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Thursday 6th February 2025 **Issue 1**

Welcome to our 2025 Foundation Students

Principal's Report

Welcome back to school for 2025 and the beginning of my journey as Principal of Millwarra Primary School. It has been a wonderful week settling back into the school community and building connections with students, staff and parents.

We have had a smooth and successful start to the year with all students settling into their classes well. It has been wonderful to see how quickly our students have adjusted to being back at school and back into routine. Our Prep students commenced last Wednesday and have been excited to come to school, settling in exceptionally well.

It has been amazing to have so much feedback about the values that best represent Millwarra from the whole school community. I am excited to announce these once they are finalised! We will be working with students to get their input into creating a poster that best represents Millwarra and our values.

We will now be communicating all information for school families through **COMPASS**. If you are having issues logging on, please let us know because it is extremely important that you access it regularly.

The Specialists began this week and the students have been having a wonderful time. This year we are including PE, Art, Science, Auslan, Library, Wellbeing and Drumming. Keyboard and guitar will still be offered as private lessons at an additional cost. It has been amazing to see how quickly they have picked up Auslan, with many of them teaching me signs.

Please remember that Assemblies will now be held fortnightly on a Monday at each campus, in even weeks (first one was this week). Warburton East at 9:00am and Millgrove at 2:40pm.

Communication went home yesterday about the three-way conferences (student/parent/teacher) that will be held during Week 4. You should have received an email or **COMPASS** notification with the details and information about how to book. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Breakfast Clubs began this week and have been a huge success! Warburton East on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Millgrove on Tuesday and Friday from 8:15am–8:45am. I look forward to seeing many smiling faces there again next week!

As always, if you have any questions, concerns or positive feedback you wish to share with us, please contact your child's class teacher, or myself via the office or by email. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible over the next few weeks.

I am very excited for an amazing year ahead!

Melanie Hancock

Principal

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Day	Date	What Is Happening
Term 1 **February**		
Mon	10th	Afterschool Clubs begin
Tues	11th	School Nurse visiting both Campuses
		Safer Internet Day
Mon	17th	Assembly 9:00am Warburton East and 2:40pm Millgrove
March		
Mon	3rd	Assembly 9:00am Warburton East and 2:40pm Millgrove
		Dr Seuss Day – information to come
Mon	10th	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wed	12th	NAPLAN begins
Mon - Fri	17th – 21st	Harmony Week
April		
Fri	4th	Last Day of Term 1
Term 2 **April**		
Tues	22nd	First Day of Term 2

Have You Received These Notices?		Due Back
All interested students F - 6	Keyboard or guitar lessons	Tomorrow Fri 7th Feb
Foundation Students	School Nurse Information Pack Please complete online.	Mon 10th Feb
Grade 6 students	Uniform printing	
All Students	Book Club Issue 1	Mon 17th Feb
Interested Grade 3, 4, 5 & 6 students	Upper Yarra District Swimming Carnival	Wed 19th Feb
Interested Grade 5 & 6 students	Kayaking at Lillydale Lake	Thursday 20th Feb

VICTORIAN SCHOOL NURSING PROGRAM
(PRIMARY SCHOOL)

Sarah Torsello, a Visiting Primary School Nurse form the Department of Education and Training, will be attending Millwarra, on Tuesday 11th February to conduct **Prep/Foundation student health screening assessments** and to see any children in Grades 1-6 as requested by parent/guardians and/or teachers (*only with parental consent*).

The purpose of the visit is to provide all Victorian school entry aged children with the opportunity to have a health screening assessment, to link children, families and schools to services available in the community, and to provide information and advice about children's health and wellbeing.

Parents/guardians of students in Grades 1-6, who request for their child to undertake a health screening assessment by the Visiting Primary School Nurse, must also complete a Primary School Nursing Program Student Referral From which is available from the school office.

