

# Milawa Primary School Information Book 2021

*Winner of the Rural City of  
Wangaratta's Community Event of  
the Year 2017 for the Milawa Oxley  
Fox Run....*



## Welcome to Milawa Primary School

Milawa Primary School would like to welcome all students and their families.

It is the aim of the school to enable all students to reach their full potential by creating an atmosphere in which positive growth is nurtured and all aspects of development are encouraged.

We are proud to provide a safe, happy and caring environment for students and an approachable and consultative atmosphere for families.

This book is designed to explain many aspects of the school and to assist our new families in making a smooth transition into the Milawa Primary School Community.

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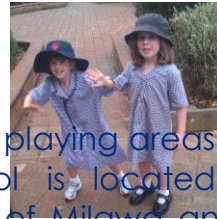
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## About our School



Set amongst established trees and with extensive grass playing areas and enviable resources, this highly successful government school is located on Milawa-Bobinawarrah Road, mid-way between the township of Milawa and the Milawa Cheese Factory. Sixty six students are currently enrolled.

Our Open Learning Facility consists of three classrooms and a Collaborative Learning Space. Our more traditional building houses one classroom, a library, specialist rooms, staffroom and administrative offices.

The school strives to create a personalised learning experience for each child. We can achieve this through our small class sizes which provide an excellent teacher/student ratio. This year the school has a Grade Foundation/1 a 2/3/4 and a 5/6.

The grounds are spacious and provide a safe and happy environment in which the children can play. They include shaded playground areas, a football / cricket oval and a soccer pitch. There is also a basketball court, rebound wall and a maze to encourage more creative and passive play. There is a shared eating area complete with composting facilities which help sustain our kitchen garden.

The school is well equipped due largely to a hard-working Parents and Friends' Association who facilitate community engagement and raise funds, and School Council who are continually looking at ways to improve the school, and put many hours in to make this a reality.

Parent participation is welcomed and encouraged, with parents being involved as classroom helpers and in many other aspects of the success of our school.

We currently provide Before School Care from 8.15am and in semester two hope to have a broad range of After School Sports is available to all students from P -6 at no cost to parents. Oxley Primary Outside School Hours Care program caters for the needs of busy parents outside these times and during school holidays.

We welcome your interest in the quality education that Milawa Primary School can provide for your child. Come and chat with our highly skilled and approachable staff. But best of all, spend some time with our students, of whom we are justly proud.

# School Council **Milawa Primary School Staff 2021**

Current Enrolment – 70

The School Council plays a key role in Milawa Primary School. Participating as a school council member is a rewarding and challenging experience. The school council is an elected group of parents, staff and community representatives who support the principal to provide the best possible educational outcomes for students.

For more information on the roles and responsibilities of a school council see:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/primary/Pages/parent.aspx>

The School Council also has sub-committees which are open to all members of the school community. In 2020 our sub-committees are Finance, Environment and Grants and Policies.

- Student Wellbeing and Welfare
- ICT
- First Aid
- OHS

- Mr Ash Campbell
- Miss Jessica Brennan
- Mr Rick Petts
- Mrs Sonia Waters
- Mrs Dianne Robinson
- Kristy James
- Mrs Maria Rindji
- Mrs Jo Briscoomb
- Mr Anthony Lawler
- Mr Michael Braendler
- Ms Georgia Mahoney
- Ms Lynne Gleeson



## Office Bearers

- President: Nathan Mullane
- Vice President: Caroline Bennett
- Treasurer: Deb Bridgfoot
- Secretary: Jess Brennan
- Executive Officer: Ash Campbell
- Ash Campbell, Jess Brennan & Rick Petts
- Ash Campbell & Di Robinson

## Parents and Friends' Association

The school has a very active and enthusiastic Parents and Friends Association. Our P&F meets twice per term alternating between day and night meetings.

They provide essential support in fundraising and involvement in school activities and work with school council to provide vital links and insights into the school community.

New members always welcome.

Please contact the school for a copy of the P&F constitution.



