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Thursday 20th February 2025 **Issue 2**

Long-Jump, Athletics Training

Look at them GO!!!!!

Principal's Report

What a fantastic start to the year it has been! Everyone is settling beautifully back into school routines.

The Juniors had an amazing time together on Monday, as the Warburton East Juniors travelled to Millgrove to spend some time together. It was wonderful to see them interacting so positively and having a great time! These visits are going to occur fortnightly, allowing them to develop friendships and explore their Inquiry Unit together.

The Seniors have been enjoying completing their Electives every Tuesday, with the Warburton East Grade 5s getting the opportunity to go to Ben's Shed. They are proud of the pencil cases they are making.

It was great to see many of our parents take advantage of the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher this week to set up their Individual Education Plans for the semester. Thank you to all the parents who took the time to come, as the more information we have about your child and how they best learn, the better equipped we are to cater for their individual needs and learning styles.

Breakfast Clubs have continued to be a huge success at both campuses. The students at Warburton East have loved having warm pancakes on a Monday morning. Remember they are run at Warburton East on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Millgrove on Tuesday and Friday from 8:15am–8:45am.

It was exciting announcing the Grade 6 Captains for the Warburton East Campus on Tuesday morning and I am looking forward to announcing the Millgrove Leadership team on Monday afternoon at 2:40pm. Following this presentation, I will announce the Millwarra Leadership team and our new school values officially to the school community.

A reminder for any parents/carers wanting to be involved in the school, we are starting a fundraising/event organising committee. This committee is designed to give everyone in our school community a voice, so that we are running events targeted to our students' interests. Eg. Easter raffle, colour run, etc. The first meeting will be on Wednesday 26th February at 2:20pm at Millgrove Campus. It has been amazing to hear back from keen parents already and I am excited to work together.

Some exciting Professional Learning has been organised for our whole staff, the Berry Street Education Model (BSEM) training. This means that there will be Student Free Days on Tuesday 22nd April (first Tuesday of Term 2) and Friday 22nd August (middle of Term 3). I have completed the BSEM training two and half times and am extremely excited for our staff to undertake it. There are 4 modules to complete the BSEM with us completing two this year and two next year. 'The BSEM offers a whole-school approach to pedagogy and behavioural management that can be used consistently in the classroom and throughout the whole-school. It provides a way to teach the content of any subject area while addressing the social and emotional learning needs of the students in the process.'

As always if you have any questions, concerns or positive feedback please let me and I look forward to seeing many of you on Wednesday.

Melanie Hancock

Principal

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Day	Date	What Is Happening
Term 1		
February		
Wed	**26th**	**1st Fundraising/Event Meeting 2:20pm Millgrove Campus. Everyone Welcome**
March		
Mon	**3rd**	**Assembly 9:00am Warburton East and 2:40pm Millgrove**
Mon	**10th**	**Labour Day Public Holiday**
Wed	**12th**	**NAPLAN begins**
Mon - Fri	**17th – 21st**	**Harmony Week**
Thurs	**27th March**	**Athletics Day for Seniors**
April		
Fri	**4th**	**Last Day of Term 1 Whole School, Celebration Day Assembly – details to come**
Term 2		
April		
Tues	**22nd**	**First Day of Term 2 Student Free Day Professional Development from Berry Street Educational Model for all staff**

Breakfast Clubs between 8:15am and 8:45am

Warburton East Campus: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Millgrove Campus: Tuesday and Friday

Have You Received This Notice?		Due Back
All students	*Australian Smile Group Free Dental Appointment Consent Form*	Tomorrow 21st Feb

Shining Stars

Congratulations to:

