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Thursday 8th May 2025 **Issue 6**

Schools' ANZAC Service

Yarra Junction R.S.L.

Part of the ANZAC story, being read by our Grade 6 students.

Principal's Report

What an amazing start to Term 2! Everyone has come back with a bounce in their step, ready to focus and learn.

During the holidays we were lucky enough to run a sausage sizzle at Millgrove Market on Easter Saturday. We would like to thank MRAG for the wonderful opportunity to not only fundraise but also promote our beautiful school! It was great having the chance to meet more people from our community and promote the amazing things we offer at Millwarrra! I would like to say a special thank you to Caleb and his brother for not only coming and promoting our sausage sizzle but also wearing our school uniform. I would also like to thank Miss Hajder, Caleb's Mum and Nanna, as well as my Mum, for volunteering their time and helping me to run a successful sausage sizzle.

The first day of term was a Curriculum Day for students, whilst staff completed Day One of the Berry Street Education Training. '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.' Staff were fully engaged and it was great to see such enthusiasm and openness from everyone on the day. I have enjoyed hearing the shift in language and seeing circles being used in classrooms already.

Last Tuesday and Wednesday we held Open Afternoons at each campus. Tiahn, our Wellbeing Leader organised a scavenger hunt for families to complete, allowing them to explore our school facilities in a fun and engaging way. It was wonderful to see the children having fun looking for clues and having the opportunity to talk with new families. We are currently conducting school tours for Prep enrolments for 2026 and have information packs available at the office and online, for anyone wanting to learn more about the wonderful things we do at Millwarra Primary School!

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Our School Review began last Thursday. Every 4 years, schools are reviewed to make sure they are meeting the standards and other requirements for registration. This process enables us to review the work undertaken in the last four years and to set our future direction. The pre review process is a complex one, with documentation and data analysis required, as well as compliance with Child Safe Standards and meeting minimum VRQA standards. Our review process will run over four separate days over the next couple of weeks with the review panel consisting of; an external Reviewer, our SEIL (Senior Education Leader), myself, Leadership team from our school, School Council President and two Challenge Partners that I have selected. One is the Assistant Principal from Woori Yallock Primary School, Felicity Curnow, and the other is Amanda Dunn who is an Education Improvement Leader. Together we will study the evidence and data, seek clarification, ask questions and then come up with recommendations and suggested goals. As part of this process, we will be holding different forums to gather evidence and opinions from staff, parents, students and other community members. These findings will then form our new 4-year Strategic Plan.

Parents/carers are invited to come in and speak with members of the panel on the following days:
Millgrove Campus – Thursday 15th May at 8:45am
Warburton East Campus – Tuesday 20th May at 8:45am

There will be Mother's Day Stalls held at each campus on Friday. It will be before recess at Warburton East and after lunch at Millgrove. Gifts will range in price from 50c to $6.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns or positive feedback please let me know.

Melanie Hancock
Principal
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DATES TO REMEMBER

Day	Date	What Is Happening
Term 2		
May		
Tomorrow	9th	Mother's Day Stall 50c - $5.50
Mon	12th	Dulux Paint visit Millgrove Campus
Tues	13th	Tabloid Sports F – 2 students
Thurs	15th	Opportunity for parents to chat with the Review Panel at school - 8.45am at Millgrove
Fri	16th	Walk-to-School Day
		~~School Photos~~ – Postponed – new date to be confirmed
Mon	19th	UYSC Transition for Grades 5 & 6
		Assembly: 9.00am Warby East, 2.10 Millgrove
Tues	20th	Opportunity for parents to chat with the Review Panel at school - 8.45am at Warby East
Wed	21st	National Simultaneous Storytime
		No afterschool gymnastics
Fri	23rd	Cross Country for interested students
Fri	30th	Special Bakery Lunch Order Day more information soon
June		
Mon	9th	King's Birthday Public Holiday

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

Warburton East Campus: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Millgrove Campus: Tuesday and Friday

Have you received these notices?

