

# Millwarra Primary School's NEWSLETTER

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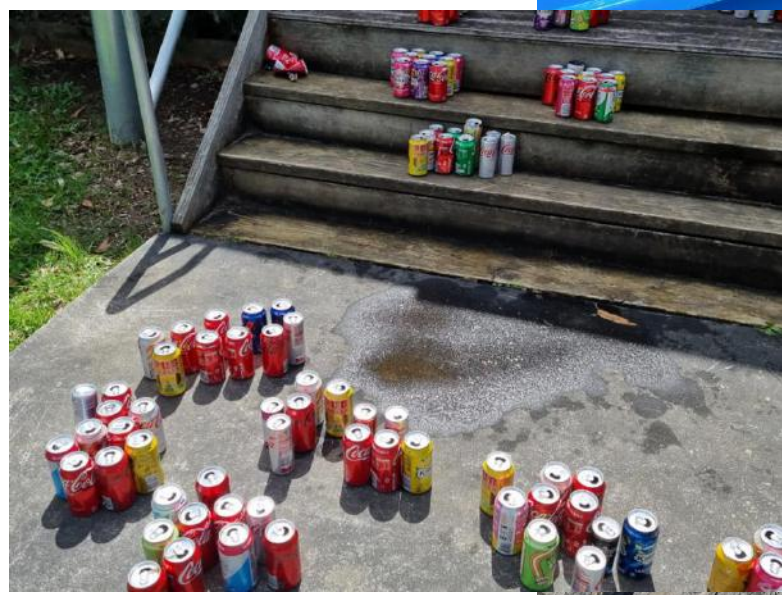
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# Principal's Report

Dear Families,

Wow! We are back in full swing, ready to complete our final term for 2024. We hope you all had the opportunity to enjoy the school holidays.

A friendly reminder, our Grades 3-6 students have Orienteering at Maroondah Dam on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October. Information for this excursion is available on Compass. Please log in and approve and pay through the office.

This year's School Production is fast approaching, and our students have been busy practising. The Quest for the Country Crown performance will be held at our Millwarra Community Building, Millgrove Campus on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm. The information regarding costumes has been discussed in practices, or can be found in the Newsletter and Facebook event. A BBQ dinner will be available to purchase from 5.30pm. If you would like to purchase tickets for our School Production, please fill out the order form which will be sent home Monday. Tickets for seats will be issued as ticket orders are received.

We are excited to re-offer our students the opportunity to participate in a Swimming Program at the Yarra Centre, Yarra Junction. We will be commencing our whole school swimming program in November for 5 days. Warburton East campus will be attending 11<sup>th</sup>–15<sup>th</sup> November and Millgrove campus 25<sup>th</sup>–29<sup>th</sup> November. Forms have been sent home, or you can confirm student attendance using [Compass](#). Payment of \$10 cash is required by 24<sup>th</sup> October.

Our staff have organised some special excursions, see 'Dates to Remember' below for information.

Afterschool Clubs are back next week and Kinder Gym is starting on Wednesday. See our [Facebook](#) for more information or contact Ms Clarke.

Rod is currently on leave, on Grandfather duties in Houston. Please see Skye Clarke or Nicole Hajder to answer any questions or queries. We will be having a Curriculum Day on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November, this will be a pupil free day.

