

Millwarra Primary School's NEWSLETTER

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Principals' Report

Dear Families,

We are nearly into the home straight. There is an enormous amount of activity, taking place at the moment. As I write this, I am watching students compete against Cathy Freeman at Science works. So many fantastic things to see and do here. *Aren't our kids lucky!*

All students should have their information regarding their State-Wide-Transition Day next Tuesday, from Kinder to Foundation and from Year 6 to Year 7. Please make sure you are on time.

Next Thursday night at 7pm, we are having an Information Night at our Warburton East Campus. Staff will talk about classes for next year at both Campuses, and we are hoping to introduce our new Principal for 2025 (subject to availability).

There are a few final events coming up: Monday 9th School Council, Thursday 12th Bookaburras, Monday 16th Graduation Night, and Thursday 19th Rush Excursion. Please check calendar.

Thank you to the Warburton Community Enterprise/Bendigo Bank for their ongoing support. Due to their support we have been able to provide this excursion to Scienceworks free of charge, as well as supporting families to be able to attend our Bike Camp.

Thank you to the Warburton Tennis Club with support from the Shire, for providing free tennis clinics to our students at both Campuses, over this week and next week.

Our last Newsletter for the year, will be put on [Compass](#) and website, Friday 20th December, after the last school day. Reports will be on [Compass](#) Friday 20th December.

There will be an afternoon tea in the Millwarra Community Building on Thursday 19th December, after the 'Rush Excursion' at approximately 2:45pm for me to say goodbye.

Rod Barnard,
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Day	Date	What Is Happening
Term 4		
Next Mon	9 th Dec	Last School Council for 2024
<i>Mon-Thurs</i>	<i>9th – 12th Dec</i>	<i>Last week for Afterschool Clubs</i>
Tues	10 th Dec	State-Wide Transition Day – K to F & 6 to 7
Thurs	12 th Dec	Millwarra Primary School's 2025 Information Evening. 7:00pm at our Warburton East Campus
Mon	16 th Dec	Grade 6 Graduation Night
Fri	20 th Dec	Reports will be published on Compass
<div style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>Thurs 19th Dec</p> <p>This is a VERY busy <u>last day!</u></p> </div>		<p style="color: red; text-align: center;">Whole School Excursion - to Rush HQ</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Both Campuses dismissed from our Millgrove Campus</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Also, on this day.....</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Everyone is invited to come to Rod's, <u>Retirement Afternoon Tea</u> , at 2:45pm in the Community Building at Millgrove. (After the whole school returns from the Rush HQ excursion.)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>This will be a lovely chance for our Millwarra Families and Community Friends, to say farewell to Rod, as our Principal.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center; background-color: #FF00FF; color: black;">.....LAST DAY of Term 4 - for students.....</p>

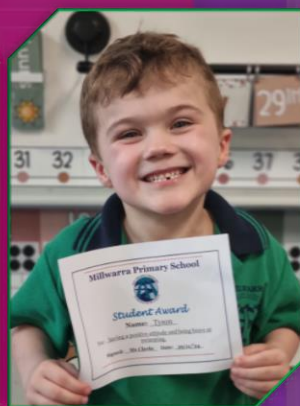
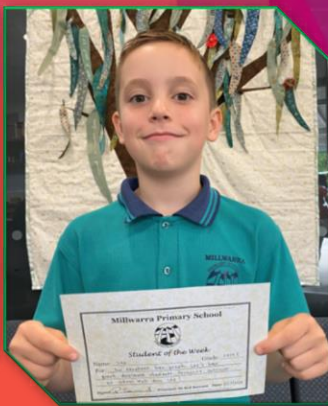
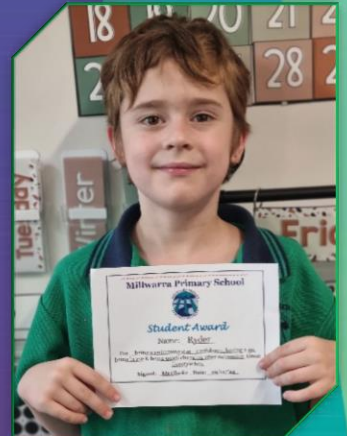
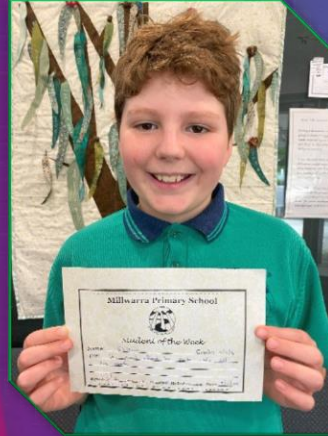
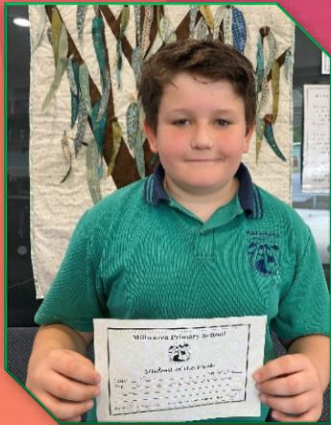
2025 Booklists