If you require further information, please contact the office at either Campus.
Parents/guardians are invited to contact Sarah (Visiting Primary School Nurse) on 0412 161 468, if there are any issues they wish to discuss.

Please complete the referral online, by following the instructions that have already been sent home. *We do have hard copy forms in the office if you prefer, they also need to be completed by end-of-day Monday 10th February.*

Children with Medical Conditions

Each year our school keeps a confidential, up-to-date register of children with any medical conditions, or any other notable condition that you believe we need to have information about, regarding the safety of your child.

We require parents **to regularly keep this information up-to-date**. Contact numbers, medication and dosages are extremely important pieces of information. Please contact the school anytime throughout the year if your child requires any extra medical treatment or if any information regarding your child's medical condition changes.

Medication at School

If your child requires medication at school parents are required to:

1. Provide written authority for the school's staff to administer the prescribed medication. Forms available from the office.
2. Provide the medication in the original box/bottle/container which has your child's name and dosage on it.
3. Ensure there is an adequate supply of the medication.
4. Notify the school in writing if this authority changes.

All medications must be labelled with the following:

1. Your child's name and grade level.
2. The name of the medication.
3. The frequency of use and dosages as per doctor's recommendation.

Please contact the office if you require more information regarding the dispensing of medication to your child.

Asthma

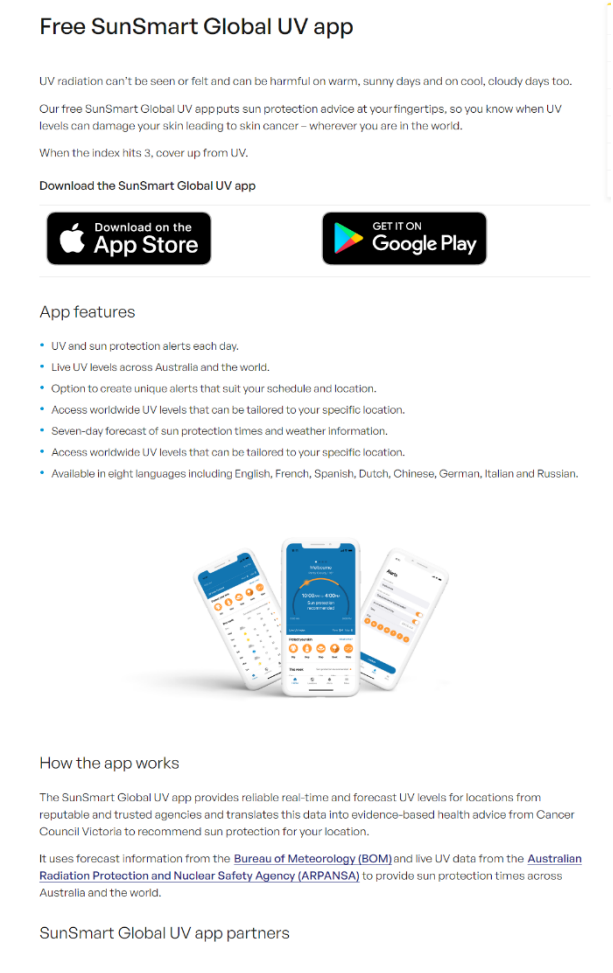
We have many children diagnosed with Asthma. Please make sure your child has their own Asthma puffer and their own spacer. Also, check to make sure their puffers are in date and in good working order. These are to be left at school for their personal use.

Our school's Asthma Management Plan forms will be sent home shortly to new students who have Asthma and those students who need their yearly Asthma Plans updated. **This form needs to be signed by you and your doctor** and then returned to school. Thank you for your co-operation.

SunSmart

We are a SunSmart School. Between the months of September until the end of April, the children apply sunscreen before the beginning of recess, always wear their hats at recess and lunchtimes and/or if they are doing P.E. activities outside.

