Millwarra Primary School's NEWSLETTER

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Principals' Report

Dear Families,

I have had some very positive feedback from the Production last week. The vibrance, dancing and singing really impressed many people and all in all they had a great time. The Drumming was also a real highlight as the students performed very well regardless of the judge's comments.

The Swimming starts next week with Warburton East, and the Millgrove Campus follows in 2 weeks. Please make sure that the children have their bathers and towels in their bag. Plenty of sleep is recommended as they get very tired over the week.

I need to let the community know that I am not the only retirement at the end of the year. Andy Bennett is also retiring and will be moving on to the next stage in his life. Andy has been an incredible presence at Millwarra for many years and will be sadly missed. Arni of course will have more of his attention now that he will be home more. Andy has been a wonderful support to so many families and students, it has been a blessing having him on board at Millwarra. Good luck Andy!

There should be news of the new Principal over the next fortnight, so we will inform you as soon as that happens.

The Grade 3-6 Camp is in 2 weeks, as listed in the Calendar. As mentioned in previous Newsletters, the children have been doing extra Bike Ed in preparation.

Rod Barnard, Principal

BOOKLISTS for 2025

A New Ordering System

IMPORTANT

We have introduced a new system for parents to purchase their child's booklist items for 2025. All parents will now place and purchase their OWN orders via a link through **COMPASS**.

Follow the instructions given

on your 7th October COMPASS notice.

Please check COMPASS.

There is a notice specific to your Campus and to your child's Grade level.

Parents to purchase online, their own child's, educational items to own and use.

The ordering window, is between

Monday 7th October and Monday 25th November.

Late orders will be accepted by Office National, Ross Office Supplies, but will incur a \$15 late fee and supplies may not be available for your child to use at the start of Term 1, 2025.

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

Thank you to those who have already completed their orders.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Day	Date	What Is Happening		
Term 4				
Mon	11th Nov	Remembrance Day Service at Millgrove Cenotaph Rock 10:45am		
Mon-Fri	11 th – 15 th Nov	Swimming Program for our Warby East Campus		
Wed	13th Nov	Free Tennis Clinic Millgrove Campus		
Thurs	14 th Nov	Glasses for Kids coming to both Campuses		
Fri	15 th Nov	Glasses for Kids coming to both Campuses		
Wed – Fri	20 th -22 nd Nov	Grades 3–6 Camp – Wangaratta		
Mon-Fri	25 th – 29 th Nov	Swimming Program for our Millgrove Campus		
Wed	27 th Nov	Free Tennis Clinic Warby East Campus		
Thurs	28 th Nov	AusMusic T-Shirt Day – more information to come		
Thurs	5 th Dec	ScienceWorks – Whole School Free Excursion		
Tues	10 th Dec	State-Wide Transition Day – K to F & 6 to 7		
Mon	16 th Dec	Grade 6 Graduation Night		
		Whole School Excursion - to Rush HQ Both Campuses dismissed from our Millgrove Campus Also, on this day		
	Thurs 19 th Dec	Everyone is invited to come to Rod's, Retirement Afternoon Tea, at 2:45pm in the Community Building at Millgrove. (After the whole school returns from the Rush HQ excursion.) This will be a lovely chance for our Millwarra Families and Community Friends, to say farewell to Rod, as our Principal. LAST DAY of Term 4 - for students		
Fri	20 th Dec	Curriculum Day – Student Free Day		

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.			
All Students	Breakfast Program b Warburton East Campus Tuesday and Thursday	Millgrove Campus Tuesday and Friday	
	2025 Booklists	See Compass email on the steps how to order and for the links to your payment options. A Booklist, for each child is listed, when you open the link. For more information, please contact the office.	Between 10 th Oct & 25 th Nov
Grade 3-6 students	Grade 3-6 Camp Notice	Wangaratta	Tomorrow 8 th Nov

Student Awards

- Malachi, F/1/2S, for excellent focus in class on his work.
- **Ryder**, F/1/2S, for independently and confidently reading his whole comprehension card.
- Declan, 3/4B, for perseverance and energy at Orienteering.
- Raven, 3/4B, for perseverance and energy at Orienteering.
- **Brayden**, 5/6C, for excellent improvement in Comprehension Box and Mixed Maths consistently improving results.
- Lani, 5/6C, for an excellent performance at Production.
- Whole Millgrove Campus, for patience and flexibility.
- Whole School, for AMAZING efforts at Production.















