Building Resilience with the Dragons -

We all experience adversity, from everyday changes and challenges to serious losses. Fortunately people are able to adapt. We have many ways of overcoming adversity, ‘resilience’ is the capacity to adapt successfully to some of life’s ups and downs.

Last Thursday MPS students were visited by players from the NRL St George Dragons. The players came to our school to talk about building resilience.

Here’s what Bass and Angus from K-6S thought:

“When you work together as a team you can beat anything that might make you upset.” - Bass F.

“If you have a bad day there are things that you can do to make it better” Angus S

Recognising Our Great Students

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

Bronze: Raphael P, Nate B, Brodie T.
Silver: Emma D, Chloe S, Molly S,
Claire R, Maisie B.
Gold Bar 2: Talina G

Gold Bar 3: Thom S

Thom is a kind, caring, considerate and responsible child. He is an exemplary prefect and serves as a great role model to other students. He is very sporty and great at cricket, he is intelligent and placed second at the best of the best. Thom is friendly and approachable- which is why he has so many friends. Thom gives thoughtful and considerate responses in class discussions. He displays a sense of fairness in all that he does. This is why Thom is so deserving of his Gold Bar 3.

WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY
- District Girls Touch Football

THURSDAY
- Year 5 Berry Camp Deposit Due
- Boys District Rugby

FRIDAY
- Mothers Day Stall

MONDAY
- K-6 Assembly

TUESDAY
- Mothers Day Stall

COMING EVENTS

Stewart House Day
Friday 8th May

Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN
12th, 13th and 14th May

District Cross Country
Friday 15th May
Anzac Day – A Day to Remember.
Each year Milton Public School holds an annual Anzac Day commemoration service. This year was the 100th year anniversary. We had three special guests: Mr Rick Walker, who spoke about the Anzac tradition; Mr Ray Laraghy, the president of the Shoalhaven National Servicemen Association and Mr Keith Hanchard, a member of Shoalhaven National Servicemen Association. Our school leaders Joel Cable, Maisie Staples, Clare Flaminio, Rohan Smith, Isabella Vinson and Michael Attard ran the assembly. Aunty Nell Mooney started the assembly with the Welcome to Country and a few words about indigenous Australians in the war. Maisie then welcomed our special guests. Joel introduction the significance of the 100th anniversary of Gallipoli then Mr Rick Walker spoke to those present about the Anzac tradition. Mr Ray Laraghy presented a cheque to Milton Public School Captains, to purchase an appropriate book for our school library. Maisie recited the poem called ‘In Flanders Fields’ by John McCrae. This was very appropriate with the hall decorated in red poppies which signify the battlefields of World War 1. After that we had the Bugle call, laying of the wreath and a minute of silence. Michael recited the ode and all present responded with ‘Lest We Forget’. Morning tea was served to visitors and special guests after the singing of the National Anthem.
By Erin T, Neve L and Sophia K.

ANZAC Day Poppies
On 25th April 2015 Milton’s community all gathered together to witness an hour long service at the cenotaph across the road from our school. Milton Public School together with a number of other schools marched up the main street.
After the service a surprise was waiting for everyone. In the park behind the cenotaph, covering the bushes was a blanket of beautiful red handmade poppies. It looked as if I was in Flanders Fields myself.
I think Mrs Watkins, Mrs Weekes and Ms Allen put a lot of work into the display. The day before the march Mrs Watkins took 5 children to do chalk decorations on the path in the park. It looked as if I was in Flanders Fields myself.

Red Poppies for Anzac!
Wow! Our assembly hall looked fabulous on Friday and the “Red Poppy Garden” over in the park opposite the school looked stunning on Saturday. Our inspiration was the “5000 Poppy Project” in Victoria. We are proud to announce that Milton Public School were responsible for initiating the project in our local community and more than 3,500 red poppies were created. Students and staff at MPS have been busy since last year creating the poppies and many local people and community groups became involved. The results for the centenary of Anzac were incredible and the feedback from all those at the ceremonies on Friday and Saturday was extremely positive. Thank you to all those involved and a particular thank you to Mrs Watkins and Mrs Weekes for the hours and hours you spent behind the scenes to ensure this project was the amazing success that it was. Thank you also to Jan Kierzkowski for her artistic advice and help with the “chalked” poppies on the path at the park. The poppies will be available for sale (gold coin donation) at the front office and also at the Milton Village Markets in the next few months. All proceeds will be donated to Legacy.

