Fantastic Start to Term 1

What an amazing start to the year students in Years 1 to 6 had last Thursday morning. Their smiles, attitude and enthusiasm for learning was evident from the morning assembly. Students are to be congratulated for their common sense, cooperation and fantastic behaviour. By not forming classes during this first week all students in each grade were able to have time with teachers on the grade. It also allowed us time to reorganise classes according to the number of new enrolments. As a result, we now will be forming 25 mainstream classes.

Please be reminded that our school uniform includes a blue broad brimmed or bucket hat. This style of hat provides maximum sun protection and bucket hats are only $6 from the office. We look forward to a very productive term 1 with lots of exciting events planned.

Year 3 students modelling bucket and broad brimmed hats.

House Captains Elected

Last Friday meetings were held across the school to plan and prepare for our first major sporting event for 2016, the Swimming Carnival. At these meetings the following students were successful in being elected by their peers as leaders for their house:

Bass: Captain – Lachlan Barr, Coco Reents
      Vice Captain – Lochi Wall, Tegan Todd

Flinders: Captain – Kai Bowman, Maddy Healey
          Vice Captain – Jay Ramsden, Mia Smith

Flinders: Captain – Kye Farmilo, Isis Burdich
          Vice Captain Arun Robertson
          Sarah Wheeler

Cook: Captain – Bodhi Hunt, Maya Mekrizis
      Vice Captain – Sean Butler, Zoe Garrett

Congratulations to our sporting leaders and good luck to all students participating in the swimming carnival.

School Sport Swimming

Our school sport program for swimming for Years 3 to 6 will commence next week in the afternoons. A note will be sent home this Thursday outlining details of these sessions.

Year 6 - Monday (6B, 6T, 6D)
Year 5 - Tuesday (5/6R, 5H, 5M)
Year 4 - Wednesday (3/4J, 4W, 4A, 4C)
Year 3 - Thursday (3C, 3H, 3T)

Milton Public School Swimming Carnival

This Thursday, 4th February, will see all our primary students head to the Milton pool for the annual swimming carnival. With an emphasis on participation, we hope to see as many children as possible having a go and earning valuable points for their house. Students turning 8, 9 or 10 this year will be competing in the morning, 9:45am – 12:00pm and students turning 11, 12 or 13 this year will compete in the afternoon, 12:30pm – 3:15pm. Permission notes have been sent home and house captains have been selected.

Children are encouraged to wear their house colours and ensure they have plenty of sunscreen, a hat, t-shirt and sunglasses for the day. Each house has a designated area and students are expected to remain in the sheltered area unless participating in an event. This makes the job of cheering for your house, supervision and safety much easier and we thank our parents and community for their cooperation.

House colours are: Bass – Blue, Cook – Green, Flinders – Yellow and Tasman – Red.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

- Years 3 - 6 Swimming Carnival

FRIDAY

MONDAY

- K-6 Assembly
- Swimming 6B, 6T & 6D
- Life Education commences

TUESDAY

- School Banking—Bendigo Bank
- Swimming 5/6R, 5H & 5M

COMING EVENTS

Life Education
Monday 8th - Tuesday 23rd February

Kindergarten Vision & Hearing Screening
Tuesday 1st March

School Photos
Wednesday 16th March
New Members of Staff

We are fortunate to have 4 new members of staff appointed to Milton Public School this year. Mrs Vanessa Barnes, previously from Drummoyne PS and Mrs Leanne Harding, a long term casual in the Milton Ulladulla community of Schools have been successful in gaining classroom teaching positions. Mrs Michelle Cooney, has been appointed to the Assistant Principal Special Education role. Mrs Christine Webb will work in the Special Education support class left vacant by Mrs Sue Griffin’s transfer to Nowra. Christine has extensive experience in Special Education field across the Milton Ulladulla Community of schools as well as the South Coast network. We wish all our new staff a happy and rewarding year here at Milton Public School and I know they will enjoy our friendly and supportive staff and community.

