Recognising Our Great Students

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

Bronze: Kobi S, Duncan M
Silver: Maya K, Darcie S
Gold: Zac E
Gold Bar 1: Marcus P

Life Education

Happy Harold and the life Education van is about to leave us. Milton Public School students have been visiting him since Monday 9th February. A big thank you to Miss Coleman for organising and timetabling the visit. Also a big thank you to Greg and Harold for visiting our school. There are still a few payments outstanding. Please finalise as soon as possible.

Staff Development Day

MPS staff will have a staff development day Monday 20th April, Term 2. Students will return to school Tuesday 21st April.

School Photographs

School photos will take place tomorrow Wednesday 25th Feb 2015. Envelopes for photo orders have been sent home with your child. If you did not receive an envelope for your child or if you would like a family photo envelope you may collect these at the office.

- Please check the envelope and make any necessary corrections to name or class before returning.
- Complete the information on the envelope, indicating the package that you would like to purchase.
- Don’t seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope, however each child needs to have their own envelope.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash, cheques and money orders only or pay online.
- Return your photo envelope to the class teacher on or before photo day Wednesday 25th Feb 2015. Children are to be in full school uniform on the day.

Whole School Assemblies

Each Monday all classes from Kindergarten to Year 6 meet in the hall for a combined whole school assembly at 9:25am. This assembly is an opportunity to deliver critical organisational information, to recognise our students’ achievements and to present merit certificates. It is a time when we come together as a school community and celebrate. Parents are always welcome and seating is available at the back of the hall.

WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

**WEDNESDAY**
- Parent Teacher Meetings - KS, KC, KM, 1B, 2B, 3R, 5/6D, K-6G
- Swimming Sessions - 4K, 4W, 3/4D
- School Photographs

**THURSDAY**
- Parent Teacher Meetings - KJ, KB, 3T, 3C, 3/4D
- Swimming Session - 3C, 3R and 3T
- Kindergarten Vision Screening
- Boys Cricket Knockout

**FRIDAY**
- Parent Teacher Meetings - 6T, 6G, 6C
- Clean Up Australia Day
- Stage Assemblies

**MONDAY**
- K-6 Assembly
- Swimming Sessions - 6C, 6G, 6T, 5/6D

**TUESDAY**
- Student Banking (Bendigo Bank)
- Parent Teacher Meeting - K-6S
- Swimming Sessions - 5H, 5M, 5W

COMING EVENTS

Regional Swimming Carnival
Friday 6th March

Surfing Scientist Visiting Show
Thursday 19th March

Kindergarten Vision Screening
Thursday 26th March
District Swimming Carnival
On Tuesday the 17th February 2015, a group of 29 students from years 3-6 travelled to Narooma to compete at the District swimming carnival. Wow!!!! What a spectacular day. As you walked into the swimming centre the atmosphere was amazing, the kids couldn’t have asked for a better place to race. The crowd was so loud with cheers and support that they almost blew the roof off the building. Our kids performed with determination and school spirit on the day, showing a great display of sportsmanship towards the opposing schools. All our swimmers achieved outstanding results but the highlights of the day go to: Jacqueline A who swam in the 13years 50m freestyle, her first time at the District swimming carnival and achieved a second place sending her off to regionals, she also beat her time by 3 seconds, Tylar C’s performance in the junior medley is to be commended, a race he was unaware he was in and he swam it beautifully. The greatest performance of the day goes to all our relay teams, each team put on a show for the crowd and all four teams came out on top winning first place and a spot at the regionals. Each and every member of the team helped our school in achieving the overall championship on the day, beating all the other schools by a long shot. Well done MPS. Special mention to Kye F who was awarded the boys 11 years age champion, Chelsea P who was awarded the girls 11 years age champion and Xanthe P was runner up, Taylah A who was runner up for the girls senior champion. A big shout out to all the parents and grandparents who supported all our swimmers on the day, our success wouldn’t have happened without your support. I wish all our swimmers luck at Regionals on the 6th March in Dapto.