Anzac Day
I have learnt that on Anzac Day the Anzacs landed at Anzac Cove at Gallipoli. As the soldiers got out of the boats many died on the beach. After months of shooting and dying, the Anzacs decided to go back and retreat. After years, World War One ended.
By Jack W 2A

ANZAC March and Service-
On ANZAC Day I marched with over 100 Milton Public School students along the Princes Highway to the Milton Memorial. The service included hymns, speeches, the National Anthem and Maisie and I recited The Prayer for the Nation. We also participated in the wreath laying ceremony. it was a great honour to take part in the ceremony that recognised those that fought in Gallipoli 100 years ago.
Joel C
Contributions
Each year Public Schools across New South Wales, with their P&C, decide on an amount they would like families at their school to contribute in support of programs run by the school. This is a voluntary contribution but schools appreciate all families paying this contribution, where they can afford it. The General School Contributions for students attending Milton Public School this year are set at: $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 attending Milton Public School.

Funds raised this year are being used to supplement the Department of Education and Training per capita allocations in order to fund:

- Teaching and Learning resources for Literacy, Numeracy, Science & Technology and the evaluation in Assessment and Reporting processes;
- Music, Environmental and Drug Education;
- Maintenance and upgrading of Computer software and hardware.
- Upgrading sporting facilities

Thank you to all the families who have already paid this contribution. If you have not yet paid and would like to pay your contributions now please complete the slip at the end of the newsletter and return to the school with payment. If you feel you are unable to pay these contributions this year please fill in the slip and return to the office. All information will be kept confidential.

School Photos
Yesterday school photos were sent home with students. If you have any concerns about photos you have received, please phone Master School Photographers directly on 42613009. If you child has not received photos, and should have, please see your child’s class teacher.

Mothers Day Stall
Next Tuesday 5th may, children will have an opportunity to purchase a gift for their mother. Gifts are $5 and come wrapped with a card. After all children have been given a chance to buy a gift, any left over gifts will be available for children who wish to buy more presents at recess. Thank you for supporting your P and C.

Stewart House Fundraising
In 2015, Stewart House celebrates 84 years of service to students attending NSW public schools. This wonderful organisation, run by teachers in the Department of Education, provides opportunities to children from all over the state. Stewart House needs your support to ensure we can continue to provide important services to children. The NSW Department of Education provides infrastructure and staffing support for this school. Please help Stewart House by joining in the fund drive. Envelopes were sent home last week and need to be returned to the school office by Stewart House Day, Friday 6th May.

Students may come in mufti and bring a gold coin donation for Stewart House on Friday 8th May.

Scholastic Bookclub
Order forms have been sent home with students today. Additional forms will be available in the classrooms. Parents can now order and pay online. Books will be delivered to the school approximately two weeks after the closing date.

Parents can still order and pay through the school. Orders and payment must be received by Wednesday 6th May.

What is NAPLAN?
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials. In 2015, NAPLAN tests will be held on 12-14 May. Additional information may be found at http://www.nap.edu.au/verve/resources/NAPLAN_2015_Parent_information_brochure_web.pdf

Food Allergy Awareness
Anaphylaxis is a serious, potentially life-threatening allergic response that is marked by swelling, hives, lowered blood pressure, and dilated blood vessels. In severe cases, a person will go into shock. If anaphylactic shock isn't treated immediately, it can be fatal. We request that where possible, please avoid sending any type of nuts to school in children’s lunch boxes. For more information contact Allergy and Anaphylaxis Australia at www.allergyfacts.org.au

District Cross Country-
Congratulations to the 2015 cross country age champions Senior Girls: Jordyn A, Senior Boys: Ben S, 11 Year Girls: Xanthe P, 11 Year Boys: Lachlan B, 10 Year Girls: Olive W, 10 Year Boys: Blake D, 8-9 Girls: Hailey D and 8-9 Boys: Joshua D. They will represent Milton Public School along with 40 other competitors at the district cross country Friday 15th May.

Year 5 Opportunity Class 2016
Parents seeking opportunity class placement for Year 5 entry in 2016 are required to submit an application by 15th May 2015. Generally students are in Year 4 in 2015 when applying for Year 5 entry in 2015. Applications may be found at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement.