Orienteering Maroondah Dam

The 5/6 students went to the Maroondah Dam to do Orienteering with some other schools in the area. People had a choice if they went solo or in a duo. We would be sorted in age, gender and if we were solo or duo. We could also be in solo yet do the orienteering with another person. I myself, came 3rd place. (Last place for my group.) Charli, 5/6C

I was a single in Orienteering, but I still got 7 stamps right! It was so fun, although I got lost a lot. After I got back on track, I started finding the stamps. I

started sprinting to the stamps, only stopping to look at the maps or go up a hill. Lani, 5/6C

Orienteering was played at Maroondah Dam. If you don't know, orienteering is a sport where you find things like numbers, flags and much more. My favourite part of orienteering was when I got an award for one point. **Jespar**, 5/6C

At Orienteering Riley and I teamed up. We got 2nd place. We only got seven of the numbers and they were all right. The funniest thing that happened was that we broke Riley's drink

bottle. *Brayden*, 5/6C







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.

SunSmart

COOKING WITH JULIE

Vegetable Garden planting on 24/10/24

Last week some of Miss Hajder's class and I got very busy in the vegetable garden digging, planting, fertilising, mulching and watering! With Spring weather arriving a bit earlier this year, we figured we needed to get some plants in the ground to make the most of this warm growing weather! We planted cherry tomatoes, cucumbers, snow peas and watermelon seedlings. These new plants are in addition to what we already have growing; which is rhubarb, rosemary, oregano, parsley, potatoes, strawberries and silver beet. **Julie**



Today River and I went into the veggie garden and planted some watermelon seedlings. We planted 4 watermelon seedlings. We buried them, put the chicken poo fertiliser on, the hay on and then watered them in. We used Seasol, which has seaweed in it. which has nutrients in it. We smelt it and it smelt sort of saltish. I enjoyed the garden! **Leo, 2/3/4C**







We planted some snow peas. I came out with Caleb. We put some fertiliser around the plants to help them grow. We put some sugar cane mulch (it looks like hay) around the plants. It helps to keep away the weeds and it also acts like a blanket and keeps the soil a bit cooler in the summer. I liked it in the garden and I would like to do it again one day. *Angel*, 2/3/4C

Angel and I helped to plant the snow peas; it was lots of fun. I also helped to water the plants with the watering can. I found 2 butcher boys and a snail. The snail slithered into his little home. Angel and I sat on the Minion and Julie took our photo. Caleb, F/1/2H



In Our African Drumming Lessons



St John

St John First Aid in Schools Program

At St John, we believe that age is no barrier to First Aid awareness and responsibility. Launched in 2012, the St John First Aid in Schools Program is designed to educate children on how to assist in emergencies, whether at home, at school or on the sports field - all at no cost to schools or parents.

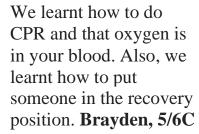
Millwarra is fortunate to have been part of this program for all of those years. All students from Foundation to Grade 6 learn how to assist in an emergency. Thank you to Sam, who was our St John First Aid presenter this year. She had all of our students totally engaged in



talked to us about our safety and what to do when you see someone who's unconscious. *Riley*, 5/6C

Today was First Aid. It was really fun and I learned a lot. I learned how to do chest compressions/CPR on a mannequin named Uncle Frank. If you hear a crack keep doing CPR. It is just a broken rib it can heal but a dead body can't. Lani, 5/6C





When we did First Aid, we learned how to put someone in the recovery position, and how to do C.P.R it was really fun. We were told that if you hear a snap while doing C.P.R that it's just a rib and to keep going because ribs can heal, your heart can't. The instructor's name was Sam and she was really nice. *Katie*, 5/6C



The Grade P-3s learnt about First Aid. First, we read a book about Freddy who got injured by falling off the monkey bars. Someone was able to help him by checking to see if he was okay and then he decided to call an ambulance. Jake, 3/4B

I learnt to call 000 if needed and how to do CPR. *William*, *3/4B*

The First Aid lady's name was Sam, and the mannequin's name was Uncle Frank. I learnt how to do the recovery position again because I forgot and