Our successful District Swimming Champions

New Classroom
Our new demountable classroom will arrive within the next week or so. An area beyond the back of the hall has been fenced off and we should see work commence very soon. All students have been advised that this is an out of bounds area.

University of NSW Competitions
These competitions have been made available in the past to students from Years 3-6. They are an external examination in several key areas; Computer Skills, Science, Spelling, English and Mathematics. Each competition will cost $8.80, spelling will cost $12.10. Stay tuned to our next school newsletter with more information about entering.

Schools Clean Up Day is
27th February
Clean Up Australia Day is a simple way to take action and clean up, fix up and conserve our prized Australian environment and this year we are celebrating 25 years of volunteer action across Australia. Did you know? In 2014, thanks to an estimated 572,406 volunteers, we cleaned up 15,708 tonnes of rubbish at 7,140 sites across Australia. Not only that, but more than 2300 schools took part in Schools Clean Up Day. This is good but we can do better! So we are going to put Milton Public School in the picture and show we care about our environment by cleaning up our school grounds this Friday 27th February. All you need to do is supply your child with some gloves and a plastic bag!

Canteen Roster

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This week’s special at the canteen

“Chocolate Moo Cups” 80c
(frozen chocolate milk)
Available lunchtime only
School Contributions

2015 Voluntary School Contributions are now due. For more information please see last weeks newsletter. A tear off slip is attached to the back of this week newsletter.

Multilit

Each year our school runs the Multilit program to assist students in years 3 and 4. The program is run by one of our School Support Officers four mornings a week, Tuesday to Friday, from 9.30-10.30am. We are looking for volunteers to tutor individual children in this valuable program. The process is straightforward, and a training session will be available for anyone interested in tutoring. Please fill in the form at the end of the newsletter if you are available and interested, and return it to school.

Scripture 2015

Scripture has commenced. We thank all our scripture leaders for volunteering their time to provide this service for children. Students will be attending the same classes as last year unless a written request to change is received from a parent. We will do our best where possible to accommodate these requests, however some classes are now full.

Chess Helpers

Currently we are looking for any parent/carers/community members who are happy to help in our chess club Tuesdays and Thursdays lunchtimes from 1:00pm till 1:50pm. Students attending range in ability from beginner to expert, so we are looking for all levels of expertise. If you are able to assist, please contact the school office on 4455 1504 and leave contact details for Mrs Dale.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Milton Ulladulla Family Support Service

Milton Ulladulla Family Support Service is planning to run a group for primary school aged children who have been affected by the loss of a parent or other close relative through death. The group will be held at our centre, at 158 Green Street Ulladulla, on Wednesday afternoons, from 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm. (Dates to be advised once numbers are confirmed.) Afternoon tea will also be provided. An initial session for parents/carers will be held to explain the aims and content of the sessions. Bookings are essential. Please contact Sue or Laurence on 44 555 428 for information or to make a booking.

Milton Show

Thank you to all the students from Milton School who entered articles in the Milton Show, you make the show the success that it is. The following students have items, which have been returned, at the school office:

Alana S   Tex L
Georgia B  Sienna C
Grace C   Freya Pyemont
Kalani C  Laura Johnson
Taj J     Emma-Jane D
Harry N   Jaslyn M
Thank you to these local businesses for supporting our Parent News

Clear Speech, reading, spelling, understanding, learning difficulties

Piano Lessons in Conjola Park
Fully qualified and experienced piano teacher able to prepare students for exams if desired. Beginners or students at all levels welcome. Reasonable fees paid weekly. Students need to have keyboard or piano available for practice. Contact Mrs Parris on 4456 5035

Multilit
I am available to help with Multilit on – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.
I am available to attend a training session on - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday- morning for an hour.
Name: __________________________________________ Phone___________________________

GENERAL SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

Student(s): ………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Please find enclosed $60.00 (or $15.00 per term) for the first child and $30.00 (or $7.50 per term) for each other child in the family.

Payment $............. Cash or Cheque

Payment $............. From credit balance held at school

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