Recognising Our Great Students

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

Bronze: Marli C, Harlen S, Jacob B, Tarlia G and Taj B
Silver: Freya P and Adrian L
Gold: Crystal H and Elijah P
Gold Bar 1: Michael A

Welcome to our new General Assistant Ross O’Donnell

Ross is not new to our area. He has lived in the Milton area for over 20 years and his three boys attended Milton Public School. He spent 15 years as a General Assistant at Westfield Sport’s High. He returned to the Milton district eighteen months ago and is loving living in this wonderful area.

Hats with cords attached

A very unfortunate accident occurred in the playground last week. A young student was playing on the fixed play equipment, fell and got the cord from her hat caught around her throat. The teacher on duty was quick on the scene, but the accident caused a red mark under the student’s throat and a great deal of distress for the student (and the teacher). It could have been worse. As such, we have asked our uniform suppliers to seek broad-brimmed hats without cords. It is our intention to phase corded hats out to prevent similar accidents occurring. I would also suggest that, in the interests of safety, parents consider cutting the cords on existing school hats.

Fathers Day Stall

On Thursday 3rd of September, children will have the opportunity to purchase a gift for their Father. Gifts are $5 and come wrapped with a card. After every child has been given a chance to buy a gift, left over gifts will be available at recess for children to buy more presents. Thank you for supporting your P&C.

Facebook

Well, our Milton Public School Facebook page is up and running and has been a valuable source of information for many of our parents and caregivers. It’s a fantastic way to stay up-to-date with all the latest MPS news. So far, there are 260 followers of our page and this is growing every day. If you haven’t already given permission for your child’s photo to be published don’t forget to do so (surnames of children will not accompany photos). If you would like to keep informed with the latest information then go to the Milton Public School Facebook page and click on ‘like’.

WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY
- Year 6 Canberra Excursion
- Southern Stars Excursion

THURSDAY
- Year 6 Canberra Excursion
- Southern Stars Excursion
- The Australian Ballet Program for Year 5

FRIDAY
- Year 6 Canberra Excursion
- Southern Stars Excursion

MONDAY
- K-6 Assembly

TUESDAY
- Student Banking (Bendigo Bank)
- Kindergarten Parent Information Session at 7.00pm

COMING EVENTS

Year 3 Aboriginal Cultural Excursion
- Thursday, 3rd September

Debating Workshop
- Thursday, 3rd September

Father’s Day Stall
- Thursday, 3rd September

School Fete
- Friday, 11th September
ICAS spelling


Berry Camp

Last Wednesday, the 19th of August, year 5 left for Berry Camp. Students and teachers set out to push themselves over the coming days as they left the comfort of family and everyday routine. With superb weather, students experienced 6km bushwalks, canoeing with some swimming on the side, archery, climbing through a dark maze, the thrill of the giant swing and the cable glide. Each activity calls students to move out of their comfort zones and push themselves to their limits. Students pulled together and encouraged each other at every opportunity. They gained new skills and realised they were capable of far more than they had ever imagined.

Back at school year 5 reflected on their experiences at camp and which areas presented the most challenges. For many it was leaving Mum and Dad behind. ‘I was really nervous about leaving home and going away from mum’ Paige E said. Kai B coined the whole experience as a ‘CZP or Comfort Zone Pusher’. What really challenged him was having to eat broccoli, facing his fears, meeting new people and trying new things.

Riley L thought about the challenge of sharing a room with 3 others. He said on the one hand it ‘is annoying because everybody loves to talk but also good because they are your friends’.

For others it was over coming their fear of the giant swing. Maddi H described the experience of overcoming her fear of heights as a total shock. ‘When I was walking down to the giant swing I thought “Oh, is that all”’. Once the first person went up I realised it was higher than I thought. I started to get scared. I am really afraid of heights so when I say scared I mean really, really scared. Before I had my turn David told me that tall people shouldn’t be scared of heights. I climbed up the ladder and was harnessed on tightly. Everyone counted down and I pulled the cord. The feeling of adrenaline in my body, as I dropped, was really bad’.

To arrive home on Friday was a moment of clarity for students as they realised all they had achieved. Zoe G wrote that after everything she had done she felt ‘really good and was proud of herself’.