During the sun protection times, the UV radiation is at a level that can damage your skin. If there is no UV Alert, sun protection isn't required unless you are near highly reflective surfaces such as snow, outside for extended periods or the UV is above three. The UV Alert is available as a free SunSmart app, or you can find it on the Bureau of Meteorology and SunSmart websites. www.sunsmart.com.au



Our Mini Bus

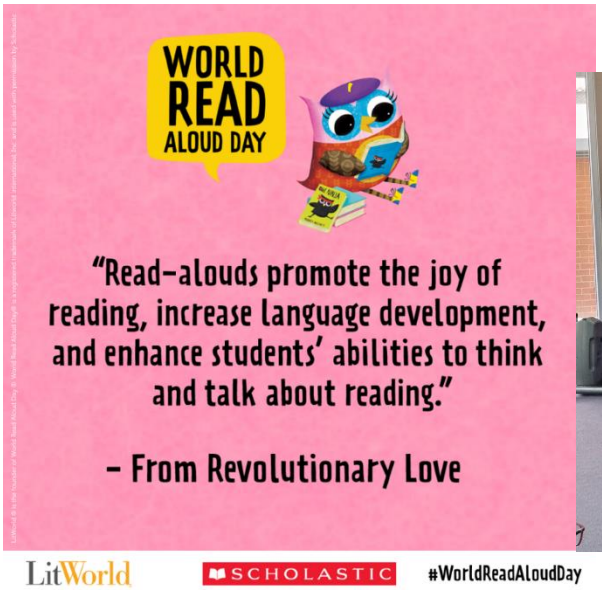
Welcome to Neil, as our new Bus Driver. I'm sure you would have seen Neil working with us, across both Campuses as our Handy Man. Neil also teaches us Soccer & Footy on Footy Days. Neil's children went to Millwarra, and he has been part of our Millwarra Community for many, many years. He is also a School Council member. Please give him a big wave and a smile, when you see him.

Families: please make sure you can log into Compass. Link on the website.

Do you have the app?