Please remember to purchase your booklist items.

See Compass email for instructions or contact the Office at either Campus.

Student Awards

- **Monique**, F/1/2S, for being a swimming star: confidence, having a go, being brave and for being quick at changing after swimming.
- **Ryder**, F/1/2S, for being a swimming star: confidence, having a go, being brave and for being quick at changing after swimming. Great freestyle too.
- **Malachi**, F/1/2S, for having a positive attitude and being brave at swimming: great treading water.
- **Tyson**, F/1/2S, for having a positive attitude and for being brave at swimming.
- **Leo**, 2/3/4C, for his excellent bar graph. Leo's bar graph displayed students' favourite subjects at school. Well done Leo.
- **Jacinta**, 2/3/4C, for displaying excellent resilience on the bike ride, at Camp. Well done.
- **Wilson**, 4/5/6B, for the great effort he puts into all his work.
- **Jack**, 4/5/6B, for the most SPECTACULAR stack, on Bike Camp.
- **Katie**, 5/6C, for excellent efforts to be first finished, with all assessments.





We supported AusMusic T-Shirt Day, again this year. We raised money for Support Act, the charity helping artists and support staff in the music and entertainment industry. Thank you to all those who came wearing their favourite band t/shirt. We raised \$70.75.



Information Evening for 2025

We would like to invite all our Millwarra Families, to come along to our 2025 Information Evening, being held at our Warburton East Campus, on Thursday 12th December at 7pm. We aim to provide clarity and answers, to any questions or queries you may have, as we plan for 2025. Our Extra-Curricular Programs and Class structures will also be announced.

Kind Regards

Millwarra Primary School Staff

COOKING WITH JULIE.



Jam making on the
28/11/24

I love making things with seasonal produce, especially when it's grown locally! I was lucky to acquire a box of seconds strawberries last week. Although there was some complaining about it being a bit sticky/yucky sorting and cutting up the fruit; the children felt differently when smelling the delicious strawberry aromas and especially when sampling the jam. It is great for them to see how things that are normally bought in the supermarket are made and to taste the difference between bought and homemade. **Julie**

First, we had to cut up the strawberries, making sure we cut off the stalks and the squishy bits. It felt gross and made my fingers really sticky cutting them up. Then we used the scales to weigh the

*strawberries, so we knew how much sugar to put in. We weighed 2.2 kg of strawberries so we weighed the same amount of sugar. The other ingredient was lemon juice. I cut up the lemons and removed the seeds and tipped the juice into the bubbling jam. The lemon juice helps the jam to set. It was really yummy. We got to take some home and my family really liked it as well. **Emerson, 4/5/6B***

We made strawberry jam with Julie, in cooking yesterday. We had to sort through the strawberries to put the better ones in the jam. We cut off the bad parts and put the good bits in the bowl. I didn't really like doing that job because the strawberries were a bit mushy! Then we added lemon juice and a LOT of sugar and boiled it for about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour. Julie cooked some toast and we got to try the jam, it was yummy! I had some after school on bread and Mum and Dad had some on ice cream for dessert, we all loved it. **Ruby, 4/5/6B**





*I was happy and excited to be chosen for cooking. Firstly, we washed our hands and then we put our aprons on. Then we started to chop up the strawberries, while cutting off any rotten, soggy or bad bits. There was also larva in one of the strawberries. The ingredients for strawberry jam are: strawberries, sugar and lemon juice. At the end we had a slice of toast with hot jam on it. We all got to take a jar of jam home. It was the best recipe I have ever made. **Leo, 2/3/4C***