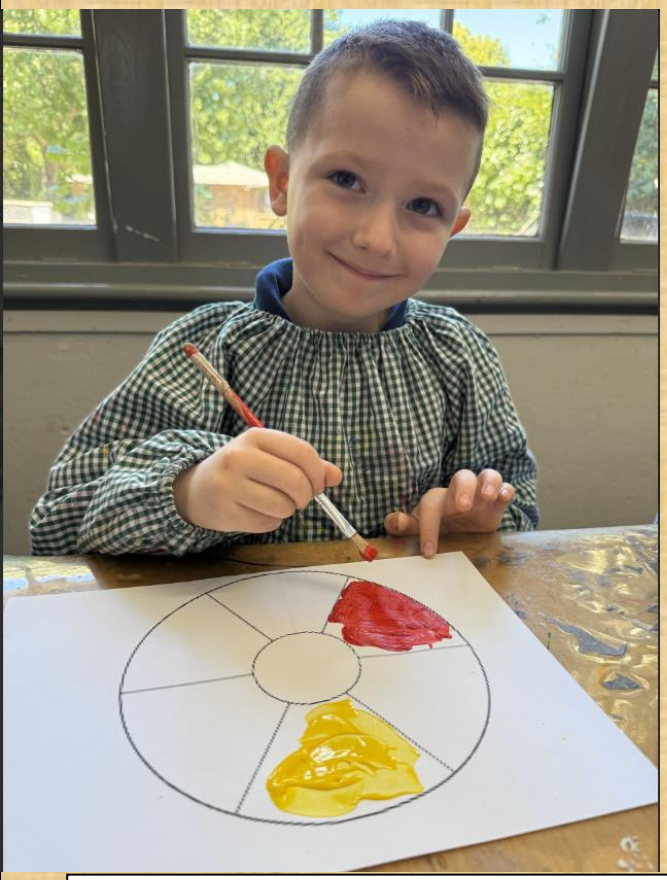
Kyrro, Juniors/WE, for using maths manipulatives to assist with reading numbers in the hundred thousandths. You are a shining star, Kyrro!

Josh, Juniors/MG, for kindness and helpfulness, being a good friend on the bus.

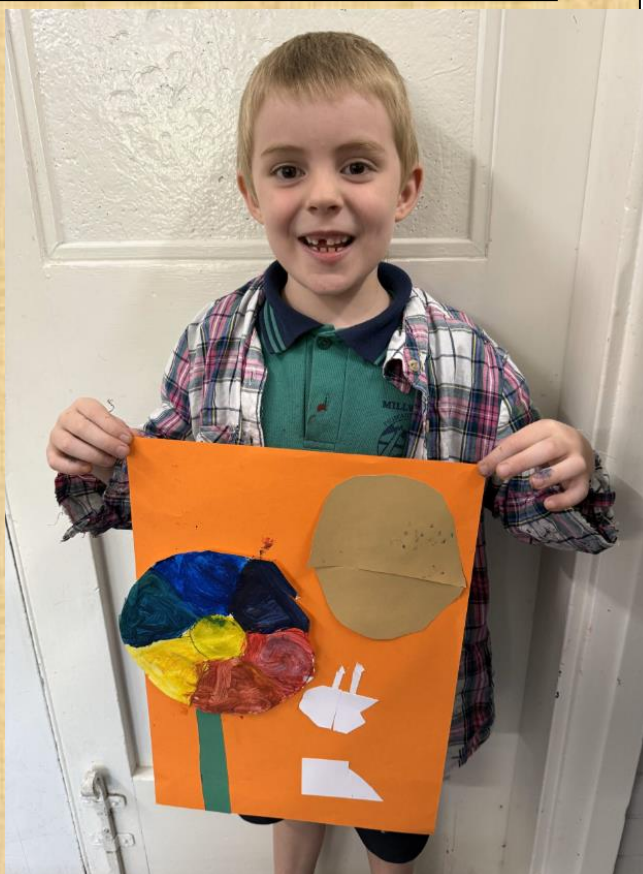
Layla, Seniors/WE, for demonstrating resilience during maths. Layla persevered with her essential assessment and showed great initiative.

Jake, Seniors/MG, for helpfulness and leadership in class, especially with ICT tasks.

ART



In Art, the Junior students from our Warburton East were learning to develop their painting skills using the primary colours: red, yellow and blue. In the lesson, students had to paint primary colours on three sections of a six sectioned wheel. They then blended two of the nearest primary colours into blank sections to create secondary colours. Once the flower was cut out, it was time to glue the wheel onto an A3 piece of paper to create a flower. We were feeling very creative! ***Miss Hajder***



The Wellbeing Hub

(By Tiahn Syme)

Hi Families,

This is the first of a new segment in the M.P.S newsletter that will focus on wellbeing and building a happier community.

If you have some treasured tips, recipes or knowledge to share please do not hesitate to email them to me. I invite you to share your insights so that I can help spread them to other families and impact their lives for the better.

Email me at tiahn.syme@education.vic.gov.au

Happy reading.