They have been sent home via *Compass*

F – 2 Students – Tabloid Sports – due back – 12th May.

Grade 6 students – Year 7 forms due back ASAP

Seniors Millgrove – Dulux Paint permission form due back tomorrow - 9th May.

Grade 5 & 6 students – Transition Notice

COMING SOON - All students – Special Bakery Lunch on 30th May.

Shining Stars

Congratulations to:

Monique, J/MG, for consistently following our classroom agreement by demonstrating respectful listening and having a positive attitude towards all class tasks.

Tyson, J/WE, for the ability to instantly recognise a number (word, picture and symbol) without counting them individually. Tyson was our champion subitiser when playing memory!

Isaac, S/WE, for the confidence he has shown this semester in all learning areas. Isaac has developed the ability to read and follow written instruction to complete independent learning tasks.

Riley, S/MG, for representing our school at the ANZAC Day March in Warburton.

Congratulations

Friday 16th May is Walk Safely To School Day.

We encourage as many as possible that can, to Walk, Ride or Scoot to school on Walk Safely To School Day.

Plan to meet up with friends to walk together.

School Photos

Have been postponed - a new date to be decided

...ART...

To kick off Art for Term Two and our construction/modelling unit, students created sculptures of poppies in honour of ANZAC Day. The junior students used different materials to create abstract Poppy representations, whilst the seniors used plasticine, wire and wool to produce some more realistic designs. Together, we discussed the significance of Poppies on ANZAC Day and their Prescence on the battlefield. As a sign of remembrance and respect for our ANZACs, students created a Millwarra field of Poppies, and they look fantastic!!

Casey Phillips

Millgrove Pre School Visit

Today the 4/5s visited the Millgrove Kindergarten. We all had to find a little buddy to play with. It took me a while to do that. I did some drawing with the first student. Next, I made a little boat of foil with the next student. We put a few toy dinos inside it, to see if it would float. ***Raven, S/MG***

Grade 4/5s visited Millgrove Kinder today. Only the 4 and 5 year olds could use the bikes. I climbed up into the fort. ***William, S/MG***

We went to the Millgrove Kinder to see the kiddies. I helped one of them make a tin-foil boat. It floated. I didn't think it would, but it did. ***Declan, S/MG***

I went to the Millgrove Kinder. I helped a boat make a boat out of tin foil and I helped a girl make one too. 26 bears floated in one of them but 30 made it sink. ***Rory, S/MG***

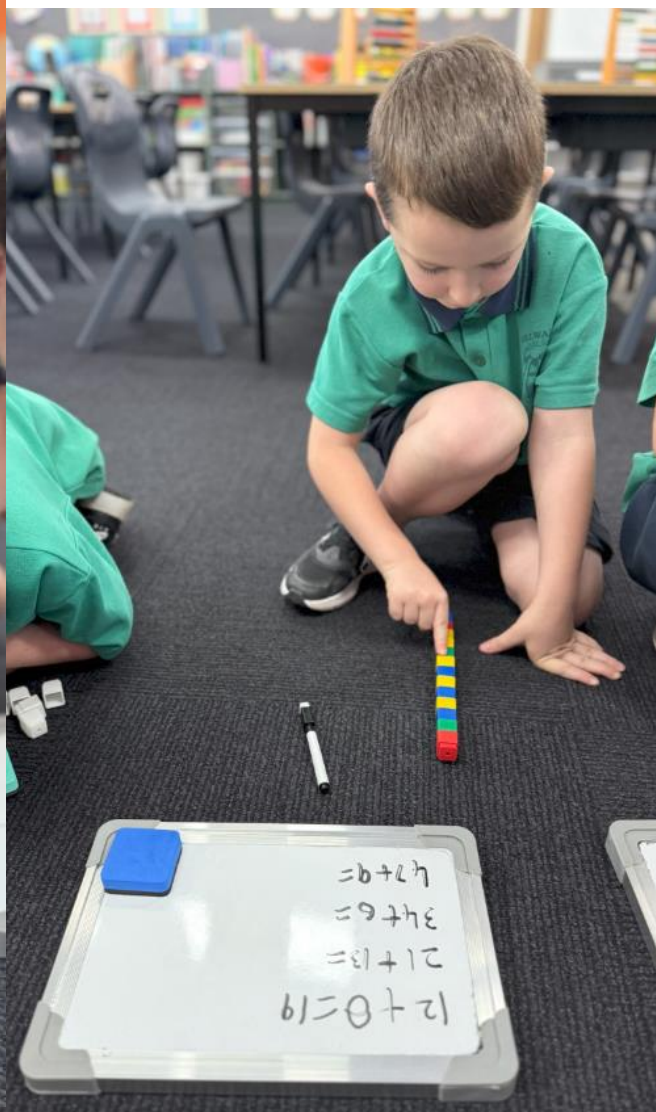
On Wednesday 7th May, the 4/5s went to the Millgrove Preschool. I met Jan, the teacher. I played in the sandpit and made a sandcastle. The little kids knocked it down, and I said, "Oh no! Then, I played with the fake phone and played with a kinder kid named Quinten. Then Quinten and I did a surprise task, where you had to make a boat out of foil, then to see if we could make it float with the big bears, small bears and toy dinosaurs in it. Then, we both put the foil boats into the water in the bucket. The only bad thing was, that it was raining. I cannot wait until the next two weeks, to go back because that was awesome! ***Jake, S/MG***