Compass

This is a direct hyperlink to → ***Compass***

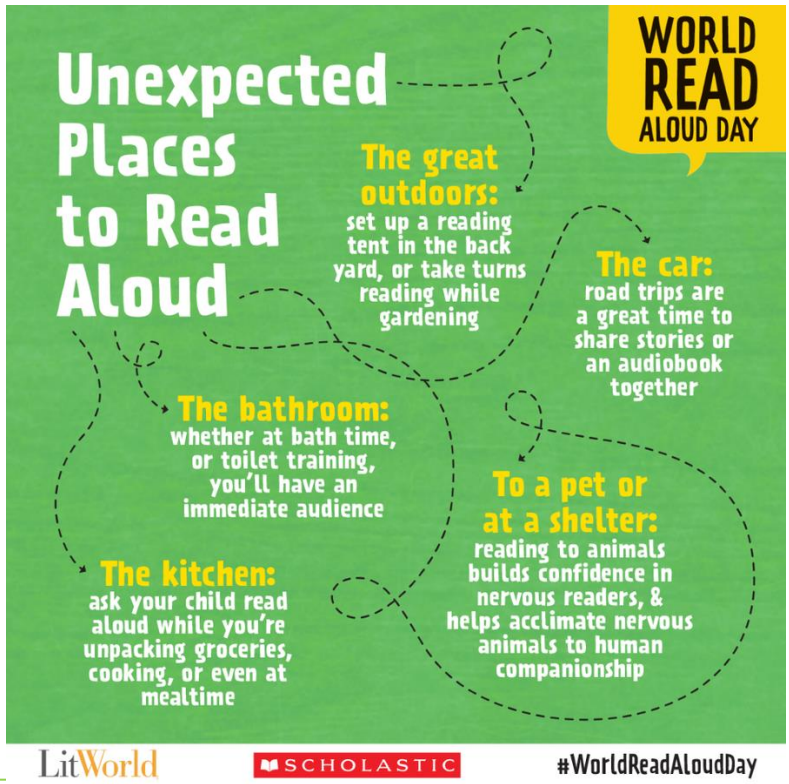


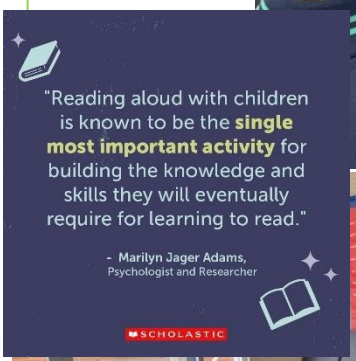
World Read Aloud Day – 5th Feb. 2025

Ms Hancock read,
Andy Lee's new book:
Do Not Open this Book – It Stinks,
at our Warburton East Campus and

The Day the Crayons Quit,
by Oliver Jeffers
at our Millgrove Campus

The children loved listening to them and there were lots of
oooos, arrrrs and giggles.





AUSLAN

When I arrived today, I greeted Malachi with “Good Morning” in Auslan. He did the action back and said “Good Morning Chloe” in Auslan. We will get to learn lots of sign language this year. I know, *please, thank you, good morning and good afternoon*. ***Chloe, Millgrove Junior***

“This year it will be a privilege to learn Auslan. Mr Bruder has taught my class how to sign good morning, good afternoon, please and thank you”. ***Zander, Warburton East Senior***

Electives for Seniors

Electives have started at Millgrove and will start next week at Warburton East. Some went to Cooking with Ms Clarke and made Vegie Pancakes. We used some vegetables that we grew in the school garden. The rest of the Seniors were in Gardening with Fran. We braved the hot morning on Tuesday!

Gardening

In Gardening we pulled out corn stalks because they were dead. We picked zucchini for the Cooking group. The birds ate the corn. We weeded grass, picked up sticks and watered the garden.

Rory, Lani, Declan, Raven, Katie, Millgrove Seniors

Cooking

I peeled potatoes for the vegie pancakes. I got some of the liquid from them in my eye and it hurt. The vegie pancakes were ok, but I didn't love them. When we were cleaning up, I got a pink tea towel for Ms Clarke because she likes pink *(no she doesn't)!* ***Brayden, Millgrove Senior***

Cooking was really fun. Riley and I got to grate the carrots, potatoes and sweet potatoes. Brayden mixed the mixture first then I got to mix it. We put 12 eggs in it! We put a lot of grated cheese in and then we cooked them in a frying pan. They were really good and I would definitely have them again. I had tomato sauce on mine. ***Aaliyah, Millgrove Senior***

Our Breakfast Programs are held between 8:15am and 8:45am

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at our Warburton East Campus and

Tuesday and Friday mornings at our Millgrove Campus

Ruby enjoying her breakfast.

Warburton East Campus, Senior

After School Clubs & Kinder Gym

Only a few places left in Kinder Gym!!

Afterschool Clubs start next week. They are still just $5 each session, per student, per week, 3.45-4.45. All Millwarra students get one free session each term. So, $5 Afterschool Care for Millwarra students 4 days a week. Some clubs book out quickly, so get in quick. A note has been sent home, with more information & you can tick to book your place. Or send Ms Clarke an email or a message to the School Messenger.

Kinder Gym is $14 per session, prepaid in half term blocks, so $56 for the first 4wks. There is a maximum kids per group, so book in quick to secure your preferred session.

Millwarra's Afterschool Clubs in 2025

Are your children interested in joining our Clubs? Have they been in previous years?

Name - _____ Grade - _____

Games Club with Cat – Mondays 3.45-4.45pm, $5

Games Club is back this year with Cat (Millwarra E.S. Staff member), starting the 10th of Feb.. It runs on a Monday afternoon, 3.45-4.45pm. There's outdoor games, including basketball. Plus indoor games, like table tennis, board games, card games, Lego, chess, & more. No electronic technology zone 😊

Millgrove Campus students can pre-pay sessions (cash or online payment), & stay afterschool with Ms Clarke until 3.45pm. Warburton East students can prepay or pay at pick up, & go to Millgrove on the minibus (70c extra). Children need to be signed out & collected by an authorised adult at 4.45pm from the Learning Lab in the classrooms' building at Millgrove.