Yesterday during cooking, we made strawberry jam. The process to make it was really fun. It was fun cutting up the strawberries, it was pretty weird how we found a couple of maggots, we put them into the compost. After we finished cutting up the strawberries, we juiced the lemons to put into the jam mixture. The juice helps the jam to set, so it's not so runny. It was crazy how much sugar we put in. When we tried it on the toast it was really good. It was so good that even my Nan wanted to try some and she tried it on toast and loved it! **Jack, 4/5/6B**

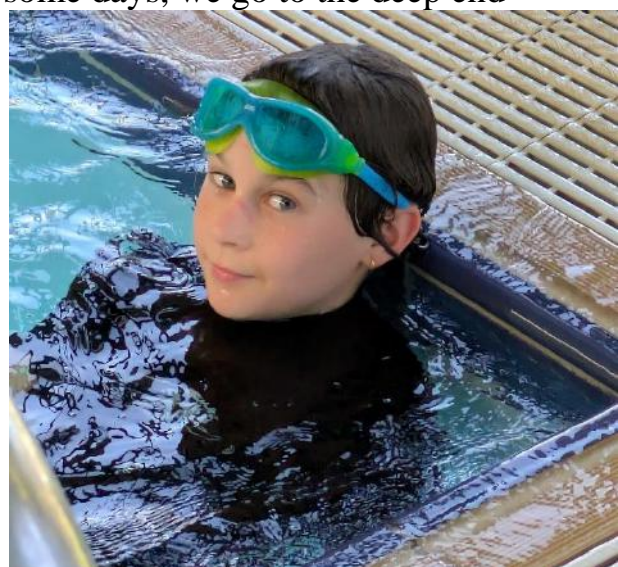


Swimming

My favourite part about swimming lessons, were the inflatables on Friday. In swimming lessons, we started in the 1.0 metre end of the pool, but on some days, we go to the deep end with a pool noodle to help us float. I learned how to do the torpedo with my arms. **Jack, 3/4B**

At Swimming we did the torpedo and freestyle with and without a board. I liked fun Friday because I was very close to winning a game. **Jespar, 5/6C**

I liked swimming because I went underwater and looked at everyone's toes. I couldn't float on my back because I would just sink. It was sort of sad. I still have to practise floating. **Raven, 3/4B**





Swimming lessons were very fun, but the best day, was the last day. We played games, danced and even went on inflatables too! We were all tired out afterwards and sore from choking on so much water. **Charli, 5/6C**

*The Millgrove kids went to the Yarra Centre to do swimming lessons at the pools. Staff took us to do swimming lessons in lanes. What I liked, was the inflatable slide, games and dancing on the last day. It was great! I learnt how to do backstroke. **Jake, 3/4B***

Swimming lessons were more fun than I thought they'd be. I am getting more confident with swimming. On Friday at swimming, I got to go on the inflatable obstacle course. When I finished the obstacle course, Jespar and the one of the swimming teachers splashed me. **Brayden, 5/6C**

*In Swimming, my favourite part was kicking in the deep end of the pool. We learned survival skills. **Declan, 3/4B***



When we went swimming, Jespar and I kept putting our heads under water. Then, Rory and I did backflips underwater. My favourite was when we went on the inflatable, because I went on the slide and almost came off the side. **Katie, 5/6C**

*Last week we had swimming lessons. My favourite days were Wednesday and Friday. I really liked Wednesday because we had a really cool swim teacher that we could get along with really well. Friday was fantastic because we got to play on the big floaty and we played games in the little pool. **Lani, 5/6C***



BUSHFIRE COMMUNITY MEETING

Warburton

Warburton Fire Station

7:00pm | Thursday 5th December 2024

Bushfires happen every year!

Spend 1 hour with CFA learning how you can keep you, your family and your friends safe from fire this season.