I probably will again. It was a bit fun. Raven, 3/4B

Sam taught us how to do CPR. She also taught us how the heart is meant to beat properly. *Declan*, 3/4B

At the start, we greeted Sam. Then she told us a story. In the story, Freddie got hurt by falling off the monkey bars and Johnny tried to wake him up by saying his name and squeezing his shoulders. But that didn't work, so Johnny got Freddie's Mum's attention, so she could call 000. Then help came. We learnt Danger, Response and Send for help. It was fun! **Steven, 3/4B**

My lesson at First Aid Training was a time to take in, all the things it takes to be someone who saves someone's life. *Jespar*, 5/6C

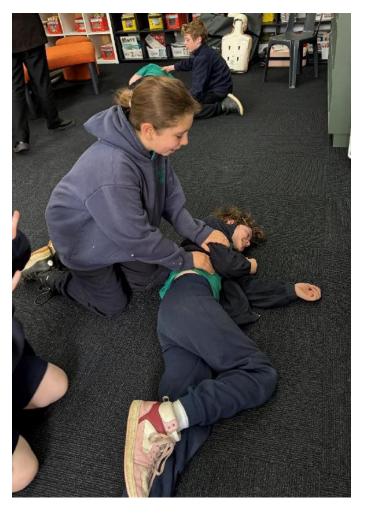




So, First Aid is a way to save people. It was fun but when you see your friend laying down on the floor you need to help them. In the book, Johnny was playing superheroes but Freddy missed a bar and he fell and did not wake up. Johnny looked for Danger. He saw a bike so he moved it. He asked Freddy's Mum to call for help and she called 000. Jack, 3/4B

I learned how to do CPR. David, 3/4B





Ben's Shed

Our finished pieces.

Gardening & Bike Building





I have Gardening as my Elective. It was super fun and I had a lot of energy to keep me going. I got to use garden shears, even though I think giant scissors suits them better. *Lani*, 5/6C

In Gardening, we harvested carrots and spring onions. The grass was very long throughout the vegie patch, so we weeded. **Jespar**, 5/6C

At Electives we did lots of weeding. I got dirt all over me because Jespar hit me with it. That made me sad but I had fun. *Brayden*, 5/6C

On the 29th we did Electives again. I finally painted the bike I'm building. The colours were, blue, black, red and purple. I can't wait to fully put it together! *Katie*, 5/6C



Production Night

On Tuesday 29th of October, we did a production called *Quest for the Country Crown*. We went to the Millgrove Campus. I had a sausage in bread and a soft drink when my family got there. The theme was country. My class was singing the songs, *Small Town* and *Boys from the Bush*. We did African drumming first. We watched Miss Hajder's class sing 5,6,7,8 and *Somebody like you*. We were next with our songs. After we performed our songs, I led off the stage, back into our seats. The judges, Arni, Mr Barnard and Mr Bruder were very funny because Arni kept telling jokes. I loved watching Ms Cellich's class songs *Quittin Time* and *Home Among the Gumtrees* because I



liked the dance moves in *Home Among the Gumtrees*. After that, we did the whole school songs, *Boot Scootin' Boogie* and *Wide Open Spaces*. I liked doing the dance moves. We had a really great night. *Ruby*, 4/5/6B

Production was extraordinarily good, but it was very loud. I was very nervous, but when we got on the stage and started singing it was really fun, and I wasn't nervous at all. When we were doing the bit where you have to, get down and turn around, Lani ended up falling down, but she said she was okay. At the end I went crazy. Aaliyah, 5/6C



My two favourite songs were *Home Among the Gum Trees* and *Boot Scootin Boogie*. I really enjoyed doing it because we only get to do production every 2 years. One of the songs that my class did was *Home Among the Gum Trees*. I really liked the songs and the scores we got. We got an 8 from Mr Bruder and an 8 from Mr Barnard and of course Arni gave us an 11. The other song we did was *Quittin Time*. I don't remember the scores, but it was fun and I'd like to do it again. *Lilly B*, *2/3/4C*