I would like my child to do Games Club: □

NEW CLUB – Mindfulness Club – Tuesdays 3.45-4.45pm, $5

There's a new Club this year. Mindfulness Club with Cat (Millwarra E.S. Staff member), starting the 11th of Feb.. It runs on a Tuesday afternoon, 3.45-4.45pm. There's indoor activities, like Colouring, drawing, Lego, & more. No electronic technology zone 😊 Sadly Micah is unavailable for Dance this year.

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I would like my child to do Mindfulness Club: □

Developmental Gymnastics – Wednesdays 3.45-4.45pm, $5

Millwarra's Developmental Gymnastics Group is just $5 per student, & designed for Primary aged students from local schools. Sessions are run by Glitz Gymnastics teachers, supported by Millwarra teaching & E.S. staff. Sessions are run predominately in the Multipurpose Room at Millwarra's Millgrove Campus, with some games, warm ups & skipping outside, on the playground (monkey bars) & in the Millwarra Community Building.

It is aimed at Developmental skill level, with options for more advanced too. The goal is to have fun, get some exercise & gain confidence learning new skills.

The Gymnastics Group will run most Wednesdays in Terms from 3.45-4.45pm.

Cash can be taken on arrival weekly, paid into the school account, or you can organise pre-paying the term or a month in advance.

Feel free to contact us with questions or just come to a session to see how your child likes it.

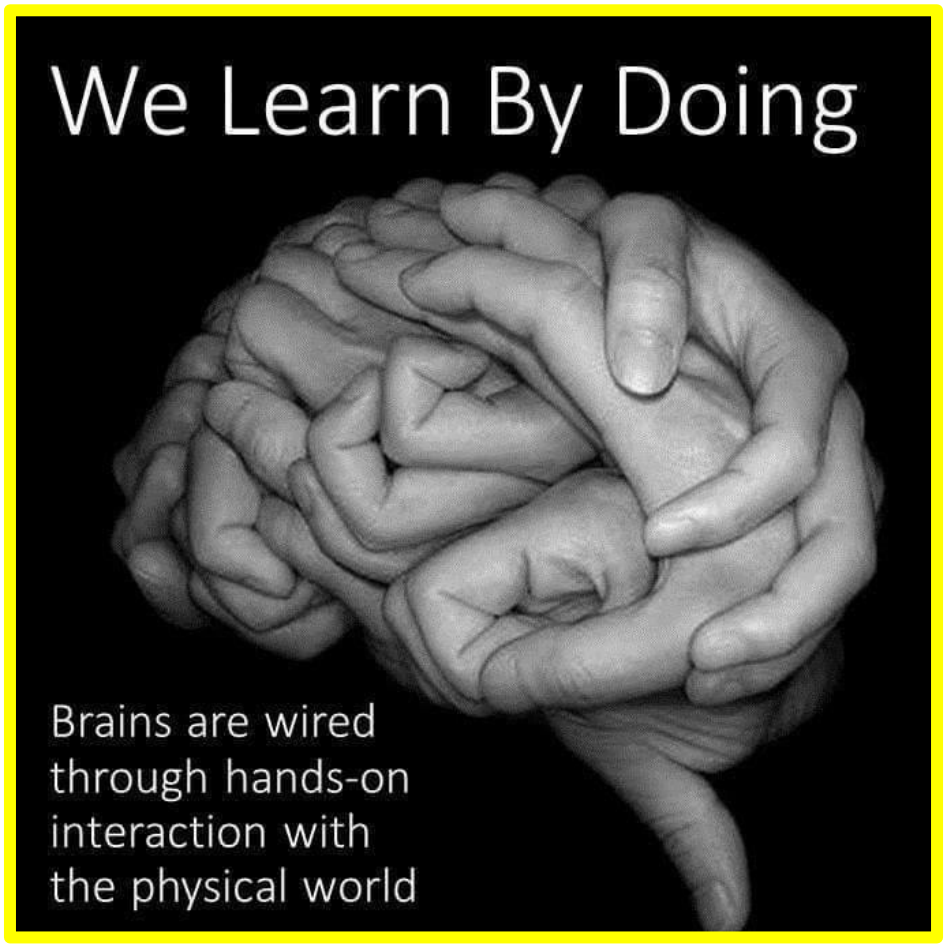
Millgrove Campus students can pre-pay sessions (cash or online payment), & stay afterschool with Ms Clarke until 3.45pm. Warburton East students can prepay or pay at pick up, & go to Millgrove on the minibus (70c extra). Children need to be signed out & collected by an authorised adult at 4.45pm from the Multipurpose Room at Millgrove Campus. Please note, Gymnastics can fill up quickly, so sign up early if you're going to want your child to join. **Prep students can try it out, but may be better starting in Term 2.