# Prep Transition and Enrolment

## Student Leadership

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At Milawa Primary School we have a vibrant and enthusiastic team of student leaders. Each year the school elects school captains and vice captains. These students prepare a speech and present this to the community and are then voted for by their peers and teachers. It is the responsibility of school captains to prepare and run the school assembly each week, to set an exemplary learning and leadership example across the school and to represent Milawa Primary School at many functions across the year.



### School Captains

Mia Graham

Cooper Ellis

### Vice Captains

Erin Collins

Oliver Mullane

Our senior students also have opportunities to be leaders through the buddies program. Each year 5 student is matched to a prep student who they spend time with in class and in the yard for two years. All other school students are matched up in a buddy group also.

We also have a leadership program which all year 5/6 students participate in. There are up to 11 ministerial roles in the school and students apply for a new position each term. Roles include; Public Relations, Sustainability, Communications, ICT, Organisation, Waste Management and Sport and Recreation. Students develop responsibility for the running of many tasks across the school and can use their student voice to implement new initiatives.

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# School Uniform

Term 1: 27 January (school teachers' start) to 1<sup>st</sup> April.

Milawa Primary School has a compulsory school uniform that is smart and worn proudly by its students.

Term 2: 19 April to 25 June  
The school colours are red and navy blue.

Term 3: 12 July to 17 September  
Term 4: 4 October to 17 December

Plain navy blue shorts/skirt

**and**

Red Milawa Primary School polo shirt

**or**



Uniforms may be purchased from Steers Clothing in Wangaratta.



Students may wear runners or black school shoes. All shoes must be closed toe.

Students may wear a plain navy/red skivvy or long sleeve shirt under their school hat in the winter.

## Active After School Communities

The Australian Government's Sporting Schools program was a national initiative that provided primary school children with access to free sport and other structured physical activity programs. At Milawa we ran this twice per week from 3.45pm to 4.45pm.

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Girls may also choose to wear plain navy tights with their skirts. Black leggings are not permitted. Grade 6 students will be able to purchase an optional skirt and shoes.

er, rugby top or fleece

School hats must be worn from September to April.



Parents should make sure that their children's form of dress is suitable to wear to school. Please clearly label all items of clothing, especially hats and jumpers!

# Student Learning Literacy

At Milawa Primary School we offer our students a personalised approach to learning and each student has the Department's Literacy Strategy. This enables us to be precise, personalized and professional in our teaching of your child. We explicitly teach reading and writing, this includes spelling, grammar, comprehension, handwriting, speaking and listening. Literacy is also integrated into each other content area.

**Curriculum**  
We utilise a number of literacy teaching strategies including:

We teach according to the Victorian Curriculum for reading program includes a core classroom teacher and other visiting specialists. We explicitly teach literacy, numeracy, emotional literacy, words their way spelling, handwriting, reading and writing. [More information](#)

Strategies for Life Long Readers



**We would love to chat with you about the classroom strategies we use and show you**

Our staff teach according to the Hume Region Classroom Teaching Techniques, these are designed to set them apart as experts, not just experienced teachers and include:

1. Positive Relationships
2. Protocols for Teaching
3. Knowledge of Content
4. How Students Learn
5. Explicit Teaching
6. High Expectations
7. Feedback and Reflection

Our classroom practice is also firmly rooted in evidence based practice and models such as the work of John Hattie in 'Visible Learning For Teachers' 2012.



## A literacy

Whole Class – the class

Explicit Teaching for instruction workshop use intention.

Independent reading/writing learning intention

Whole Class Reflection

# Emotional Intelligence Numeracy

Numeracy at Milawa Primary School is according to the Department's Numeracy strategy. This enables us to be precise, personalised and professional in our teaching of your child.

At Milawa Primary School we place a large emphasis on the development of Emotional Intelligence (EQ). Researchers have found that even more than IQ, your emotional awareness and ability to handle feelings will determine your success and happiness in all walks of life. It includes the ability to control impulses, delay gratification, motivate themselves, read other people's social cues, and cope with life's ups and downs.

**Essential Components of an Effective Primary Numeracy Lesson**

- Timetable indicates a committed Numeracy block daily of 60 minutes.
- Classroom environment accommodates a differentiated numeracy lesson structure and appropriate resources for fluency.