*Skye and Nicole*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Day	Date	What Is Happening
<b>Term 4</b>		
Sun	20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Millgrove Expo
Thurs	24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Grade 3-6 Orienteering
Mon	28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Production Full-Dress Rehearsal Day at Millgrove
Tues	29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Production Night <b>SAVE THE DATE</b>
Fri	1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	<b>ALL Students, F-6 - First Aid in Schools, Training by St John Ambulance</b>
Mon	4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Staff Professional Development Day – First Aid – <b>Student Free Day.</b>
Tues	5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Cup Day – Public Holiday</b>
Mon-Fri	11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Swimming Program for our <i>Warby East Campus</i>
Thurs	14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Glasses for Kids coming to both campuses
Wed – Fri	20 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Grades 3–6 Camp – Wangaratta
Mon-Fri	25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Swimming Program for our <i>Millgrove Campus</i>
Thurs	5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	ScienceWorks – Whole School Excursion
Tues	10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	State-Wide Transition Day – K to F & 6 to 7
Mon	16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Grade 6 Graduation Night
Thurs	19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Rush HQ – Whole School Excursion <b>Special Retirement Afternoon Tea at Millgrove after excursion 2:45pm</b> Last Day of Term 4 - for students Normal Campus finishing time
Fri	20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Curriculum Day – <b>Student Free Day</b>

### Have You Received These Notices or Compass notifications?

**Notices are generally up on our [Forms and Notices Website page](#) and can be replied to via [Compass](#). Or they are hosted on [Compass](#) to approve.**  
To view notices, please click the blue, underlined link above.

**Due Back**

All Students	Breakfast Program between 8:30am & 9:00am		
	Warburton East Campus Tuesday and Thursday	Millgrove Campus Tuesday and Friday	
	2025 Booklists	<b>See <a href="#">Compass email</a></b> on the steps how to order and for the links to your payment options. <b>A Booklist, for each child is listed, when you open the link.</b> For more information, please contact the office.	Between 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct & 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov
	Glasses for Kids	Free Eye Screening and free glasses if required. Return permission forms.	Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct
	Swimming Program	\$10 cash, paid directly to school. Complete permission on <a href="#">Compass</a> or send slip back.	by 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct
	Production Tickets	Ticket Order form going home on Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct. See Facebook event for Costumes or see in Newsletter	Seating allocated when purchasing tickets
Grades 3 – 6 Students	Orienteering	Check <a href="#">Compass</a> , to approve your child participating. Money to be paid by cash to the school, or by direct debit. CSEF available. \$13	Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct
	Bike Ed	Information on <a href="#">Compass</a> regarding Friday mornings Bike Ed	



# Student Awards

- **Annabelle**, F/1/2S, for demonstrating excellent leadership on Footy Day and being a team player.
- **Chloe**, F/1/2S, for consistently putting in her best efforts during all Production rehearsals.
- **David**, 3/4B, for honesty and responsibility, locking up the gym on the weekend.



**Reminder, we are a SunSmart school, and students need to wear sunscreen and hats on days when the UV is 3 or higher. We generally apply at recess, unless students have outdoor activities earlier in the morning. If your child needs a specific Sunscreen, or a sensitive type, please send it in. Otherwise, the school will provide the sunscreen.**

## COMPASS IS 'LIVE' FOR NOTES

You can now get most of your excursion 'notes' on [Compass](#) & click attending. No need to find the missing note to send it back. It will be just a click.

*Swimming & Orienteering are there now.*

Compass is also the place to log your child's absences, see the Newsletter, read your child's Report.

If you require help accessing this service, please contact the office because Compass is the preferred way for notes into the future.

## SWIMMING PROGRAM - TERM 4!

We are excited to be able to offer Millwarra students the opportunity to participate in a Swimming Program at the Yarra Centre, Yarra Junction.

**\*\*We will be commencing our *whole school* swimming program for 5 days in November. The dates for each campus are listed below –**

**Warburton East Campus:** Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Nov to Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**Millgrove Campus:** Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Nov to Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Nov.

The program will only cost \$10.00, cash only, which includes entry, a 60-minute lesson each session & bus transportation.

Notes are now live on [Compass](#) – you can send the paper slip back with the cash, or click approved [Compass](#) and send the cash in to the Office.

A reminder note, with more information will go out in the week before.

# 2025 Booklists

As we are introducing a new system for parents to purchase their child's booklist items for 2025. All parents will be placing and purchasing their OWN orders via a link through Office National, Ross Office Supplies. This information was sent to everyone in a notice through [COMPASS](#), on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October.