Tiahn

This week I thought I would start with useful podcasts. Podcasts are available to anyone with a smart phone. Simply type into the search bar of the podcast app and start scrolling for recordings that suit your needs.

Podcasts can be beneficial to you and your family in many ways. They get children off devices, increased listening and analytical skills, great conversation starters in families and often lead to big belly laughs, give you an insight into your child and how they think, their feelings and opinions on life.

Below are a few I have stumbled across and really enjoy.

For the kids:

Short & Curly: a fast-paced fun-filled ethics podcast for kids and their parents, with questions and ideas to really get you thinking. It asks curly questions about animals, technology, school, pop culture, the future and much more.

For the Parents:

Pop Culture Parenting: this podcast is about finding the sweet spot between the textbooks and real life when it comes to parenting. Dr Billy (a developmental pediatrician) and Nick (a developing parent) are a couple of dads having honest discussions about parenting day to day. They use iconic TV and cinema scenes from the 80's and 90's to give context to Billy's parenting advice.

Electives for Seniors

I was gardening and when I kneeled down to pull out some weeds from the garden bed, I got bitten on the knee by a bug. ***Declan, Seniors/MG***

On Tuesday 18th February we did Electives. We cooked pasties with potato, carrot, peas and cheese. When we added the cheese, it was so cheesy that it looked like a spider web. After we made the pasties, we cooked them in the oven. We shared them around with tomato sauce on them. It was so yummy. The cooking group was Jack, Steven, Jasmine, Hugo, with me and of course, Ms Clarke the teacher. ***Jake, Seniors/MG***

Today it was Electives and while we were there, we put rocks in the bottom of a big pot. Next we put soil in and planted basil. We watered the plants and took out weeds. ***Riley and Rory, Seniors/MG***

I was cooking with Katie, Jasmine, Steven, Jack, Jake and Ms Clarke and made pasties and it took too long. To be honest, it was so good. ***Hugo, Seniors/MG***

In gardening we used spades to dig over the soil. We planted carrots and cauliflower in the dug over areas. We watered all the veggies and plants. After that we went under the front shade cloth and we planted basil with the other herbs. Aaliyah and Rory watered the herbs. ***Lani, Aaliyah and Brayden, Seniors/MG***

Today, we were cooking pasties. I was the cooker along with 5 other people, helping me. ***Jack, Seniors/MG***

At Electives we watered plants, weeded, planted carrots and cauliflower and planted basil out the front. ***Will and Raven, Seniors/MG***

Our Senior Warburton East students love tasting new food. We used our big collection of cherry tomatoes to create a tomato paste for Margherita pizza and mini egg and tomato quiches. Thank you to the Barratt family for sharing their produce with us – the mini quiches were enjoyed by everyone at the Warburton East Campus. ***Seniors/WE***

I did cooking FINALLY and I made pasties. What's in it? Carrots, corn, peas and potato. YAAAAAAY. ***Jasmine, Seniors/MG***

Students at the Warburton East Campus have enjoyed planting, observing growth and collecting produce from our community garden. In our photos, you can see lots of delicious cherry tomatoes and our very first watermelon. We have some proud students! ***Seniors/WE***

Today, Jake, Jack, Jasmine, Hugo, Katie and I were cooking pasties. I was the scribe, writing all the ingredients and the steps. And I wrapped up one of the pasties. When we ate them with tomato sauce, they were delicious! ***Steven, Seniors/MG***

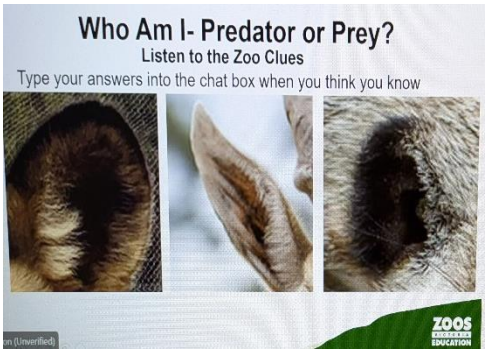
We made pasties. They had potato, sweet potato, carrots, zucchini and cheese. Steven did the best job at writing what we did step by step. It took two and a half hours to cook them! ***Katie, Seniors/MG***