2016 Kinder Parent Information Evening

Parents of 2016 new kindergarten students are invited to an information evening on Tuesday 1st September at 7.00pm. There will be information about what it will be like to be a Kindergarten student at Milton, the programs that are running and helpful hints about getting your student ready for school.

South Coast Area Athletics

Last Friday 15 of our students travelled to Canberra to compete in the South Coast Area Athletics Carnival.

On a beautiful international track they performed brilliantly. Names on electronic scoreboards, million dollar track and massive stadium filled to capacity brought out the best in our students. Although only two progressed to the next level at State our performances were excellent when you consider we were competing against over a thousand of the best athletes on the South Coast. Well done to all.

Chelsea P will run in the 11 year girls 800m race at Homebush after coming 3rd at Canberra while Kye F will compete in three events at Homebush Stadium after winning the 11 year boys Long Jump, the 11 year boys Shot Put and coming 3rd in the 11 year boys Discus. Kye was also the highest scoring 11 year boy in the individual scores. Let’s hope you get to do your special victory dance at Homebush guys.

Winter Sports Team

This year five students from Milton Public School competed in the ACT-Southern NSW Interschools Snowsports Championships. This was held at Perisher from Wednesday (29 Jul) to Friday (31 Jul). Skiers and snowboarders competed in two different events; SkierX/BoarderX where riders are timed individually on a slope-style course with berms and rollers and Giant slalom where the riders are timed individually on a giant slalom course where they have to negotiate a series of gates.

Year 5 reflected on their experiences at the Giant Slalom events with their team coming 14th. Zoe G (Year 5) competed in Divisions 4 Skier X and BoarderX. Zoe G (Year 5) came 9th and 10th in her Division 4 snowboard events and Sam S (Year 6) came 20th and 21st in his Division 4 snowboard events in a much larger field. On the Thursday and Friday, Lucinda P (Year 6) and Zoe G (Year 5) competed in Divisions 4 Skier X and Giant Slalom events with their team coming 14th. Although the results were not enough to get through to the next round everyone competed well against the strong Jindabyne and Canberra teams and enjoyed representing their school.
**Mogo Zoo Stories**

I saw some meerkats at Mogo Zoo. The meerkats had a little place with a little light. Tilly Lawson KB

My giraffe has yellow stripes. The giraffe is cute. My giraffe stretches its neck to get food. They eat leaves. Maraya Q KS

Yesterday we went to Mogo Zoo. We saw lions getting food. The food came from a man. We saw a tiger and a baby gibbon. We also saw a meerkat. Cameron C KC

On Thursday we went to Mogo Zoo and we saw snow leopards. They were laying down because they were tired. They want to lie down and we saw King Julian. Kiah C KM

We all went on a bus to get to Mogo Zoo. When we got there we saw meerkats. They were so, so, so, so cute. One of the meerkats came up to Thomas in KB.

Thomas tried to pat it but he couldn’t reach it. We stayed there for a little bit. Then we went back on the bus and it took a little while on the bus. Most children fell asleep on the bus. Then the bus stopped. Then we were back at school. I was so, so tired. Penny M KJ

**Escape ARTfest**

Once again this fantastic Community Festival is providing plenty of opportunities for primary aged children to become involved and enter competitions.

On Wednesday and Thursday of this week, 4W, 4K, 3T, 3R, 2BE and 2A will be making lanterns with local artist Jan Kierzkowski. Students in these classes will need to bring a clean glass jar to school tomorrow if they haven’t already. These students can then choose to parade with their lantern at the Moon Lantern Festival on Sunday 27th September at 6:30pm at Ulladulla Harbour. Students can also purchase a canvas for $10 at Splatters in Milton and enter the 8x8 Canvas Prize. There is also a Postcard Art Prize and a Colouring Competition. Entry forms are available at the front office. Students can also purchase a wooden heart from Rowen's Arcade and decorate it. Budding photographers can register for the Shutterspeed workshop. Registration forms are available at the front office. Visit [www.escapeartfest.com.au](http://www.escapeartfest.com.au) for more information or see Ms Allen.