The notice is specific to your Campus and to your child's Grade level. The ordering window, is **between Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October and Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November**. Late orders will be accepted by Office National, Ross Office Supplies but will incur a \$15 late fee and may not be available by the start of Term 1, 2025.

If you require any further information re your child's Booklist, please contact the Office at either Campus.

## SAVE THE DATE

### School Production

### Quest for the Country Crown

Evening of 29<sup>th</sup> October

Dress Rehearsal 28<sup>th</sup> Oct in day

5:30pm BBQ  
to purchase

6:30pm  
Performance  
begins

*Please make sure students are at school and on time for Production Practice on Mondays. We are now doing whole school Practices at Millgrove Campus in preparation. We will transport classes to and from within the school day.*

*Tickets will go on sale Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Seating allocated at purchase.*

*Please follow our [Facebook event](#) for updates - click Going or Interested to stay connected.*

Check your cupboards or Op  
Shops for:

Check shirts/flannies, hats, boots,  
jeans etc.



# Transition Tuesday

Tuesday, was another fun Transition Day for our 2025 Foundation students. Everyone had a wonderful time. We look forward to seeing more new friends soon.



*I liked that we got to do paintings and that the Kinder kids got to play at lunchtime. I want them to come back for longer! **William, F/1/2S***



*I liked having the kinder kids at school. I had so much fun painting with Loki! I was a role model. **Chloe, F/1/2S***

*We had the kinder kids at school. Casey painted a beautiful J for jelly fish, it looked like tie-dye. **Annabelle, F/1/2S***





## FREE SMILE SQUAD DENTAL!

*For the rest of 2024, Smile Squad are excited to be able to invite the students from our school to access our Smile Squad Hub in Lilydale at 18-22 Lakeview Drive in Lilydale.*

*The Smile Squad Hub will allow all students from our school wishing to participate in the Smile Squad program to register and book for their **free** Smile Squad dental check- up treatment during the December/January school holidays, any additional treatment can be booked at our Ferntree Gully or Ringwood EACH locations.*



# GLASSES FOR KIDS IS COMING TO THIS SCHOOL

The Glasses for Kids program will be visiting this school to provide eligible students with **FREE** vision screening, then testing and glasses (as required)

This is a **FREE** service. Please make sure you have returned your **consent forms by 15<sup>th</sup> October**, at the latest, to take advantage of this great offer.

Contact the Office for more information.



Scan this QR code to find out more on the GFK website



Department of Education

A Victorian State Government and State Schools' Relief initiative  
Questions? Please contact the GFK team via [info@glassesforkids.com.au](mailto:info@glassesforkids.com.au)



# Recycling in Grade 3/4B

Off we went on a mini excursion to Millgrove Licensed Grocers. We walked there! Thank you to Yan and Lilly, from Millgrove Licensed Grocers, who always greet us with a happy and friendly smile.



It was fun that we got \$20 for our Recycling. So, if you put the bottles in the bin in a shop thing at the back of the store, you get money for free. On the back at the bottle, it says 10c, some don't. **Jack**

The first thing Andy asked us to do is put the cans into groups of 10 to see how many cans we had. We then put all the empty Primas in groups together as well as the plastic bottle and glass bottles. Then we counted everything and put them separately into different bins and then took them all to the shop in Millgrove. When we cashed it all in, we made \$20. It was excellent! I really enjoyed it. **Jake**





*Yesterday, our class had cans, glass and Primas. We put them into groups of 10. We straightened some cans. We also had crushed cans and 1 leftover Prima. Then, we sorted them into different containers, and after lunch we took them to the Millgrove Licensed Grocers and got \$20! I had fun! **Steven***



*I counted the cans. I kept track of the counting on a clipboard, as Cat and Andy counted them. **Rory***



# Millwarra's \$5 Afterschool Clubs

at the Millgrove Campus



## Millwarra's Afterschool Clubs

**Just \$5!**

Mondays 3.30-4.30 Games Club

Tuesdays 3.45-4.30 Dance

Wednesdays 3.45-4.45 Gymnastics

Thursdays 3.45-4.45 Crafternoons



Contact us for more information, or see more  
on our Facebook

All Clubs are now full unless  
you're a Millwarra student,  
except Games & Dance. We  
will see after Week 2, if we  
can offer new spots.  
Contact our Facebook  
Messenger to enquire.

