Recognising Our Great Students

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

**Bronze:** Madeline T, Blake D, Riley A and Jake H

**Silver:** Rebecca T, William S and Abi T

**Gold:** Zoe C and Maya K

New Student Councillors

Congratulations to our newly elected Student Councillors for semester one. These students have been chosen by their peers to represent our school and will be working closely as a team to come up with student driven ideas and projects to organise that will make our fantastic school an even more wonderful place in which to learn.

Parent News eVersion - Have You Responded??

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. If the school does not get a response, parents can access the newsletter via the schools website www.milton-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

District Swimming Carnival and Age Champions

On Tuesday 23rd February, 28 students will be heading to Narooma Olympic swimming pool to represent Milton Public School at the District Swimming Carnival. We have a strong group of swimmers going and I am sure they will do their very best and represent our school to the highest standard. The students will be supported by Miss Howes and Mrs Whitmore. I would like to extend a thank you to all the parents who are transporting children to the event and supporting them on the day. Good luck team!!! School age champions for our swimming Carnival will be announced and presented their awards on Monday 22nd February at our whole school assembly.

WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

**WEDNESDAY**
- Life Education 3/4J, KB, 1L
- Swimming Sessions 3/4J, 4W, 4A, 4C

**THURSDAY**
- Life Education 2J, K-6CW, 5M
- Swimming Sessions 3C, 3H, 3T, 3TS

**FRIDAY**
- K-6 Assembly
- Life Education 6D, 1T, 1H
- Swimming Sessions 6B, 6T, 6D, 5/6R

**TUESDAY**
- School Banking—Bendigo Bank
- District Swimming Carnival
- Life Education 5/6R, K-6TS
- Swimming Sessions 5H, 5M

COMING EVENTS

**Kindergarten Screening**
Tuesday 1st March

**Parent Teacher Meeting**
Monday 29th February - Friday 4th March

**School Photos**
Wednesday 16th March
School Contributions

With the support of the Parents and Citizens' Association, the school has an annual voluntary contribution scheme which all parents are encouraged to pay in Term 1 of each year. These contributions are spent on big ticket items such as class sets of laptops, other computer technology, software, and interactive whiteboards, which are used by all students. The financial support of every family plays a major part in providing extra resources that extend the school’s capacity to broaden the learning experience for all students. The quality of the school’s programs is maximised when each family makes its contribution and assists in supplementing funds gained from other sources, including the State and Commonwealth Governments. Your P&C annually reviews and approves the Schedule of the Contributions. The amount of voluntary contributions requested of parents and carers for 2016 has been set at $60.00 for the first child and $30.00 for each subsequent child. Please complete the tear off slip at the bottom of this bulletin and return with your payment. Subsidies and exemptions are available. Please contact the Principal for details.

Life Education

Happy Harold and the Life Education van are here! Milton Public School students commenced visits to Harold’s van last week and this will continue for the next week. 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 to work with this organisation for 2016. All students are required to attend the van and complete follow up lessons in class. The cost of the program is $8.00, thanks to a subsidy. Permission notes have been sent home with students and we would appreciate your payment as soon as possible, prior to your child attending.

Say “Cheese” School Photos

Wednesday 16th March

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes which will be sent home with students this week and remember these helpful points:

- 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 on photo day
- Sibling Photo Envelopes are available at the school office upon request. Online ordering is NOT available for Sibling Photo Packs.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given
- Return your individual photo envelopes on photo day. Your child will be asked to present the envelope directly to the MSP photographer. All envelopes sent prior to the day will be safely stored at school till photo day.

Envelopes will be sent home this week. For any enquiries please call 4261 3009.

Updating Emergency Information

It is important that the school is notified when emergency contact information changes. If you have recently let your landline phone number go or have updated to a new mobile phone, you need to know. In the case of an emergency, if parents cannot be contacted it is advisable to have another local adult who can be contacted. Please call in to the office and let the office staff know of your new or updated emergency contact details.