We went to the kindergarten to make friends. A new 3 or 4 or 5 year old friend, was pushing me on the swings, our school should add swings one day. ***Jack, S/MG***

Tomorrow

The Makings of Mathematical Champions

Wow! What little mathematical champions we have in the J/WE Class. At the beginning of Term 2, the Junior students have explored how to use the strategy ‘count on’ to solve equations of addition. The first step in achieving this goal was to lock the bigger number in our head and count on the smaller number using manipulatives such as unifix cubes, our fingers and icy-pole sticks. In the attached photos you can see an example of Aspen using unifix cubes to solve addition equations. During shared editing and feedback, Aspen recognised an error he had made and swiftly fixed this – because in the Junior class, mistakes are how we learn! ***Nicole Hajder***



Wellbeing Hub

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IN WELLBEING LATELY

During our wellbeing lesson this fortnight students have been exploring bravery and failure. Students put themselves out there to attempt challenges that made them nervous. It was wonderful to see the pride on their faces after having a go, as well as the encouragement their classmates provided. I am constantly blown away by these amazing kids!

LOCAL SERVICES

Millwarra P.S Playgroup!
Our East Warburton Campus now has our very own playgroup.
Sessions are Mondays 9.30-10.30am.
Come, have fun and spread the word.

TO TRY AT HOME

During our Berry Street training this term the teachers were made aware of the importance of role modelling calming strategies to the students. These can be as simple as "I'm needing to take 3 big breathes", "I need a drink of water", or "I need to move my body after sitting for so long".
Perhaps this could be something you'd like to try at home.

Electives for our Millgrove Campus Seniors

At Ben's Shed, I sanded the wood to make a box. I put lines on the bigger pieces and I put dots on the lines to show where to fit them. I used a hammer, nails and glue to join up all the sides of the box. **William, S/MG**

Last week I started with Cooking. We made ANZAC biscuits. It took a lot of effort. We did things like melting butter, measuring amounts of ingredients and mixing everything together. The second thing I did was Gardening. We weeded and picked up clippings from the mower. I preferred making the ANZAC biscuits because it didn't hurt my back and they were yummy. This week in Gardening we pulled out more weeds and planted some snow peas. In Cooking we made quiches and pasta – Yum Yum. ***Lani, S/MG***

We did Gardening, which was mainly pulling out weeds, then we did Cooking. My group finished the ANZAC biscuits and pasta, I liked the hard half-burnt biscuits the most. ***Katie, S/MG***