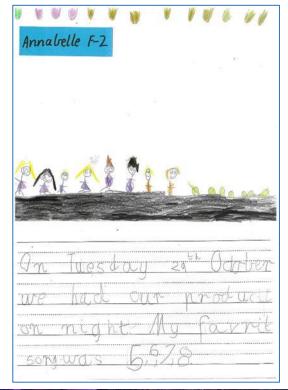




My two favourite songs were *Boot Scootin' Boogie* and *Quittin Time*. The singing was my favourite, although I enjoyed the drumming as well. The 2024 production has been my favourite so far. All four of my grandparents and my mum came, they all had a great time. When I was on stage I wanted to speak into the microphone. I was going to say "*Mr Bruder*, *if it gets our points up, I like your hat*". Sadly, I didn't say anything. *Zander*, 2/3/4C







On Production Night, I was very nervous when I got on stage, but as the songs progressed, I started feeling better. On the night, Mum tried to persuade me to wear a horse and ride it on stage, but I refused. My sister recorded me while I was singing for every song. I enjoyed the night. *Riley*, 5/6C

My favourite song was the whole school song because it was loud. My favourite dance move was the box step because we did it multiple times. My favourite part of the whole thing was the singing. I felt nervous and excited at the same time. Nadyaa, 2/3/4C



Before the show had started, we had sausages in

bread, which were delicious! At the start of Production, we checked that everything was all ready and steady. The whole time I was jumping in my shoes - ready for our turn to go up and perform. I was laughing continuously at the terrible and good jokes made by Arni. After the show I was half asleep from how jittery I was. In conclusion, I loved the show and performing up on stage. *Charli*, *5/6C*

My favourite song was Home Among the Gum Trees because we got the audience involved. I was excited that all my family were there, at the same time. I was nervous but excited at the

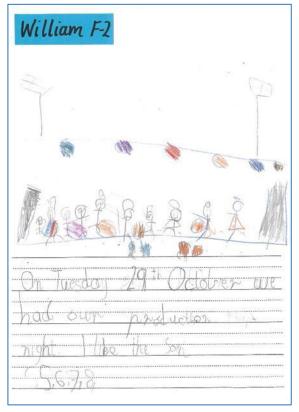
same time. I felt like I did really good and I was proud of myself. **Aaydan, 2/3/4C**

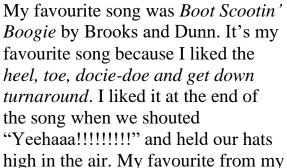
Mr Bruder's class sang *Small Town* and *Boys for the Bush*. We made it into the Grand Final. We did drumming too. The judges were Mr Bruder, Mr Barnard and Arni. I had a drink and a sausage. *Isaac*, 4/5/6B



MILLWARRA PRIMARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL PRODUCTION TICKET
Tuesday 29th October

Quest for the Country Crown



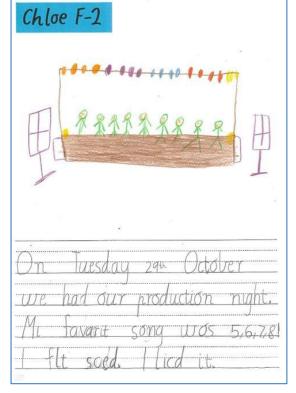


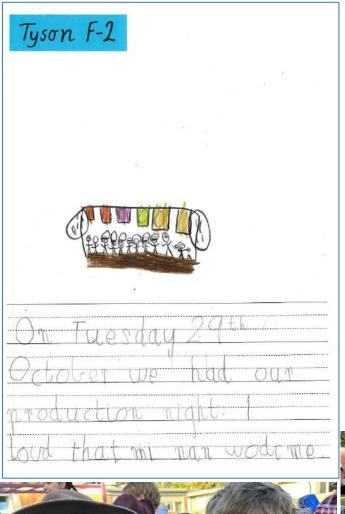
grade was *Home Among the Gum Trees* by John Williamson. My favourite part of the song is the chorus and we did dance moves as well. The other song we sang was *Quittin' Time*. My

favourite part was at the end when you do *right*, *left*, *right*, *left together*, then you do it again walking backwards. That was at the end of the song. It was fun, and exciting. I was proud of myself and proud that my mum and dad were watching me. *Noah*, 2/3/4C











On Thursday we did 'Quest for the Country Crown' on Production Night. We went to Millgrove and had a BBQ dinner. It was fun! When we were seated the judges did their act. It was funny. The judges were Mr Barnard, Mr Bruder and the special guest was Arni. Mr