OUR FIRE SAFETY ESSENTIALS SESSION COVERS:

- Local fire risk
- What to expect from fire
- Preparing for fire
- Fire Danger Ratings
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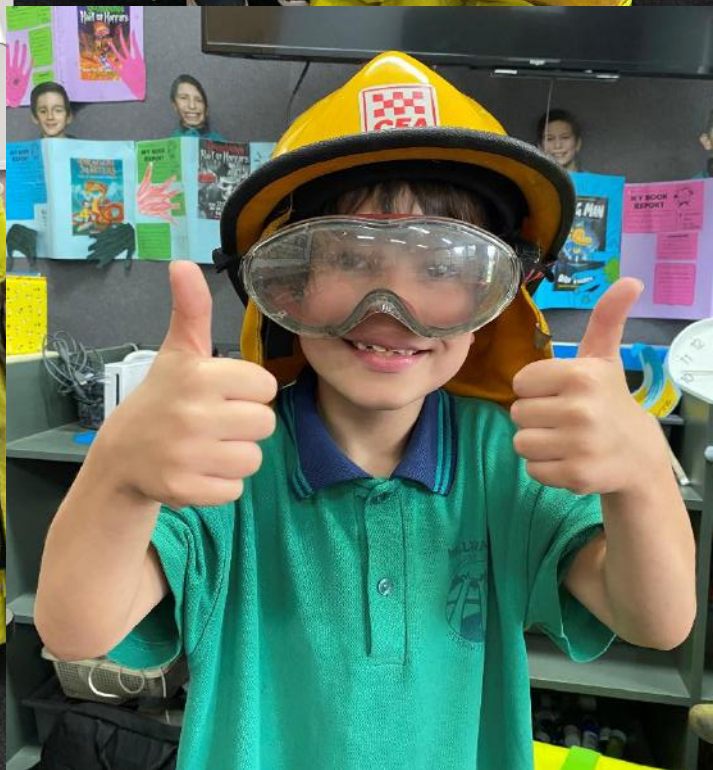
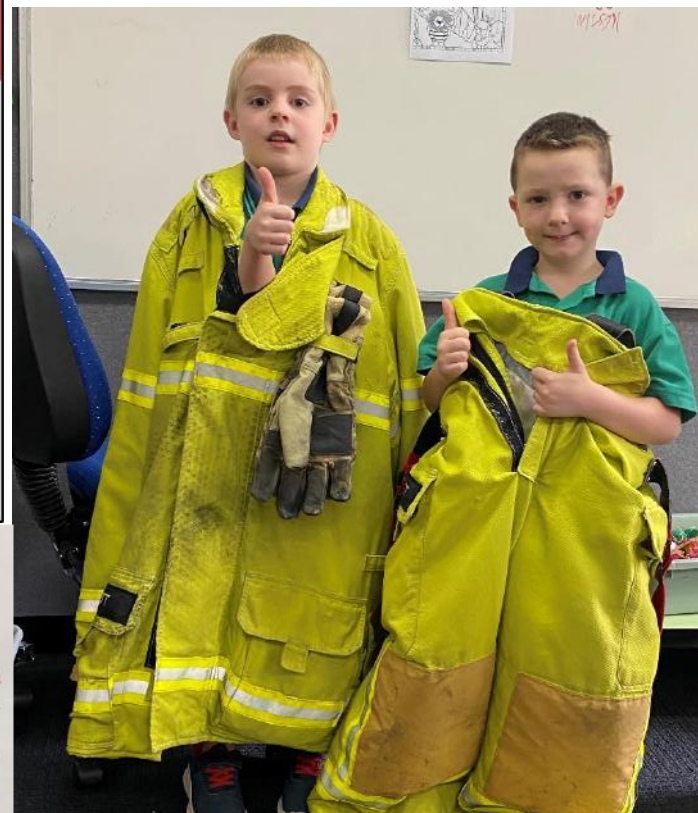
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Fire Danger Period Starts 1am, December 23rd, 2024

In the following Municipalities - Yarra Ranges Council
Knox City Council
Manningham Council
Maroondah Council

For more information on what you can and can't do during the FDP, check here - <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/can>

Last week, I had a chat about our local C.F.A. our uniforms and safety gear. We possibly have some Junior C.F.A. members in the making. Andy



Wangaratta Bike Camp

*At Camp we did a long bike ride. It was so hot. That is the day that we went to the pool and waterpark. It was nice to cool off. Most people were jealous of our bunk stretchers. On the way to Wangaratta, Riley ate the middle of a banana with the skin still on. After the waterpark I fell off my bike and I got a big bruise on my left leg. **Raven, 3/4B***