At Ben's Shed, we sanded some wood and did some measuring. I spent most of the time coughing because of the sanding dust. My favourite part was sanding. This week we did gluing, hammering, nailing and measuring to make a pencil case. ***Declan. S/MG***

Last week I made Anzac Biscuits. I like them soft. I had to mix the butter and syrup into the flour. This week, I did Gardening and Cooking. ***Rory, S/MG***
Week 1

1. We picked some grass with grass pickers. It was really good.
2. We made Anzac Biscuits. I liked it when we were making them into flat balls.
Week 2
1. We made mini quiches for all of us. They were so yummy, that I had 3 mini quiches.
2. We planted some plants in the garden, it was awesome ***Jack, S/MG***

Week 1 - For Cooking I made ANZAC biscuits. They were good to make and when they were done in the oven it was a bit big but I liked them chewy. Then for Gardening we picked up grass with grass catchers.

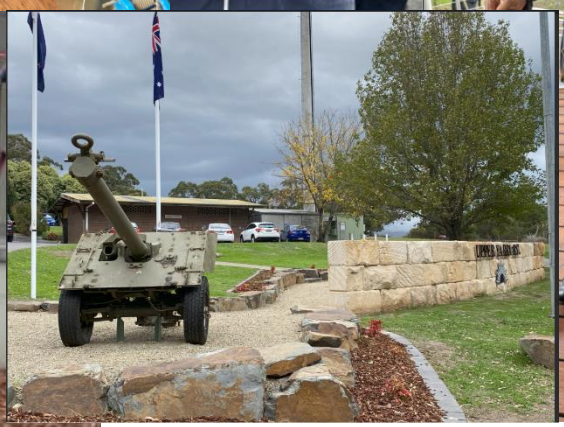
Week 2 - We picked up grass cuttings then put them in the green waste bin. We picked up the weeds in the stones near the Community Building. The tools used were: rakes and hand-rakes. For Cooking we made mini quiches. We added tomato, carrot, mozzarella cheese, (I accidentally added 3 pieces of tomato instead of just 2 bits). ***Jake, S/MG***

At Ben's Shed, we are making a tool box from wood, nails and glue.
We also sanded it to make it smoother to touch. I wish we had longer because it's fun and I like it. ***Hugo, S/MG***

ANZAC Service

We went to the Schools' ANZAC Service at the Upper Yarra R.S.L. We started with the actual service where everyone said their speeches and laid wreaths. I was really nervous before I said my lines, but when it was my turn, I just imagined it was a practice. After that, we had sausages and most of us had a soft drink with it. Then it all ended and we went to catch the bus, but we were forgotten! After a while of waiting and playing games the rain kicked in and the bus arrived. ***Lani, S/MG***

I stood out the front and read part of a speech. I was fourth. I was nervous but I kept my eyes on the paper. Everyone put poppies down in the wall that said 'Lest We Forget'. There were 4 or five prayers. Someone played the bagpipes. It sounded like a trumpet then drums and then bagpipes. After the ANZAC service, I shook hands with Cindy McLeish, M.P. for Eildon and Aaron Violi, M.P. for Casey. There were a lot of children there. I saw my cousin and friends from other schools. ***Hugo, S/MG***



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MILLWARRA & GLITZ'S AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS & KINDER GYM

Just $5 Millwarra's Afterschool Clubs

Mondays 3.45-4.45
Games Club

Tuesdays 3.45-4.45
Mindfulness Club

Wednesdays 3.45-4.45
Developmental Gymnastics

Thursdays 3.45-4.45
Crafternoons

Kinder Gym for 18m-5y.o.
Wednesdays & Fridays, $14

Afterschool Clubs are still just $5 each session, per student, per week. Can be cash or put in the school bank account. 3.45-4.45pm

Millwarra students get one free session each term.