**Show Week for Southern Stars**

**Beyond the Frame!**

After almost a year of preparation and months of rehearsals, Southern Stars *beyond the frame* is in the final week – show week. From Monday this week the WIN Entertainment Centre will become a hive of activity as the staging and lighting goes in and on Wednesday students will arrive to take part in two huge days of rehearsals in preparation for the four performances on Friday and Saturday August 28 and 29. Over 3000 public school students from around Southern NSW will perform in Southern Stars *beyond the frame*, displaying their many and varied talents in music, dance, drama and even circus. *beyond the frame* has something for everyone, whether you have a child in the show or not, it is worth taking your family to see one of the best arena variety shows in the country.

If you do have children in the show make sure you pick up a copy of the Illawarra Mercury this Friday which will list the names of all the performers in a special lift-out feature. Additionally, you can purchase a copy of the show program which has photographs of all the school students involved in the show – a lovely keepsake for the future!

If you haven’t purchased your tickets yet, there are still some available through Ticketmaster, but be quick! Tickets are Adult $48, Pensioner and student over 12 $38, Student/Child under 12 $27 and Family pass $140.

And make sure to keep checking our Southern Stars – The Arena Spectacular Facebook site for more stories and pictures from this week’s rehearsals. Like...
us and please share with your friends the good vibes of Southern Stars.

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

CALL OUT FOR ARTWORK
Anyone who has attended Jan Kierzkowski’s children’s art and craft classes—past or present—who would like to exhibit some of your favourite art or craft (that you have created in my classes) as part of the Kidsfest @ Artfest event being held at SAS school on 19th & 20th Sept. Please bring any amount of your favourite artworks in a plastic bag, with your name and class labelled on each piece to Mrs. Burns/Ms. Elenius classroom before Wednesday, 9th Sept. Please, I will try to exhibit as many pieces as the space allows. Art will be returned to you after the school holidays. Enquiries contact Jan 0477552931.

Tournament of the Mind

Beginner Guitar Lessons For MPS
Lunchtime guitar lessons will be available in Term 4 for beginners who are in years 3-6. Doug Smith, a qualified guitar teacher with over 20 years’ experience will be offering ½ hour lunch classes for up to 4 children. Term cost is $150.00 for a 10 week Term starting on Thursdays & Fridays in Week 1 of Term 4 (8th & 9th October). Fees must be paid by week 3 (23rd October). It is preferable for students to bring their own guitar, however guitar hire is available for $20.00 per term. If your child is interested in this fantastic opportunity, please complete the form below and return to the school office. Places are limited. For all enquiries please call Doug Smith 0418 406 043.

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Parent:_________________________________ Contact Number:_________________________
FETE HELPERS NEEDED—ONLY 4 WEEKS TO GO!!

We are in desperate need of helpers for our stalls for this year’s fete. We have had a few volunteers come forward and whilst this is terrific, we need more! If we have to cancel stalls this means less money raised for our fabulous school and wonderful children. If you are able to spare an hour, we would really appreciate it. We really need helpers for the following stalls:

- BBQ—people to cook sausages and also people to serve
- Plant Stall—people to serve
- Showbag Stall
- Raffle—people to sell any last minute tickets at a desk
- Chocolate Wheel—people to sell tickets

To those that have already put their names down to help, I will be contacting you very shortly to confirm the stall and time you will be helping out. If you can help, please either complete the tear off slip on the bottom of the newsletter, call Mel Wills on 0414 261778 or email on the-wills@bigpond.com

Please keep in mind that this is the biggest fundraiser for our year and it has always been a huge success. We would like this one to be no different.

RAFFLE TICKETS NEED TO COME IN!

We have been so lucky to have received some very exciting donations so far, which have been added to our fabulous raffle. Please, please get your raffle tickets in as early as you can. A full list of the raffle prizes will be in next weeks newsletter.

LUCKY DIP TOMBOULA STALL!

Today, your child was issued with a paper bag that we would like you to fill with just a couple of things for our Lucky Dip Tombola stall. Ideas to fill it could be handballs, wrapped lollies, hair accessories, stickers, small notepads and pencils, packets of plant seedlings, soaps, bath bombs or small toys—just to name a few. If you could get these back in as soon as possible, that would be great.

FETE HELPERS

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