Recognising Our Great Students

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

**Bronze:** William, Brendan, Rachel

**Silver:** Thomas, Grace, Tom, Connor, Cooper, Esther, Matthew and Jack

**Gold Bar 1:** Max

Brilliant Bike Sculpture

Last Thursday, some of our senior students had the opportunity to work with local artist Jan Kierkowski to create a sculpture for the Milton Show. Working with old bike parts, Isis, Darcy, Joseph, Holly, Sally, Manny, Rachel, Ruby, Olive, Blake, Nazar, Charlotte and Saxon bent, twisted, stitched and built a fantasy winged vehicle which will represent our school at the local show. Thanks Jan and well done, it looked fantastic!

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.

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

**WEDNESDAY**
- Swimming Sessions 3/4J, 4W, 4A, 4C, 4TS

**THURSDAY**
- Swimming Sessions 3C, 3H, 3T, 3TS

**FRIDAY**
- Stage Assemblies

**MONDAY**
- K-6 Assembly
- Swimming Sessions 6B, 6T, 6D, 5/6R, 6TS
- Parent Teacher Meeting 2BE, 5H

**TUESDAY**
- Student Banking (Bendigo Bank)
- Parent Teacher Meeting KC, KK, KB, 2J,3/4J, 6B, 6D
- Swimming Sessions 5H, 5M, 5TS
- Kindergarten Screening

COMING EVENTS

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

**School Photos**
Wednesday 16th March
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.

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.

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 were sent home last week. For any enquiries please call 4261 3009.

Notification of Asbestos Removal

The school has received notification that in accordance with all 'codes of practice, regulations and guidelines for the safe removal of asbestos', work will commence on the property located at 8 Thomas St Milton to remove 'non-friable asbestos eave sheeting from the house and garage'.

Weather permitting, this work will ‘commence approx. 27/02/2016’.

Messages to Students

We understand things change at the last minute sometimes, however there has been an increase in the number of parents phoning the office with arrangements for student pick-ups. Arrangements for pick-up should be organized prior to school starting to reduce class disruption.

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 we 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.

Volunteer Reading

We are ready to resume Multilit for 2016! Mrs Weekes will be contacting last year's tutors to check availability and will be offering a training afternoon on either Thursday 3rd or Friday 4th March (next week) from 2.30 until 3.30pm for any interested volunteers. Multilit is an extremely valuable program that runs four mornings a week from 9.30-10.20am. Volunteers work with one student from year 3, 4 or 5 using a prepared lesson, teaching skills to improve reading. If you are interested in volunteering for Multilit could you fill in the form at the end of the newsletter, indicating which day you would be available for tutoring, and which day suits you for training.

If you would prefer volunteering in the classroom working with a small group at a different time of the morning, we would appreciate your help.

**CACTEEN ROSTER**

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

*Wednesday Special “SUSHI” $3.50 each*

(refer to canteen menu for varieties available)

Pre-order lunchtime only
**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.

### 2016 Parent Information Sessions

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### Volunteer Reading

Name:......................................................................................................................... Phone No:........................................................................................................

- [ ] I am available to tutor  Tuesday  Wednesday  Thursday  Friday
- [ ] I am available for training next week  Thursday  Friday  Neither of these times
- [ ] I would prefer to work in the classroom

### 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: ................................................................................................
**SCHOOL ZONE Offences – As at 22 January 2016**

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.

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

**Maximum Penalty**
$3740 + 7 Demerit Points

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

**Penalty**
$425 + 4 Demerit Points

**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

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

**Penalty**
$531 + 4 Demerit Points

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

**Maximum Penalty**
$319 + 2 Demerit Points

**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**
$177 + 2 Demerit Points

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

**Penalty**
$319 + 2 Demerit Points

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

**Penalty**
$319 + 2 Demerit Points

For information about Australian Road Rules call 13 22 13 or visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au
This information was provided by Shoalhaven City Council’s Road Safety Officer. 22 February 2016
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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.

Mindfulness and Meditation Classes for Children Years 2-6

Term 1

We still have a few places left!

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. But 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 - 4:40 pm.

STARTING: Week 3 11th Feb.

PLACE: Mrs Burnes’ classroom, 2B

EXCHANGE: $10 per class for a 9 week term.

TO BOOK: call Karen on 44561515 or 0418428046

ULLADULLA DOCKERS JAFc

Footy season is coming and it’s time to register with the Ulladulla Dockers Juniors AFL Club.

The Ulladulla Dockers Junior AFL Club is a growing club with a committee dedicated to providing a safe, inclusive environment for girls and boys aged 5-17.

All registrations are done online via the link on our website - www.ulladulladockers.com.

Information can be found on our Facebook page, Ulladulla JAFc, or call the President Tim Forrester on 0418 607 539 or the Registrar Jennifer Sach on 0439 455 117.
Thank you to these local businesses for supporting our Parent News

BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS
A Series of four parenting workshops for families of children aged 0-8 years living in the Shoalhaven
An initiative of the Family Work – Fathers Service

Bringing Up Great Kids Parenting Workshops
A Parenting Group for parents of children 0-8 years run over four Thursdays

- Learn more about what’s behind your own parenting style and how it can be more effective;
- Identify the important messages you want to give to your children and how to achieve this;
- Learn more about brain development and its influence on children; and
- Discover strategies to help you be the kind of parent you would like to be.

Group Dates: Thursday: 10, 17, 31 March and 7 April
Venue: Sanctuary Point Connect, Sanctuary Point Public School, Idlewild Avenue, Sanctuary Point

Time: 11.30am – 2.30pm
Cost: FREE

LIMITED SPACES To register your interest please call Garry on: 4424 7117 or 1300 651 726.