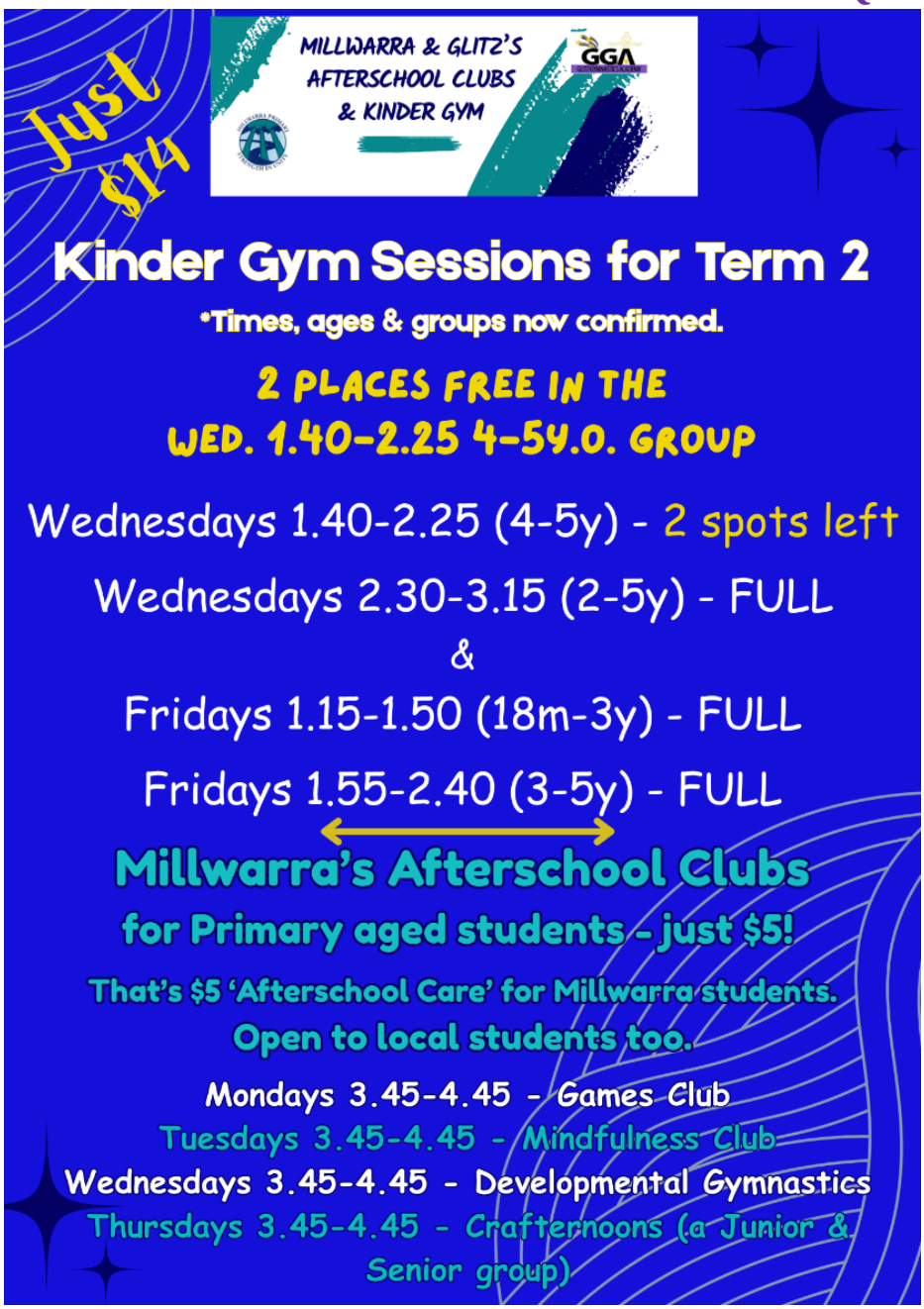
These are great afterschool activities, screen-free & very cheap.

Parents don't need to stay during Clubs. Millwarra parents don't need to collect their child until 4.45pm. Warburton East students can catch the mini bus straight to Millgrove. Contact Ms Clarke if you'd like to enquire about joining one. There is room for Millwarra students in all Clubs. Students from other schools can enquire if there is room in a Club.

