. At recess 11:20-11:40am children can buy snacks and drinks. Lunch time sales of snacks, drinks, ice blocks and frozen treats are available from 1:05-1:40pm. All hot food combos, hot food and sandwiches will need to be ordered. We encourage all parents to remind their children if they are buying items from the canteen at lunch time to do so early so they don't miss out. Lunch finishes at 1:50pm and the canteen will be closed at 1:40pm.

Lunch Orders:
Lunch orders are written up either on paper bags from home or canteen supplies in the morning, indicating student's full name, student's class, what they are ordering from the canteen menu and if possible correct money. Students are then to give lunch bags to their teachers to be placed in class lunch baskets. Baskets are then brought to the canteen for preparation of food first thing in the morning by allocated Lunch Duty Monitors. Lunch baskets are collected and taken back to class for distribution at lunch time

We look forward to seeing new and old faces again helping in the canteen in 2015. If any Parents/Grandparents who may have a couple of hours to spare to help us out please contact Monique in the canteen. Volunteer hours are 9:30am-1:40pm, we would be happy with anytime you can spare. Thank you for your assistance with helping to encourage your children to use our Healthy School Canteen and its procedures for a better and efficient operation.

Monique

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This week's special at the canteen

New Flavour Slush Puppie
"SOUR APPLE" $2.00

Available Lunch Time Only
**Lost Property**

Please ensure all items that come to school are clearly labelled with your child’s name. We do our best to return all labelled items.

**Book Club**

Bookclub order forms are available now at the front office. All orders must be returned by Monday 16th February 2015. No late orders will be accepted.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

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

**After School African Drumming Sessions at Milton PS**

African Drumming Lessons, led by drumming instructor Suzy Thomson, will be starting at Milton PS each Monday, starting 23rd of February. Lessons will be held in the school hall from 3:45pm till 4:45pm. Students who wish to stay at school before the session starts will be supervised by drumming teacher, Mrs Thomson. The lessons are aimed to encourage team work and group creativity through music. These sessions are offered to students in years 4, 5 and 6. It is important to return the expression of interest as soon as possible as places are limited. The sessions will cost $10 each session and will run for 6 weeks each term. Students selected to participate may come for 2 weeks to see if they like it at no charge. Full payment will be required by Monday 9th March. If your child owns a Djembe or similar drum that would be great as it is expected that students continuing with the drumming group will purchase a drum. This teaches responsibility and care for their instrument. Drumming Sessions will be held for 6 weeks each term in 2015. If you would like your child to join the drumming group, please complete the expression of interest tear-off slip at the end of the newsletter and return to the school office.

**Expressions of Interest**

Enrolling now for Term 1 children’s Art & Craft classes. Learn about famous artists, painting, mixed media crafts and sculpture. Tuesdays and Wednesdays 3:30pm - 4:30pm at Milton Public School. Contact Jan Kierzkowski on 4454 5768 or 0477 552 931 for further information.

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**Milton Show 2015 February 20th - 21st**

(“The spirit of ANZAC”)

**Junior Poetry Comp Milton Show - Entry Forms Available from the Office**

The comp will be on Saturday morning 21st February at 9:00am with prize money, 1st $30, 2nd $20 and 3rd $10 as well as ribbons etc. Cut off date for entries has been extended. For further information and entry forms call John on 4455 2013 or email jda76436@bigpond.net.au

**Children and Families Pastor**

All mums, dads, carers and grandparents are invited to be part of playgroup at the Milton Ulladulla Baptist Church, meeting every Thursday morning. Playgroup is held at 9:30am - 11:30am at Milton Ulladulla Baptist Church (Matron Porter Drive), cost $2 (please bring a piece of fruit to share). Please note we are a peanut free facility, so please do not bring peanuts or peanut products. For further information please call Pastor Justin or Danielle Ratcliffe on 4455 5322.

**Kid’s Alive**

Kid’s Alive is for children in primary school (K-6). Kid’s Alive enjoy various activities including games, cooking, craft and much more. In addition to being a lot of fun, our vibrant program also helps kid’s develop healthy self esteem and life skills plus the chance to make new friends. The program runs every afternoon 5pm - 6pm at the Milton Ulladulla Baptist Church (matron Porter Drive Narrawallee) at a cost of $3 per child and $6 per family. For further information contact Pastor Justin Ratcliffe of Jenny Webb on 4455 5322 or www.mubc.org.au

**Scouts**

1st Burrill-Ulladulla Scouts - Come and join in the fun. Joeys 6 - 8yrs, Cubs 8 - 11yrs, Scouts 11 - 15yrs and Venturers 15 - 18 yrs. Adults are also required. For more information call Tracy 4455 6252.

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**Expression of Interest - African Drumming at Milton Public School**

I give permission for my child ______________________ in year _________ (Yrs 4-6 only) to join the African drumming group at Milton PS starting on Monday 23rd February and concluding on Monday 30th March 2015. I will be responsible for collecting my child from the school hall at 4.45pm on Mondays. I understand that the 6 sessions will cost $60.00 which will be paid by Monday 9th March.

Signed Parent/Caregiver ____________________________ Mobile No __________________

My child does/does not own a djembe or similar type of drum.

Questions/Comments:

_________________________________________________________
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For more information
Contact Leone on 0415860519 or
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MEMBERS WANTED
If you:
- are LGBTI
- are new, or know someone, who might be interested in a local social network

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