STAFFING – 2016

Principal Mr Mark Thompson
Deputy Principal Mr Greg Bass

KC (18) Mrs Lynn Chittick
(Principal)
KB (19) Mrs Heather Brown
KK (19) Mrs Brooke Knight
KO (18) Miss Hayley Oxley
1R (23) Mrs Linda Rout
1L (24) Mrs Leonie Hicks
1H (24) Mrs Julie Hoskin
(Mrs Ingrid Elenius 1 day)
1T (24) Mrs Rachel Thomas
2R (23) Mrs Sheree Roberts
(Mrs Janice Sommerville 1 day)
2M (23) Miss Ranita McCann
2BE (21) Ms Leanne McIntyre Burns
(Mrs Ingrid Elenius 2 days)
2J (23) Ms Melissa Blondinau
(Assistant Principal)
3C (30) Miss Robyn Coleman
(Assistant Principal)
3H (29) Mrs Leanne Harding
3T (29) Mrs Samantha Taffs
3/4J (11/15) Mrs Jodie Watkins
4A (28) Ms Louise Allen
4C (27) Mrs Julie Clarke
4W (29) Mrs Anne Whitmore
5H (31) Miss Ashley Howes
5M (31) Mrs Jessica Marks
(Mr Nick King 1 day)
5/6R (18/ ) Mr Sam Rutherford
6T (30) Mr Peter Taplin
6B (30) Mrs Vanessa Barnes
6D (30) Mrs Julie Dale
(Assistant Principal)
K-6CW (AUT) Mrs Christine Webb,
SLSO Mr Gregory Prowse
K-6TS (MC) Ms Tanya Sutherland
SLSO Mrs Melissa Wills
K-6MC (MC) Mrs Michelle Cooney
(Assistant Principal),
SLSO Ms Louise Clifton
Reading Support: Mrs Suzanne Goodchild
Support Teachers: Mrs Lindy Weekes &
Mr Stuart Tidbury
Librarian: Mr Stephen Grant
RFF: Mr Geoff Beach, Mrs Janice Sommerville
Assistant Principal Hearing: Ms Libby Lamont
School Counsellor: Ms Cathy Worthington
School Admin Manager: Mrs Carol Blomgren
School Admin Officers: Mrs Del Arazy
Mrs Kerry Churchill (4 days)
Mrs Sue Higginson (1 day library)
General Assistant: Mr Ross O’Donnell
Canteen Manager: Mrs Monique Isarin
SLSO’s: To be Advised

Life Education

Happy Harold and the Life Education Van will again be visiting the students at Milton Public School from Monday 8th February to Wednesday 24th February. Life Education has been supporting students with Drug and Health Education programs since 1979. These lessons have been successfully integrated into our Health and Personal Development programs for each grade and we are committed to continuing this organisation for 2016. All students are required to attend. The cost of the program is $8.00, thanks to a subsidy. Permission notes will be sent home with students this week and we would appreciate your payment as soon as possible, prior to your child attending. The timetable and information regarding Harold Merchandise will be included with the permission note. All proceeds from the sale of these items support Life Education within our local area.
Year 1 to 6 Students
At Milton PS we ask that all families supply a box of tissues and glue stick to their class to help with resources in the school. All donations should be handed to your classroom teacher. A comprehensive list of required resources for each grade has been sent home with a welcoming letter.

Parking Restrictions
To avoid receiving a fine whilst dropping off and picking up your children please be aware of the following signs and the fines involved.
SCHOOL ZONE sign- Speed limit 40Kms- Maximum Penalty $2868 + 7 Demerit Points
NO STOPPING sign- No stopping under any circumstances Maximum Penalty $253 + 4 Demerit Points.
NO PARKING sign- Maximum Penalty $177 + 2 Demerit Points
BUS ZONE sign- Buses only to stop – Maximum Penalty $248 + 4 Demerit Points
Please be aware that all Bus Zone Parking is required both before and after school each day. We request that parents avoid parking in the Bus Zones including the Bus Zone at the bottom of the hill.

School Attendance- Every Day Counts
It is very important that students attend every school day where possible to ensure consistency and continuity in their learning. Students also develop positive relationships with their peers and teachers. If your child is absent from school, it is a legal requirement that a note of explanation be provided on the day they return to school. An explanation will outline the reasons your child/children were away. It is no longer acceptable to simply state “sick”. For longer periods of absence due to illness you may be asked to provide a medical certificate from your G.P. Please discuss with your child the importance of daily attendance and avoid ‘days off’ for birthdays, shopping etc., where ever possible. Our main priority is to see each and every child achieve to their potential and this is certainly possible when there is minimal disruption to their learning.
Our District School Attendance Officer conducts regular roll audits and you may be requested to a meeting if school absenteeism is a concern. We appreciate your support and cooperation in this very important matter.

Checks Required for all Volunteers
Each year a new ‘Working with Children’ declaration on the sighting of a current ‘Working with Children’ certificate is required prior to volunteers commencing at school. We appreciate all the help given by parents and friends who assist in the classroom, canteen, sport and Volunteer Reading Tutor programs and would be grateful if all volunteers could complete a ‘Working with Children’ declaration at the office. Please remember to bring your 100 points of identification. Working with Children declarations are available from the school office, canteen or search for ‘Working with Children check declaration 2014’ on your computer.

Lost Property
We still have a large quantity of lost property clothing and lunch boxes from last year. These are currently on display in the office foyer. At the end of the week, any items remaining will be added to the clothing pool or sent to a local charity. Clothing items can be purchased from the canteen daily for a small cost.

Vision and Hearing Screening for Kindergarten
Permission notes will be sent home this week with Kindergarten students. If you would like your child to have their vision and hearing checked on Tuesday 1st March, please complete the form and return to your child’s class teacher before Monday 29th February.

Scholastic Bookclub
Order forms for Issue 1 of Scholastic Bookclub were sent home today with students. 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. Please order and pay by Thursday 11th February.

Parent News eVersion
Kindergarten parents and others - How would you like to receive your weekly parent news? We would much prefer to send the newsletter direct to your nominated email address/es. Please complete the slip at the end of the newsletter to indicate your preference.