I set up my air bed inside and I put my pillow and sleeping bag on it. Then we played games inside the church where we set up our beds. Jack and I versed each other, we had to open a chocolate Freddo frog with our mouth and our hands behind our back and we tied! My favourite bit was the aquatic centre, when we were at that 0.6 metre pool. **Steven, 3/4B**

When we went to our Camp, it was fun. We set our beds up then I went to the couch. George was there. Then we became friends. For dinner we had chicken burgers, they were yummy. For dessert we had ice cream. When we got our pyjamas on, we were supposed to go to sleep, but George and I were talking at night. But we got in trouble for talking the next day. When I woke up, I felt like I was at home, but I



*wasn't at home. For breakfast we had pancakes and toast. It was delicious. Then we went for a bike ride but not Steven, Will, Declan and I. We went to Coles with Mr Barnard. We needed 4 packs of sausages for lunch. We went to the water park. For dinner we had chicken wraps and some people had beef wraps. **Jack, 3/4B***



*We stayed at a huge church. Riley, Brayden, William, David and I all set our beds up next to each other. I played pool against David a few times and won. I then played against Charlie and she won but it was fun. I like playing pool. Thursday, we went on a bike ride and it was horrible! It was so hot, it felt like I was burning in lava. After the long, hot bike ride we went to the waterpark to cool off. **Rory, 3/4B***



*My favourite part of camp was after we went swimming. 'Barney' and Andy said we could go to Maccas and get an ice cream. I was a part of Mr Barney's team and made sure everybody was okay, like taking care of people. **William, 3/4B***

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On Wednesday, all of us arrived at the church hall, and had free time. We went on a night walk and we had fun. But on Thursday, three others and I helped Mr Barnard cut the fruit and the sausages ready for lunch. But I had to put the sausages in the container. I loved the water park. **Declan, 3/4B**

We stayed at a church while we were on camp. We got all of our stuff ready when it was bedtime. After that we had some free play until dinner was ready. We had chicken burgers for dinner and it tasted really good! After that we went for a night walk then we went to sleep at about 10PM! The next day everyone woke up so early, some played pool, some played table tennis and some were just still asleep. After that we got in our clothes and waited until Bike Ed was ready. We rode all the way to the Wangaratta Water Park. It was amazing!
Jake, 3/4B



On the Wangaratta camp we went to the pools, pump track and water park. For dinner we had burgers the first night and wraps the second. The nights were horrendous because everyone stayed awake. I liked the food. **Jespar, 5/6C**

My favourite part of camp was when we went swimming because we were allowed to jump in from the deep end. I also liked the chocolate mousse, and Bruce (in the kitchen) was cool. But I hated the heat outside. **Katie, 5/6C**

A few days ago, we went to our school camp. It took hours to get there but the bus ride back was amazing. While we were there, we went to the water park, swam in the pool and had a bike ride. We also played some games but I was sick at that time. **Riley, 5/6C**

On Wednesday 20th, we got going on a very, very long car trip of 5 hours.

*We took a break from travelling to have a snack, and at that moment I realised how many flies there would be. Once we all got there, we walked into the hall which we would be staying at. Setting up was an unexpected challenge but yet a lot of laughter and fun. My favourite part was the car trip and the night walk we went on. The car trip was so fun because of the radio which was playing rock music and then Mr Bruder put on nursery rhymes. The walk was also good because of the simple yet beautiful sites. The food was amazing as well. We even got chocolate mousse and lollies at certain times. **Charli, 5/6C***



We went to camp on Wednesday. It was about a 5hr car trip to get to Wangaratta and it felt like it was 37 degrees. When we got there, I felt like I was going to collapse from exhaustion. We set up our beds once we brought our bags inside. We had schnitzel burgers for dinner. On Thursday, we went on a really long bike ride and I punctured my tyre. After the bike ride we went to the splash park. We had sausages for lunch. We went to the pump track after we finished playing at the splash park, and I fell over on my bike. It was exciting though at the pump track. On Friday, we had the same long ride home and I got some really good sleep. **Lani, 5/6C**