Shoalhaven Eisteddfod 2016

Wow! Thanks to all of those students who have indicated they are interested in entering either Individual Verse Speaking, Duologue, or both. Thank you for taking up this fantastic opportunity and challenging yourself. Entry forms have been handed out last week at 3-6 and K-2 lines. If you are interested, and don’t have an entry form, please go to the desk in the foyer at the front office. All forms and entry fees must be handed to the front office no later than Friday the 4th of March. Please note the following time limits:

**Individual Verse Speaking** (ages are as at 30th of April this year)
- * 8 years and under: Up to 2 minutes
- * 10 years and under: up to 2 minutes
- * 11 years and under: up to 3 minutes
- * 13 years and under: up to 3 minutes

**Duologue**: a poem for two: up to 4 minutes

There will also be many group items entered which will include Dance, Choir and Class Verse Speaking. More information will be available once all MPS entries are in. Please do not hesitate to contact Ms Allen if you require more information. At this stage the anticipated dates are Wednesday the 15th of June to Saturday the 18th of June for Individual and Duologue.

Pets at School

Please do not bring dogs onto school premises without Principal’s permission.

Sculpture Workshop

This year Milton Show have included a sculpture section for local schools. MPS is very lucky, to once again, have the support of local artist Jan Kierskowksi. She will be at school this Thursday to run a workshop for thirteen Year 5 and 6 students who were nominated by their teachers to construct our sculpture. Hopefully in next week's newsletter we will have a photo of their creation! Thanks Jan!

Dance Teams 2016

Auditions are under way to select the dance teams for 2016, over 100 students across years 3 to 6 showed interest in being in the dance team this year. Miss Howes can only select two groups of 20 students to represent our school at the Shoalhaven Eisteddfod this year. Students who are successful will be placed in Ensemble A or B. I wish all the students who are trying out the best of luck.

Milton Show

The annual Milton Show takes place Friday 4th March and Saturday the 5th March. Classes will be creating posters and the theme this year is transport Past and Present. This week all K-2 parents will receive a note for permission for children to attend with a parent or friend. On Friday 4th March K-2 parents may collect their child from the classroom between 11:40-12:00pm. Students 3-6 are also encouraged to attend and must be signed out from their classrooms. All students are invited to represent Milton Public School in the Grand Parade. Students are to assemble at 12:45pm under the big trees near the pet ring. Students will need to be in full school uniform, with an excursion tag collected from class teachers and then they will gain free entry to the show.
Library News

The table below indicates the weekly allocated class library borrowing days. Students are also able to return and borrow books in the morning before school from 9:00am and lunchtimes (Monday to Friday).

It would be appreciated if students could bring their library bag to school every week on their allocated library day. An old pillow case would be a good alternative if you do not have a made library bag. To ensure every student has the opportunity to borrow books the library is seeking donations of old pillow cases. These can be dropped off at the library before school.

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**Snakes**

A reminder that we live in a beautiful rural area and share our environment with many native creatures, including snakes. All staff at school remain vigilant and will act accordingly if or when a snake is spotted in the school grounds to ensure students remain safe. Please note that a snake has been spotted in the front grounds of the school, and also in the bottom carpark area. Both snakes quickly moved away but please keep a lookout when visiting the school.

**2016 Parent Information Sessions**

**Parent Teacher Meetings**

All parents have a wonderful opportunity to meet with their child’s class teacher over the coming weeks. Teachers will be holding meetings of approximately thirty minutes to introduce themselves, outline the grade learning programs for the year and assist in any way they can to make this year an enjoyable and successful one.

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**Canteen Roster**

**Monday**

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- 5H
- 2BE
- KK
- 4W
- 3H
- K-6TS

**Tuesday**

- 6B
- 6D
- KC
- KB

**Wednesday**

- 3T
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- 1L
- 1T
- 1H

**Thursday**

- 4C
- 4A
- 3/4J
- 2M
- 2J
- K-6CW
- 2R

**Friday**

- 6T
- 5/6R
- K-6MC

**This week’s special at the canteen**

Smoothie Cup $2.00
(low fat yoghurt, seasonal fruit)

Pre-order recess and lunch
RECOGNISE AND REINFORCE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

This policy aims:
• To encourage positive behaviour and attitudes in Milton Public School pupils.
• To implement a fair and equitable scheme that allows all pupils to gain recognition.
• To enhance and reinforce awareness of our School Rules.

ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION AWARD STRUCTURE

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

Youth Mental Health First Aid
The Youth Mental Health First Aid Course is for adults working or living with adolescents (those aged between 12 and 18 years), however, the course can be relevant for those helping people who are a little younger or older. This course is particularly suitable for parents, teachers, sports coaches, and youth workers. CPD Points 17 Delivered by Fully Qualified YMHFA Instructor

Batemans Bay
Monday & Tuesday 22 & 23 February 8.30am-4pm
Cost: $210
Enrol now by calling 44729202 or enrol online at Youth Mental Health First Aid

Milton Show - Junior Farmer Challenge
The Junior Farmer Challenge is on at this year's Milton Show with some great prizes on offer. The challenge will be held on the Friday afternoon of the show straight after the horse sporting events and prior to the rodeo. The event is open to 8 to 13 years, with teams of 4 competing in 6 challenges. Entry is free, entries taken from 3pm at the marquee adjacent to the bottom pavilion, a parent or guardian must sign a waiver form. For more details please phone Evie Young 0418866482

Batemans Bay Junior Boars Rugby Union Club
Batemans Bay Junior Boars Rugby Union Club is now taking registrations for the 2016 competition. Junior Teams aged from Under 10 – Under 18’s will be playing in the ACT Junior competition on a Saturday, playing both home and away games.
Training is held at Hanging Rock on Tuesday from 4.30pm commencing February 11th. Thursdays will commence in March.
Registration costs are $90. Program is fully supported by ACT Brumbies.
For further information, https://www.facebook.com/bayboarsjuniors or contact Ronnie: 0408247644 or Kylie 0428743471 or email: juniorboars@gmail.com

After School African Drumming Sessions at Milton P.S
African Drumming Lessons, led by drumming instructor Suzy Thomson, will be starting at Milton PS each Tuesday, commencing 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 Tuesday 8th 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 2016. 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.

Upcoming Roadworks
Golf Ave Mollymook
Road rehabilitation works will soon commence at Golf Ave, Mollymook.
Stage 1 - Golf Ave, Mollymook - Shackleton Street to Sheppard Street 29th February - 24th March 2016.
Full Road Closure - Residents access only
Entry and exit via the Southern end of Golf Ave, to ensure that the detours/access provided for residents are not used by through traffic - Detour via Wallace Street, Clissold Street and Seaview Street.
Stage 2 - Golf Ave and Buchan Street Intersection Mollymook 26th April - 15yh May 2016.
Full Road Closure Detour via - Princess Hwy, Ilet Street, Ocean Street and Sheppard Street with other local detours for local traffic. For further information on the works call 4406 2000.

Paws ’n’ Tails
Paws ‘n’ Tails colouring competition forms are available from the front office.
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: ..........................................................
Thank you to these local businesses for supporting our Parent News.

Self Defence & Martial Arts Classes 2016
Classes available at Sakura Bana Budo are:
- Junior Aikido—this class also involves Karate, Sumo and Judo
- Self defence for girls and women
- Jodo—Japanese Stick Fighting and Tai Chi
For enquiries please call Sensei Mick 0439278756 or go to www.martialartssulladulla.com.au

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SCHOOL ZONE Offences – As at 1 February 2015

To avoid receiving a fine when you’re dropping off or picking up children from school please observe the road rules associated with signs around schools. These are a guide only and are subject to change without notice.

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**SPEEDING OFFENCES**
There has been an increase to the monetary fine applicable to Speeding Offences in School Zones.

- **Maximum Penalty**:
  - $3702
  - + 7 Demerit Points

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**MOBILE PHONE USE**
You must not drive while using a hand-held mobile phone in a school zone.

- **Penalty**:
  - $415
  - + 4 Demerit Points

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**CHILDREN’S CROSSINGS**
Disobey hand-held stop sign at Children’s Crossing or approach Children’s Crossing too quickly to stop safely.

- **Penalty**:
  - $519
  - + 4 Demerit Points

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**U TURNS**
Make a U-Turn without giving way to pedestrian or vehicle in a School Zone.

- **Penalty**:
  - $415
  - + 4 Demerit Points

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**NO STOPPING**
Under no circumstances are you allowed to stop here (unless there is a medical or other emergency).

- **Maximum Penalty**:
  - $311
  - + 2 Demerit Points

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**NO PARKING**
You may stop here for no more than 2 minutes, but only when engaged in picking up or dropping off passengers and you must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle. Otherwise no stopping is permitted.

- **Penalty**:
  - $173
  - + 2 Demerit Points

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**BUS ZONE**
You are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.

- **Penalty**:
  - $311
  - + 2 Demerit Points

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**DOUBLE PARKING**
You are not permitted to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.

- **Penalty**:
  - $311
  - + 2 Demerit Points

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