Barnard was mean, Mr Bruder was medium, Arni was nice and gave everyone 10 points! I was excited. When we got on the stage, we sang Boys from the Bush and Small Town. I was exhausted. At the end of every song the judges judged us. It was exciting. **George, 4/5/6B**

At the Production, I liked it when Rory was being funny because Jespar and I couldn't stop laughing. My other favourite part was when Malachi was dancing because it was hilarious. He was so good. *Katie*, 5/6C

At the School Production my class did two songs, Small Town and Boys from the Bush. Rory's dancing was so funny. He was so good. I had a lot of fun but I was tired by the end of the night. One of the judges was mean to me (as part of the act) which my family thought was amusing. **Brayden, 5/6C**

The Production was really fun but tiring. Twelve people came to see me sing. I was a little uncomfortable because of all the people watching me. I ignored my stage fright and sang from the bottom of my

heart. Lani, 5/6C

My favourite song in my grade was *Home Among the Gum Trees*. My favourite song from the whole school was *Boot Scootin' Boogie*. Our grade got the highest score in the whole school. I don't get scared on stage because I am a ballerina. I helped River with the dance moves. This was my favourite night of the year. *JJ*, *2/3/4C*

The whole school was training for what felt like

eternity for one day! The judges were Arni, Mr Bruder and Mr Barnard. Mr Bruder was acting super professional. Arni was copying our songs exactly like a parrot and Mr Barnard was like a bully/mean judge. What I liked best was Malachi's dance moves. **Jespar, 5/6C**

In *Quittin' Time*, I was singing my heart out and I was really nervous but I still did it. *In Home Among the Gum Trees*, we had to make the song into a story. The judges gave us an 8, 8 and 11. After Arni gave us 11/10, we were screaming in excitement. We knew we had won. My favourite part of the whole night was knowing that my Mum, Dad, Nanna and Nan were watching. *Lilly P*, 2/3/4C







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 11th Nov to Fri 15th Nov.

Millgrove Campus: Mon 25th Nov to Fri 29th Nov.

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

Millwarra's \$5 Afterschool Clubs

at the Millgrove Campus





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

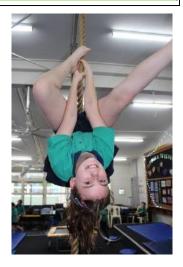
Thank you to our Millwarra families for supporting them. We've also been able to allow local kids to join too.

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.





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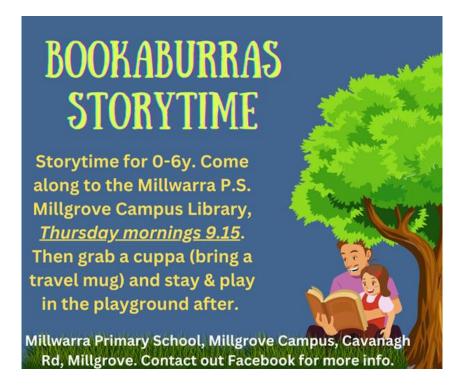
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FREE SMILE SQUAD DENTAL!

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.

FREE DENTAL

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To Millgrove Leaders,

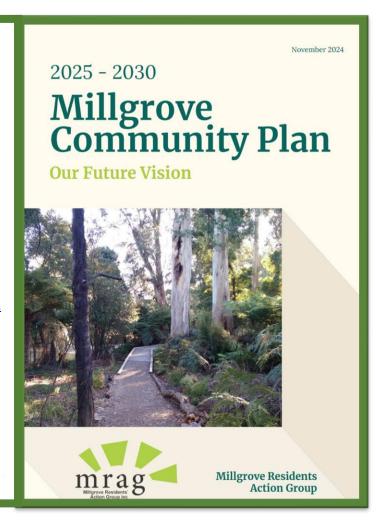
Please see below link to Millgrove's third community plan.

Your valued response will need to be received by Friday the 15th November.

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Responses will be collated, considered, shared and incorporated into the community plan. Due for the release of the final report on 2nd December 2024.

Thank you for your time, and input.





AusMusic T-Shirt Day is at the end of November. You can donate now to our School Fundraising page.

Click the picture to follow link.



Warburton Business Village (opposite Water Park)