This week’s special at the canteen
5 Finger Snack $1.00
(sticks of carrot, celery, cheese, apple and cucumber)
Pre order available 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.

The Great Host Family Hunt
World Education Program (WEP) Australia, a registered, non-profit student exchange organisation is looking for volunteer families who would like to host a 15 to 18-year old girl or boy.

Our students come from countries such as Italy, France, Belgium, Finland and Chile and are arriving in July 2016. They are looking forward to living and learning about Australia and enjoying our famous Australian hospitality and lifestyle. Without the generosity of families around the world, student exchange could not exist.

Experiencing a foreign language and culture in your own home is the next best thing to living overseas. To request a free information pack for your family, contact us today!

1300 884 733
info@wep.org.au www.wep.org.au

Get Active with Junior Rugby League 2016
Sussex Inlet Rugby League Club is inviting girls and boys to join our growing club. Information and sign-up days at Finkernagel Oval, Sussex Inlet are set for:
Saturday 6th February 10am-12pm
Wednesday 10th February 3:30pm-5:00pm
Wednesday 17th February 3:30pm-5:00pm.

Come along for information, register your interest, meet the committee throw the footy and grab a sausage sandwich. You will need your original Birth Certificate to register if you are a new player. Cost is $95.00. For further information contact Tracy Sassall 0438.056 3014

Suicide Prevention
Wesley LifeForce will be conduction a Suicide Prevention workshop at Sussex Inlet RSL, 200 Jacobs Drive Sussex Inlet on Tuesday 16th February 2016 9:00am—1:00pm there is no charge to attend the workshop. For further information Phone: 1800 100 024.

Junior Poetry Milton Show
The poetry reciting event at the Milton show is being held again this year. The event will be held starting 9:00am Saturday March 5th in the marquee near the JNA Thompson Bar. For further information:
Phone: 4455 2013 or email jda76436@bigpond.net.au

Mindfulness and Meditation Classes for Children Years 2-6 Term 1
Our classes in Terms 3 and 4 were very beneficial! Here’s what Chloe had to say:
“I love going to meditation because I come home feeling happy and relaxed. At meditation you do fun activities and learn what meditation can do. You learn to manage problems such as anger and anxiety. My personal favourite, guided meditation and imagination journeys are just wonderful because I can explore my mind and I feel more happy and relaxed than ever before.”

My Intention is to provide a safe loving environment for your child to explore how to use their breath, imagination and movement to deal with their thoughts, emotions and feelings. This leads to increased self esteem and confidence, a knowing that they are not their thoughts, that they can change how they feel, more ability to focus and learning how to respond to life with loving kindness.

Meditation is such a gift in my life allowing me to live life more peacefully, from a place of inner calm, awareness and loving kindness for self and others. Offered by Karen Wade a very experienced local school teacher and meditation teacher.

Time: Thursday afternoons 3:40—4:40pm starting 11th February in Mrs Burnes’ classroom 2B. Cost $10.00 per class for a 9 week term. Call Karen on 44561515 or 0418428046 for further information.

Milton Follies
Performers are invited to audition for the Milton Follies production of The Little Mermaid. The show will be held at the Milton Theatre with six shows over two weekends in June. Auditions will be held on Tuesday 2nd February and Thursday 4th February at the Milton CWA Hall from 5:30pm until 7:30pm. An audition pack and information will be available on the Follies website miltonfollies.org and on the Follies Facebook page.

Parent Newsletter eVersion

Youngest child in the family : ........................................................Class : ............................................................

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Thank you to these local businesses for supporting our Parent News

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CLASSES AVAILABLE FOR:
* Parent and Baby
* Pre-school children
* School age children
* Squads
* Adults
PROGRAM DATES: 25th January - 9th April (11 weeks)
“Zero Tolerance” to protect your child

When it comes to the safety of vulnerable road users like school children, drivers found breaking the law will be met with zero tolerance.

If you've heard the expression “It’s only a matter of time until someone gets hurt” then you understand why it is important for everyone to obey the road rules.

When an offence is detected – you will be fined!

Illegal parking around schools endangers children’s lives

FACT
When a child is hit at an impact speed of 30km/hr, they have a 99% chance of surviving. At 70km/hr, that child’s chance of survival is less than 7%.* *Source Australian Transport Safety Bureau

FACT
Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need you to take extra care when driving and parking around schools zones.

What does this mean?
You cannot stop in this area for any reason.

Why is it there?
To keep sight distance clear for drivers, children and other pedestrians to avoid crashes.

What does this mean?
You can stop in this area to drop off or pick up passengers for a maximum of 2 minutes. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

Why is it there?
To provide safe places for children to be picked up – usually associated with Kiss and Drop Off zones.

What does this mean?
You cannot stop or park in a bus zone unless you are driving a bus.

Why is it there?
To provide a safe place for buses to set down & pick up passengers

40km/hr School Zones are provided to increase the safety of all pedestrians, but especially children, who are walking in the vicinity of schools. Obey the limit and be aware of the time of day.

Enforcement is required around schools to save lives.
A message from Shoalhaven City Council Rangers and Road Safety Officer.