**That's Afterschool Care for \$5  
an afternoon,  
until either 4.30 or 4.45.**

Clubs are open to all local students if  
space available. Millwarra students  
have priority. Please send us a  
message if you're interested in joining  
1 or more of the Clubs in Term 4.

Please let us know if your child had been  
coming, but no longer will, so we can  
offer the place to another child, as  
there is a waiting list. Contact us to join  
the Waiting List.

**Our Afterschool Clubs have been so  
successful.**

Thank you to our Millwarra families for  
supporting them. We've also been able to  
allow local kids to join too.

**Starting in Term 4, ALL Millwarra  
students will receive a free pass to  
attend an Afterschool Club once  
per term, through 2025 too.**

They just need to nominate with Ms Clarke  
which one & when, ahead of time to stay under  
our max. numbers per group.

**\*All Millwarra students this year  
and in 2025 are eligible.**



# MILLWARRA & GLITZ'S KINDER GYM LAUNCH WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

**THE 2.10 WEDNESDAY SESSION IS NOW FULL!  
THERE ARE JUST A COUPLE OF PLACES AVAILABLE IN  
THE 1.15-2PM SESSION.  
THOSE THAT HAVE JOINED, PLEASE COMPLETE PRE-  
PAYMENT BY THE END OF THE WEEK TO SECURE YOUR  
SPOT. SESSIONS START NEXT WEEK!**

## *Community News & Advertising*

*All information is correct at time of publishing*

# BOOKABURRAS STORYTIME

Storytime for 0-6y. Come along to the Millwarra P.S. Millgrove Campus Library, Thursday mornings 9.15. Then grab a cuppa (bring a travel mug) and stay & play in the playground after.

Millwarra Primary School, Millgrove Campus, Cavanagh Rd, Millgrove. Contact out Facebook for more info.





# Thunderstorm asthma

If you are allergic to ryegrass pollen, you need to be taking preventive asthma treatment well before springtime thunderstorms and pollen season.

Most adults and adolescents with asthma need preventive medication all year – not just a blue/grey puffer for asthma symptoms.



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Disclaimer: It is important to note that information contained in this fact sheet is not intended to replace professional medical advice. Any questions regarding a medical diagnosis or treatment should be directed to a medical practitioner.

[nationalasthma.org.au](http://nationalasthma.org.au) [astmahandbook.org.au](http://astmahandbook.org.au)

## What is thunderstorm asthma?

Thunderstorm asthma is when asthma symptoms are caused by ryegrass pollen allergy during springtime thunderstorms.

Thunderstorm asthma can happen suddenly to people in spring or summer when there is a lot of grass pollen in the air and the weather is stormy.

Spring thunderstorm weather can cause pollen grains to burst into tiny pieces and the wind then blows them around us. When people with pollen allergy breathe in these tiny pieces of pollen, they can get deep inside the lungs and trigger an asthma attack.

## More about asthma symptoms

People who wheeze and sneeze with hay fever from pollens during spring can sometimes get thunderstorm asthma even if they haven't had asthma before.

On Monday 21 November 2016, the combination of thunderstorms and pollen caused an asthma disaster in Victoria. Thousands of people suddenly had asthma attacks and found it hard to breathe. Because so many people needed urgent asthma treatment at one time, it was hard for ambulance and hospital emergency rooms to help everyone.

From that terrible event we learned that thunderstorm asthma can affect people living in city or country areas, even if they've never had asthma. We also learned that some groups of people are much more likely to get thunderstorm asthma.