We use strategies and programs including:

- Class profiles are used when planning numeracy lessons.
- Precise student data is used to provide differentiated instruction.
- Students are familiar with classroom routines.
- Teacher monitors/records student learning and teacher effectiveness.

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**First ask them to stop**  
**Walk**  
**Next walk away**  
**Talk**  
**If you walk, you must**  
**tell someone who can**  
**help you**

## Restorative Practices

When children have a disagreement we conference with them and help the students to understand how they can work together to make things right.

- What were you thinking about when...?
- Who has been affected by...?
- Did it impact on anyone else?
- What could you have done instead?
- What do you think needs to happen now?

# Camps ICT Information Communication Technologies



At Milawa we love to go away together. We often travel with OLC schools and it's a great opportunity to build relationships, independence and challenge yourself.

P-2

A day excursion based on a unit of work.

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Alternate between two nights in Melbourne staying in the heart of the city and a two night outdoor education camp at 15 Mile Creek

5/6

Alternate between a 3 night surf camp at Queenscliff and a 3 night civics and citizenship trip to Canberra



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Students may also have the

following opportunities

Numerous other online memberships, Apps, software programs that enhance student learning

- 4/5 Woorabinda Network Camp (4 nights)
- 5/6 Somers Camp (8 nights)
- School Captains may attend the Young Leaders Conference (1 night)
- 5/6 Bogong Alpine Leadership Camp (4 nights)



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## http://Specialist Programs

We offer our students a wide range of learning opportunities at Milawa Primary School. In addition to the rich learning within their classroom, all students participate in learning provided by specialist teachers. Classes include:

- Library. The MARC Van travels to our school once per fortnight and students may borrow library books from the van. They also have specialized library teaching. This is a service provided for small schools.
- ART. The MACC Van travels to our school, and brings with it our experienced art teacher, Jo who only teaches students skills and techniques in Visual Art, enables them to create masterpieces and opens up their eyes to the world and history of artists.
- LOTE. The learning of a second language is extremely important to us at Milawa Primary School. Our students learn Italian, through direct language instruction, songs, games, online, cultural experiences and Italian Day.
- P.E. Each class receives a structure P.E lesson each week from our specialist, Mr C!



We also offer private instrumental tuition if families wish to participate in this.

Our instrumental music teacher Michael Braendler provides lessons at an additional cost for:

Guitar

Drums

Bass Guitar

# Sport

Milawa kids are fit and active kids. We spend lots of time outdoors making the most of the North-East Victorian climate.

Each day the classroom teachers take students outside for games, specialised sport lessons, fitness and lots of running around. This helps our students to concentrate better on their learning and builds confidence, motor skills and teamwork.



Each term we have a different sport focus, these include:

- athletics
- swimming
- cross country
- jump rope
- dance

Our students may also have the opportunity to compete in national sporting competitions in sports such as Milo T20 cricket, cross country, netball, football, athletics and others.



In 2015 we were awarded the winning school at the Wangaratta Fun Run schools competition!

# Ovens Learning Community

The Ovens Learning Community provides vital links



Library



Kitchen Garden



Positive Posters Events



Community Run



Student Work Displayed

# Links



*“Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel.”*  
— Socrates

These are some places you can go to find more information on parenting, helping your child at school and more.

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au>

<http://raisingchildren.net.au/>

<http://www.parentingideas.com.au/Home>

<http://www.essentialkids.com.au/>

<http://www.theresilencedoughnut.com.au/>

<http://www.earlychildhoodaustralia.org.au/>

<http://www.kidspot.com.au/>

[http://www.pbs.org/parents/talkingwithkids/agebyage\\_5.html](http://www.pbs.org/parents/talkingwithkids/agebyage_5.html)

<http://www.acara.edu.au/default.asp>



There is so much more to Milawa Primary School than can fit into an information book. Please contact us if you would like further information, better yet – pop in for a visit!

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We also have a great website with lots of up to date information, please check it out. It's also mobile friendly!

[www.milawaps.vic.edu.au](http://www.milawaps.vic.edu.au)