I would like my child to do Gymnastics Club: □

Senior Sewing/Craft with Jayne & Junior Craft with Lauren – Thursdays 3.45-4.45pm, $5

Thursdays we have Crafternoons. Join our Craft/Sewing Afterschool Club with Jayne (Millwarra E.S. Staff member) in the Art Room for Grade 4 - Year 8 *(High School students need to commit to following school rules. Please contact us if your child is interested)*. There's also a Junior Craft Club in the Multipurpose Room with Lauren (Millwarra E.S. Staff member), aimed at Prep to Grade 2/3. Both are just $5 per session. Includes materials. Millgrove Campus students can pre-pay sessions (cash or online payment), & stay afterschool with Ms Clarke until 3.45pm. Warburton East students can prepay or pay at pick up, & go to Millgrove on the minibus (70c extra). Children need to be signed out & collected by an authorised adult at 4.45pm from the Multipurpose Room or Art Room. Sessions begin 13th Feb. **During Term 1, Prep students will need a parent to stay with them for the session.

I would like my child to do Senior Craft Club: □ **I would like my child to do Junior Craft Club: □**



MILLWARRA'S $5 AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

WEEK STARTING 10TH FEB. 3.45-4.45:

FOR PRIMARY AGED STUDENTS:

*MONDAYS: GAMES CLUB (INDOOR/OUTDOOR GAMES, BOARD & CARD GAMES, TABLE TENNIS..).

*TUESDAYS: MINDFULNESS CLUB (COLOURING, CHESS, LEGO & MORE).

*WEDNESDAYS: GYMNASTICS SUPPORTED BY GLITZ GYMNASTICS.

*THURSDAYS: CRAFT CLUBS (SEWING TOO IN THE SENIORS GROUP, Y7&8 CAN COME TOO).

ALL CLUBS ARE JUST $5 PER STUDENT PER SESSION!

MILLWARRA STUDENTS HAVE 1ST PREFERENCE, & GET 1 FREE SESSION PER TERM. BOOK IN ASAP.

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EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but.....

He/She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	over 13 years of schooling. that's....
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly HALF A YEAR
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Nearly 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 YEAR
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 AND A HALF YEARS
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Nearly 2 AND A HALF YEARS

Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?

That's when every minute counts the most!

The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) has 100,000 temporary jobs available across Australia at the next election. Although the date for the election is yet to be announced, we need to ensure we have the temporary workforce to run the event.

There are jobs available before, on and after election day in metro, regional and remote areas.

We are seeking your help to spread the word about these jobs. All jobs are paid, no experience is required, and training is provided.

If you or anyone you know are interested in applying, please visit aec.gov.au/electionjobs

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If you would like further information about our school, please call me at either Campus, or email me. I would be thrilled to either show you around personally, or to have the opportunity to chat to you over the phone.

Melanie Hancock, Principal

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