Sleepover

We had a School Sleepover for the Junior School, at the end of the week when the 3-6s were at Camp. It was a big day & night, starting at Millgrove with Gymnastics fun, then Jodie McGrath brought in 2 lizards for us to learn about and hold. We went to Warburton to a movie and then the water park for play & pizza. Finally, it was back to the Community Building for a Sleepover and a little movie. Clearly, we were tiring the kids out. They had a special breakfast together in the morning and by all accounts, they had a great time! *Nicole Hajder and Tegan Smulders*



First, we did gymnastics and then held a Bearded Dragon and a Mountain Blue-Tongue Lizard. After that, we went to the movies in Warby and watched 'Runt.' Then we went to the waterpark. We played in the water. We had pizza for dinner and ice cream for dessert. Then we came back and watched 'The Smeds and The Smoos.' Then we brushed our teeth and went to bed! *Monique, F/1/2S*







We went to the movies and waterpark, then we got a bottle of water then went back and went to bed. But my favourite bit, was that all of my friends were annoying me. **Ryder F/1/2S**

We went to go see a movie in Warburton. We watched 'Runt.' Then we went to the waterpark. I went down the big slide. I was at the end and I banged my back so hard.

I also went down the big bucket. It was so fun! My favourite part was in 'The Smeds and Smoos' when we saw them on separate sides and when Janet met Bill in the Warpular Wood! When I was in my pajamas, Ms Smulders did not recognise me until I showed her my head. I looked like a cheetah. **Annabelle, F/1/2S**

We went to the movies and we watched 'Runt.' We even went to the waterpark! I learnt how to go down the thing next to the slide. We also got to sleepover at Millwarra in the Community Building! **Chloe, F/1/2S**



I liked watching 'The Smeds and the Smoos.' We also got to sleep in sleeping bags and our teddies were there! I also liked how the lizard s had claws and ate bugs. We went to the movies and the waterpark! **Malachi, F/1/2S**

Thank you to Katie in 5/6C for typing our reports.



Tennis Clinic



Brayden kept hitting the ball away in tennis and Declan kept missing the ball. Holding the racket was awkward and I couldn't control my wrist. **Jespar, 5/6C**

We did tennis practice. I got to learn a few techniques. **Declan, 3/4B**

Today we finally had our tennis coach come. We had to change coaches because our last one was sick three times in a row and now, he's overseas

coaching. Our Tennis session was pure chaos for me. When we played one of our games, I was put in a group with Katie, Brayden and Jespar. We were driving Cat crazy. It was really funny. **Riley, 5/6C**



Today, I learned to do dabbing, (like throwing the ball down, and hitting it). My highest score for hitting the ball was four. It was a lot of fun, and very easy! **Steven, 3/4B**

On the 4th of December we had tennis clinics. Brayden and I were working together and we can agree that I'm horrible at tennis. But I'm still learning. When we were put into groups, I was with Riley, Brayden and Jespar. It was actually so funny, when Cat was about to lose her mind because we were so good! She was being just slightly sarcastic. **Katie, 3/4B**

I was with the P-3s for tennis clinic today. I was hitting a ball to a person, then I was hitting to Will. Next, we were bouncing the ball on the racket. It was tricky for me at the start, but then I got better and it was easy. My favourite part was hitting the ball to someone. I liked it! **Jake, 3/4B**

At tennis this morning, I learnt how to serve the ball and how to hit the ball better. The tennis coach and I got ten serves in a row. At the end, we all said thank you and goodbye to the coach and got snacks. **Brayden, 3/4B**

The tennis clinic was amazing. We got to do some fun exercises like bouncing the ball on top of the racket. We played some actual games of tennis, and I got 10 rallies! I was extremely happy and proud of myself. **Lani, 5/6C**



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Photos, hot off the press.....



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Next week
is the last
week

of Clubs & Kinder
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Sign-up times for 2025
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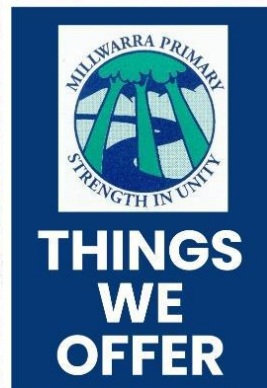
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We are small school with spacious campuses in Millgrove and Warburton East. We pride ourselves on our small class sizes to allow for targeted small group learning for all. We offer a wide range of extra-curricular and hands-on activities within our curriculum for all ages. We have a strong focus on Literacy, Numeracy, the Arts and student wellbeing.