## Who gets thunderstorm asthma?

You could have thunderstorm asthma if you are outside in gusty wind just before a thunderstorm on a day when there is a lot of pollen in the air AND you are allergic to ryegrass pollen.

This includes:

- people with asthma whose symptoms get worse in springtime
- people with asthma who are allergic to grass pollen
- people with asthma who get hay fever in springtime
- people with springtime hay fever, even if they have not been told they have asthma.

This means people with asthma and springtime hay fever need extra protection to avoid thunderstorm asthma if they are in a region with a lot of grass pollen.

The season for pollen and thunderstorms depends on where you are in Australia. In Victoria and NSW (most of south-eastern Australia) this is usually between September and December.

## How to stay safe

### Before springtime

Keep taking your asthma medicines prescribed by your doctor. Most adults and adolescents with asthma need more protection than just a blue/grey puffer.

Medicines that contain inhaled corticosteroids help protect people from severe asthma attacks. Australian research shows that these kinds of asthma treatments might also protect you from severe thunderstorm asthma.

These medicines include preventer inhalers that you use every day, and some inhalers that you take just when you have symptoms.

If you only use a blue-grey puffer, you may need more protection before the pollen and thunderstorm season. Ask your doctor to check your asthma.

Make sure you have a written asthma action plan that is up to date. If not, ask your doctor to write one.

### During springtime

Always carry your reliever inhaler.

Stay up to date with pollen counts and weather forecasts during spring and early summer so you know if a storm is coming.

Just before and during storms with wind gusts, get inside a building or car with the windows shut and the air conditioner switched to recirculate/recycled.

## People with allergic rhinitis (hay fever) but not asthma

People with springtime hay fever should also avoid being outside in gusty wind during a spring thunderstorm in a place where there is ryegrass pollen in the air (most of south-eastern Australia).

Effective treatment is available for hay fever, but we don't know if it can protect people from thunderstorm asthma.

Talk to your doctor about which treatment is best for you.

### More about asthma symptoms

[nationalasthma.org.au/understanding-asthma/what-is-asthma](http://nationalasthma.org.au/understanding-asthma/what-is-asthma)

### Need more information?

Visit the National Asthma Council Australia's website [nationalasthma.org.au](http://nationalasthma.org.au)



# Millgrove Community Open Day

CFA - MRAG - Expo - The Dreaming Space

**A day full of FREE entertainment & music  
info about becoming a resilient township**



**Sun 20 October 2024  
10am-3pm**

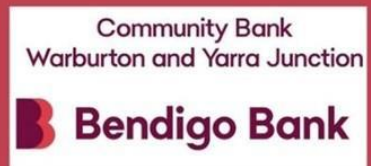
Petting Zoo  
Face Painting  
Family Games  
Sausage Sizzle

Millgrove Memorial  
Park and CFA

Fire Preparedness  
Community Plan 2024  
Local Businesses  
Community Services



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# Millwarra's Afterschool Clubs

Term 4, 2024

## Games Club with Cat

Screen free, board games, card games,  
chess, Lego & more.

Mondays 3.30-4.30pm

Just \$5 per child

Prep to G6 students. \*Millwarra students  
only.

\*Contact us via Facebook messenger or  
email Ms Clarke if you'd like more  
information or you'd like to enrol a  
child/children in an Afterschool Club.



\*\*Gymnastics &  
Craft full, unless  
a Millwarra  
student. But you  
can join the  
waiting list\*\*



Watch our Facebook for dates, cancellations, etc.

## Movement & Dance with Micah

Tuesdays 3.45-4.30pm

Just \$5 per child

Aimed at Prep to Grade 3 students.

## Developmental Gymnastics

Wednesdays 3.45-4.45pm

Just \$5 per child

Prep-6 students.



## Senior Students Sewing/Craft with Jayne (G4-8) & Craft for Juniors with Charlie (F-G3).

Thursdays 3.45-4.45pm. Just \$5

Previous participants, now in Yr7 or Yr8 may join.