You can send Ms Clarke an email or a message to the Messenger of the new Facebook for Clubs & Kinder Gym.

We have a new page dedicated to our Kinder Gym & updates for our Afterschool Clubs. Posts regarding Clubs & Kinder Gym, will mainly be on there from now. Especially when there are cancellations. Please Like & Follow, by clicking the picture to the left, or link below. To contact us regarding Kinder Gym & Clubs, can you please use the Messenger on that page now, instead of the school's Facebook Messenger. Here's the Facebook link: https://www.facebook.com/share/15yyVCYvRa/

QR Code to Sign Up to Kinder Gym:



Our Kinder Gym sessions have been a wonderful success. They have started and all are full except Wed. 1.40pm. See the Clubs & Kinder Gym Facebook page if you're interested. If you know anyone with a child between 4-5y.o. that might like to do Kinder Gym, please share. Sessions are just $14 each. There's more information on the Clubs & Kinder Gym Facebook.

A HUGE thank you to the staff running the Kinder Gym & the Afterschool Clubs, and the families participating.

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RIVERVALLEY church

You're invited to breakfast!

As the mornings get colder and the cost of living rises, River Valley Church is inviting you to join us for a FREE, weekly bacon and egg breakfast.

WHEN: Sunday morning at 9.30am (before our 10am service).

WHERE: Millwarra Community Building, Moore Crescent, Millgrove.

WHAT: Bacon and egg sandwiches, coffee and tea by the fire drum.

Please note: Everyone is welcome to stay for the service but attendance is completely optional.

MILLWARRA PRIMARY

STRENGTH IN UNITY

WHYLD
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Handmade gifts for Mother's Day

Saturday May 10
12 – 3 pm

Don Valley Hall,
22 Old Dalry Road, Don Valley

- All-weather indoor market
- Table spaces available for only $10
- Focus on unique gifts for mum
- Encouraging locally handcrafted products
- Yarra Valley Red Cross handmade goods
- Seasonal produce and plants from WHYLD
- BBQ by Don Valley Primary School
- Barista coffee, teas and cold drinks
- Grab a book from our Street Library
- Free kid's colouring

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WHYLD Community Group

Anglicare Victoria

Tweens, Teens and Screens

Parenting in the Digital Age

A 6-week program for parents of 8 to 14 year olds

This program is for parents who wish to:

- Explore how excessive screen use may negatively impact emotional, social and physical well-being.
- Learn how to discuss harmful online content with your child such as violence, cyberbullying, online influencers, sexual content, privacy and misinformation
- Learn strategies to set boundaries and manage conflict in the family that often arises from excessive screen use.
- Deal with anxiety and anger - both yours and theirs while improving family relationships

When: Mondays (6 evening sessions)
Dates: May 12th June 23rd 2025
No session on 9th June - King's Birthday
Time: 7:00 to 9:00 pm
Where: Online via Zoom
Cost: Free to attend (bookings essential)
Registrations: **Click Here** or scan QR code
Enquiries: sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au

PARENTZONE

BETTER TOMORROWS

Anglicare Victoria

Parenting Anxious Children

A 6-week program for parents of 4 to 12 year olds

- Learn parenting strategies to help your child deal with uncomfortable emotions such as fear and anger
- Support your child to cope with life's challenges both at school and at home
- Set boundaries and find solutions for challenging behaviours
- Teach your child the skills of resilience to bounce back from adversity

Please Note: Parenting Anxious Children is a six-week interactive program. To participate, you'll need a device with video and audio capabilities.

When: Thursday mornings (6 sessions)
Dates: May 8th to June 12th 2025
Time: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Where: Online via Zoom
Cost: Free to attend
Enquiries: sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au
Registration: Click here or scan QR code

PARENTZONE

BETTER TOMORROWS

MILLWARRA P.S PLAYGROUP

MONDAYS
9.30AM-10.30AM

STARTING MAY 5TH

MILLWARRA PRIMARY SCHOOL-
WARBURTON EAST CAMPUS

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