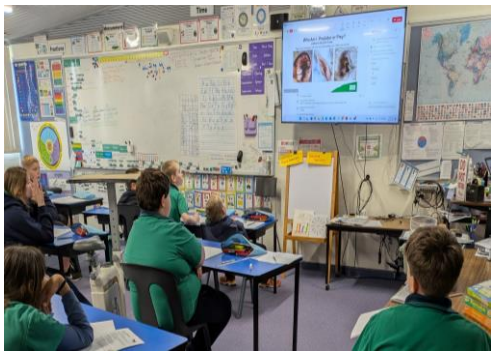
Werribee ZOO

via Webinar

We found it very fascinating looking at the skulls. It was brilliant learning how fast a cheetah can run, up to 125km per hour. We learnt about C.H.I.P.P. which means C for Climate Change, H for Habitat Destruction, I for Introduced Species, P for Poaching, P for Pollution. ***Hugo and Raven, Seniors/MG***

We started the webinar with a picture of an African Wild Dog. Then we were shown animal ears and we had to guess what animal they were and if they were 'prey or predator'. The animals were the African Wild Dog, an Antelope and a Meerkat! We were shown a video of a cheetah hunting in the zoo. We liked that the African Wild Dog looked like a German Shepard! ***Lani and Katie, Seniors/MG***





We liked the skulls because they are so amazing and they look interesting.
We learnt that giraffes can lick their eyelashes and cheetahs run at 125km. *Eyes on the side, born to hide. Eyes on the front, born to hunt.* ***Brayden, Will and Jake, Seniors/MG***

During the Werribee Zoo Webinar, we learnt about animals there the African Wild Dog and Meerkats. We also learnt that giraffes can lick their own eyelashes. We also did the "Predator or Prey?" quiz, where we had to guess which animals' image was predator or prey. We really liked the webinar. ***Riley, Steven and Rory, Seniors/MG***

Drumming with Mr Bruder

After School Clubs & Kinder Gym

Only a few places left in Kinder Gym!!

Afterschool Clubs have started. They are still just $5 each session, per student, per week. All afternoons are 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.
Wednesday sessions are now full sorry.

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Tomorrow

In 2000 the COMMUNITY bought shares in a company and in turn bought a BANK!

Bendigo Bank - Community Bank Warburton

A COMMUNITY Bank with profits earned going back to the COMMUNITY through grants, scholarships, donations and dividends to its local Shareholders.

Fast forward to 2008 and the same company bought another BANK!

Bendigo Bank – Community Bank Yarra Junction

This FRIDAY we invite everyone to come and celebrate with us the 25th Birthday of Community Bank Warburton.

Bring the kids!

25 years of Community Banking in the Upper Yarra, and reinvesting over $5million in the COMMUNITY.

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT
FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2025 - 4PM TO 7PM
COMMUNITY BANK WARBURTON GARDENS

- ☆ Sausage Sizzle
- ☆ Cool Drinks
- ☆ Birthday Cake
- ☆ Wildlife Fun and Interactive Education by Black Snake Productions
- ☆ Face Painting by Lara Tomlinson
- ☆ Giant Games by Millgrove Residents Action Group
- ☆ Coffee van and donuts – Mountain Tucker Man Ben
- ☆ Clark's Ice Cream Truck Yarra Valley – David and Melanie

THE FUN STARTS AT 4PM!!!

Look forward to seeing you there whether it's for 20mins or the whole duration.

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MILLGROVE MEALS

EVERYONE EATS FREE!

When: Last Wednesday Of Each Month

Where: Millwarra Community Building

Time: Doors Open 5.30pm

Dinner Served: 6.00pm

Finishes: 7.30pm

Starts again next Wednesday 26th February

Everyone Welcome

DINNER ON THE GREEN

Friday March 7th at 6.30pm
Millwarra Community Building
(behind Millwarra PS)

FREE!

Come along to celebrate the community & Millgrove Residents Action Group's 20th birthday!

2 course meal & entertainment

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RSVP by 4th March
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or email: info@mrag.net.au
or phone 0436 341 603

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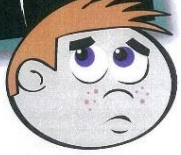
EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

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!"

Join Our Junior Programs Today!

Training: Wednesday 5-6pm
Games: Saturday Mornings

Taking registrations for the 2025 season.
programs for kids from 5-16.
All skill levels welcome.

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.

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 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: □**

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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