Parents are strongly encouraged to give careful consideration to the time taken and modes of transport involved when choosing a school with an opportunity class. Our closest is North Nowra Public School. For more information please contact Mr Bass.
This week's special at the canteen

New Price List/Menu Term 2
Available at recess and lunch

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

Seabreeze Village Fair
The fair will be held on Saturday 2nd May at the Seabreeze Village Hall, 1 Camden Street Ulladulla. There will be a cake stall, plants, books, white elephant stall, craft stall, raffle and sausage sizzle. All welcome.

Milton Ulladulla Dolphins Basketball Association Inc
Will be holding a Trivia/Disco Fundraiser Night. Held at Mollymook Beach Bowling Club, Forest Way Mollymook on Friday 8th May at 6:30pm - 9:30pm. Entry per person is $5.00 or $15.00 for a family. Dinner and drinks available. Come along for a fun filled night.

Ceramics for Children
Nulladolla Pottery’s next ceramics course will be on Saturday 2nd May from 3pm to 4pm at the Nulladolla Pottery Shop next to Milton Library in the Milton Arts Precinct. School age children will have fun making fish shaped bowls and decorating them in bright colours. The bowls are food safe and can be used for eating, decoration or in the garden. For more information or booking please contact Penny on 4455 5747 or 0421 864 706.

Shoalhaven Football
Term 2 Academy commences at Lighthouse Oval on Monday 4th May 4:30pm-5:30pm. Academy if for ages 5-13 years a 7 week program cost $80.00. For more information go to mjonno1@bigpond.com.au

Junior AFL
Auskick and Intra Club 10’s is always a popular form of sport for the younger aged boys & girls in the Milton Ulladulla area. Offering a well planned and structured skill development program for boys and girls that are aged between 4 and 10 years old. Starting this Thursday at 4.15pm – 5.15pm at Ulladulla Sports Park.
Our team of highly professional teaching staff are caring, dynamic and promote excellence in all areas.

Enrolment is open to children who turn 5 years of age on or before July 31 in 2016.

Completed “Expression of Interest” forms (see below) should be returned to the Milton Public School office or post to Milton Public School PO Box 111 MILTON NSW 2538 by Friday, 26th June 2015.

A Parent Information Session will be held at Milton Public School on Tuesday 1st September 2015. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Enrolment Application packages will be forwarded to parents.

Interviews will be conducted from 1st to 11th September 2015. Please phone to organise a date and time.

Orientation sessions for children and parents will be held in November.

For more information please contact the Milton Public School on 44551504.

Expression of Interest to Enrol in Kindergarten 2016 at Milton Public School

Child’s Name: ........................................... Date of Birth: .................. Gender: M / F

Correspondence details:

Parent(s): ................................................................. Phone: ........................................... home/mob

Address: ........................................................................................................................................

1. Does your child currently attend preschool or long day care? Yes / No

Name of Preschool: ..............................................................................................................................

2. Does your child currently receive additional support (eg vision, hearing, speech, learning, behaviour)?

Yes / No Please state: ............................................................................................................................

3. Do you have any other children, residing with you, who currently attend a NSW government school?

Yes / No Name: ........................................... Class: ........ Date of Birth: ..................

School: ..............................................................................................................................................

Name: ........................................... Class: ........ Date of Birth: ..................

School: ..............................................................................................................................................

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- [ ] Registered ERN [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] Application Printed

- [ ] Data Entry - [ ] Out Of Area - [ ] Support required: .................
Thank you to these local businesses for supporting our Parent News

Martial Arts

Junior Aikido - Wednesdays 4pm
Milton Basketball Stadium 5 yrs & up

Judo stick fighting - All ages - Wednesdays
5pm Milton Basketball Stadium

Female Self Defence - Tuesdays Dunn
Lewis Centre 6pm Bookings Essential
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Ph: 0439278756 Sensei Mick

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Milton Village 6th June 9am-3pm
Vintage 40’s 50’s 60’s Theme
Scarecrow & Pie Baking
Competition
Enter a Crow or Bake a Pie to win
Cash Prizes.
Games, Music, Dancing
Pie Eating Competition
All the Fun of The Fair
Come one Come All.
Scarecrow Help Line
0498 012 717 or check out our Facebook page. Scarecrow Frames available $5ea

GENERAL SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

Student(s): ...........................................................................................................................................

[ ] I wish to pay for the year [ ] I wish to pay for the Term [ ] I am unable to pay the Contributions for 2015

Please find enclosed $................. in payment.

$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

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