Easter Raffle

The P&C is running the annual Easter Raffle again and would appreciate any donations of all things Easter - Eggs, bunny ears, stickers, anything that you think your child would love to get for Easter. More donations means more gift baskets, more gift baskets means more chances to win! Donations can be left at the front office and raffle tickets will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Your generous support helps fund new items for the school. Already this year the P&C has funded the purchase of new sand pit toys ($1000), 2 aluminum seat and table settings ($5500) for the canteen area as well as 10 Notebooks and other technology items ($12848) for the library. If you would like more information or are interested in joining the P&C the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th March at 7pm in the school staff room. Hope to see you there.

Recognising Our Great Students

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

**Bronze:** Phoebe  
**Silver:** Paige, Alison, Larna  
**Gold:** Nathan, Harry, Harrison  
**Gold bar 2:** Coco

School Evacuation Last Week

It is hard to comprehend what possible outcome the perpetrators of last week’s bomb threat were hoping for. As many of you have said via our Facebook page, or in person, to scare our children in this way is abhorrent and about as low as you can go. Let’s hope these idiots are caught soon and held to answer for their actions. We are working with the police and Department of Education towards that end.

However, it is in times such as these that often bring out the best in people. I am so proud of our staff, the students, and the Milton Community for the way we worked through and managed this situation. The staff remained calm and professional, reassuring children and ensuring they were safe and as comfortable as possible under the circumstances. The children themselves behaved appropriately and calmly moved out of classrooms to the evacuation area on the oval. Despite the heat and the obvious distraction of having police and fire fighters roaming around their school, the children did not panic or create any disciplinary problems for teachers – they were amazing. Thank you once again to Milton IGA for their generous donation of bottled water. Facebook seemed to work for us in terms of communicating to parents and our community and reassuring everyone that we were safe and allowing us to update families as the situation progressed. The many positive comments on how the school managed this event have been very well received.

WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

**WEDNESDAY**
- Parent Information Sessions 1L, 1R, 1H, 3H
- Swimming Sessions 3/4J, 4W, 4A, 4C

**THURSDAY**
- Parent Information Sessions 2M, 2R, 1T, 4A, 4C, 4W, 5M
- Swimming Sessions 3C, 3H, 3T, 3-6TS

**FRIDAY**
- Final Day for Shoalhaven Eisteddfod Entries
- Milton Show
- Parent Information Sessions 3T, 5/6R, 6T
- No Stage assembly for Junior & Senior Primary

**MONDAY**
- Swimming Sessions 6B, 6T, 6D, 5/6R
- K-6 Assembly

**TUESDAY**
- South Coast Swimming Carnival - Dapto
- Swimming Sessions 5H, 5M
- School Banking—Bendigo Bank

COMING EVENTS

**School Photos**
Wednesday 16th March

**Easter Hat Parade**
Thursday 24th March
Swimming Carnival

Well done to all swimmers who participated at our annual swimming carnival. Congratulations to Byron and Avara Junior boy and girl champions, Kyan and Tori - 11 years old boy and girl champion and Kye and Maddi - senior boy and girl champions. Congratulations to Emily and Lane - junior boy and girl encouragement award and Ryan and Sarah - senior boy and girl encouragement award.

District Swimming Carnival

Last Tuesday 23rd February, 28 students travelled to Narooma to compete at the District swimming carnival. The crowd was large and the children swam and behaved beautifully, representing MPS to the highest standard. A huge achievement for our students with 18 of them moving onto the next round - South Coast regionals at Dapto Olympic pool. This includes all four of our relay teams, well done! Milton Public School finished the day being awarded the Eurobodalla District Swimming championship shield as well as Byron - junior boy Champion, Kyan - 11 year boy champion, Kye - senior boy champion and Maddi - senior girl runner up. Well done to all our district swimmers and good luck at Regionals.

Bunnings Visit to K-6CW

On Friday, Vick from Bunnings came to visit K-6CW. She came and helped us clean up our worm farm and replaced all of the worms (for free). We also spoke about establishing a garden in front of K-6CW & K-6MC. The garden would contain plants that smelt as well as felt interesting to touch.

Pallets

The school is looking for 6 wooden pallets in good condition. If you can help us out, please get in touch with us through the school office.

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.

Milton Show

The annual Milton Show takes place Friday 4th March and Saturday the 5th March. Classes have created posters and the theme this year is transport Past and Present. All K-2 parents should have received 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.
Book Covering Queen
A big thank you to Pam Blondinau for covering hundreds of new guided readers for the K-2 children. It was a massive job and it is greatly appreciated by the teachers and children. Thank you to her also, for reading with the K-1 children and for her sewing expertise ahead of our Easter Hat parade!

Student Teacher
Welcome to Caitlin Watt from Wollongong University who has been placed in 2J for her practicum. Best wishes for a successful experience.

Volunteer Reading
We are ready to resume Multilit for 2016! Miss 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 3.30 for any interested volunteers. Multilit is an extremely valuable program that runs four mornings a week from 9.30-10.20. 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.

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.

Shoalhaven Eisteddfod
Entries for the Shoalhaven Eisteddfod need to be returned to the school office by Friday 4th March. No late entries will be accepted.

Lost Property
If you have lost jewellery, toys, sunglasses etc. Please come to the office as we have a collection of lost property on the front desk.

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.

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This week’s special at the canteen

“SUSHI” - Wednesday only $3.50 each
(refer to canteen menu for varieties available)

Pre-order lunchtime only
COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Junior Poetry

The Junior Poetry cut off date has been extended to Thursday 3rd March and there is still some places available. Phone 44552013 email jda76436@bigpond.net.au

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: ..............................................................
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.martialartsulladulla.com.au

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Nia blends martial arts, dance arts & healing arts into a powerful, music filled, physical workout.
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- Kioloa (Thurs 8.30am)
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ALL WELCOME

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Noël Boycott 0402058899
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www.jeffwillbanks.com.au

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Offering classes in...
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All ages and experience levels welcome!

A 6/217 Princess Highway, Ulladulla
F facebook.com/TidalDanceGroup
E info@tidaldancegroup.com
P 0498-682-393
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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