CONCERT
Congratulations to all participants in our wonderful concert at the Arts Centre. It is always a moving event with the excitement of using the MAC venue. Students really enjoy going backstage and waiting in the wings for their entry onto stage. The older students gain great experience working backstage on lighting, sound, props and curtain raisers. So much learning is involved throughout the year leading up to the concert so I do hope families and friends enjoyed it as much as the performers. Fiona Gray and Catherine Threlfall directed with a team of staff and volunteers assisting, to bring the concert to life. Tim Williams from MAC was excellent in supporting the concert and working with students backstage. In all a very successful venture again this year. Thank you to all involved.

SWAN HILL SPORTS DAY. Last week a group of students travelled to Mooroopna to compete in a netball carnival for the first time. The girls played three games and then travelled to Swan Hill where they competed in the Combined Swan Hill Athletic Sports Day. Fellow students travelled to Swan Hill on Thursday morning for the day trip. All students gave their best effort and were proud to be second place getters on the day. It is always appreciated when staff offer their own time to support our students to go away on trips.

SCHOOL COUNCIL met on Monday night and we were once again offered coffee from students, who are participating in the Hospitality course. Paul Trevaskis was at hand to supervise and Sienna and Willow made us an excellent brew. School Councillors reviewed and ratified a number of policies to bring us in line with VRQA requirements all schools must meet. There is a lot of reading involved and I do appreciate the time counsellors give on the school’s behalf.

We wish all a safe and happy holiday break. School finishes at 2 pm on Friday 16 September and resumes on Monday October 3.
Marg Curran
Principal
School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

We are focusing on learning about being safe. Each classroom will have a number of lessons they will be teaching with rewards for students following our school values. Students will receive certificates and wrist bands during assembly. If your child has a wrist band he/she is encouraged to wear it to school as there is a competition running for students spotted wearing the bands. Attached is a reward chart that many teachers are using in their classroom which may be suitable for home. It also shows the language students are hearing at school.

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OUR SWPBS VALUES
School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

BE SAFE

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ART NEWS

PLASTER USED TO MIX, POUR AND SET MASK MOULDS IN ROOM 10

Towards the end of this term Room 10 students had a treat in making plaster casts, using a mask mould to create their form. After watching the plaster being mixed and poured into their moulds each student had to ensure there was minimum spillage of plaster before it set! Once hardened the moulds were removed and the students were able to decorate the surface of their forms. While facial features were encouraged, students could explore the paint application in other ways. Lachlan chose to use a blend of colours over his cast mask which developed into a very harmonious mix of colours. His work was similar to that of the Surrealist artist Rene Magritte who did a series of cloud paintings over Napoleon Bonaparte’s mask back in the 1930s.
Well done Lachlan for staying on task with this project and receiving an Art Award before the school break!

MUSIC AWARDS
MULTI SENSORY NEWS

After weeks and weeks of practicing, we finally made it to concert week. Tuesday was our first performance, allowing us to perfect our dance moves for Wednesday’s performance in front of our families and friends.

We would like to say thank you to Fiona and Catherine for helping both staff and students with their costumes and dance routine. We all had so much fun, it is hard to get Zorba out of our minds!!

EARLY YEARS NEWS

Students are now reflecting on term three by creating models of their communities with Lego and other materials.

It has also been a busy week with the school concert rehearsals and the performance on Wednesday. It was great to see our students participating and enjoying the opportunity to perform in front of an audience.

Term Four will bring with it the warmer weather, so please ensure students have a labelled broad brimmed hat and wear appropriate clothing. Putting some sunscreen on the face, back of the neck and arms in the morning if possible is also a way to avoid sunburn.

The Early Years team are looking forward to Term Four and wish everyone safe and happy holidays.

LOWER MIDDLE YEARS

Recently Lower Middle Years had a visit from Museum Victoria. We were presented with an information session on "Bugs". Students were heavily engaged with the hands on tasks of exploring various insects. Students were able to hold an Australian Katydid which lives on Pea plants. Students also got to hold a stick insect. Some of the Lower Middle Years’ students attended the recent Sports Day in Swan Hill. All competitors demonstrated wonderful sportsmanship throughout the day. Mildura Specialist School finished in overall second place.
**UPPER MIDDLE YEARS**

Congratulations to all the students who went away to the Netball camp last week. They all did a fantastic job at representing our school. Thanks also to Mallee Sports Assembly and school staff who organised this event. Congratulations to all students participating in the Swan Hill sports and our School Concert. It has been a very busy final fortnight but also a very successful one! Upper Middles’ staff and students wish everyone a happy and safe holiday. We look forward to seeing each other again in two weeks, for our final term of learning.

**LATER YEARS NEWS**

This fortnight has been a busy time for all at MSS. Last week some Later Years’ students went away overnight and participated in the Netball competition at Shepparton, then the next day even more students went to Swan Hill to compete in the interschool Sports Day. All concerned reported that the sporting events were fun, exciting and successful! This week is the culmination of many weeks of practice when we hold our MSS Concert at the Mildura Arts Centre. At rehearsals the students have displayed great talent when singing, dancing, playing musical instruments and delivering their performances! The costumes look fantastic too. Thanks you to all who have helped, especially Mrs Fiona Gray and Ms Catherine Threlfall.

**Student Representative Council News**

Last week a group of 13 girls from Upper Middles and Later Years went on Netball Camp to Shepparton. They had been training during term and enjoyed playing games in the AAA All Abilities Netball Competition. We would like to thank, Mallee Sports Assembly and Country Care who sponsored us supplying our great tops and accommodation for two nights.

Back - Sienna, Georgia, Grace, Tulisha, Jamie Lee, Front – Courtney H, Kayla, Willow, Shania, Ashley, Jen, Daphne and May
SCHOOL REMINDERS

PAYMENTS
School fees, camps, excursion and cooking costs etc. can be paid to our Bank Account, details are:
Commonwealth Bank
BSB: 063 557
Account No: 10080861
Please enter the name of student and activity you are paying for.
Thankyou

EXCURSIONS
All excursions can be paid by instalments, either at the school office or online through the school account. See above for details for the school bank account.
Please ensure all relevant forms are signed and returned with payment before the due date.

MEDICAL
At Mildura Specialist School we have children who have an anaphylactic reaction to nuts, eggs, seafood and kiwi fruit in the school. Please be mindful of this fact when preparing your child’s lunch or snacks.

MEDICATION
In the interests of safe practice, medication must be brought to the office in its original packaging by an adult and paper work completed to authorise school personnel to administer it.

Please note: Students are not to transport medication to school.

HEADLICE
As a school community, we share the responsibility to control and manage head lice infections. Head lice have been around for many thousands of years and cannot be eradicated. Supporting each other to minimize their spread is vital.
It is important to check your child’s head regularly with conditioner and comb even when you don’t think your child has head lice.

CANTEEN NEWS
The canteen will operate each Friday; orders must be completed and returned to school no later than Tuesday morning of that week.
Order forms are available to download and print from the MSS website.
All lunch orders must be in on Tuesday mornings.
Students process these orders: Tally money, give change, and place orders independently to meet their VCAL outcomes.
We are unable to process late orders.
Thanks for your co-operation
Paul Trevaskis

UNIFORMS
Our school uniforms are supplied by LASER SIGN & PRINT and are available from 3 Andriske Crt Mildura. Contact person is Darran Seaman, phone: 03 5021 1129 mob: 0429 437 858
For all other enquiries for uniforms please contact the school.

PARENT/GUARDIAN/CARER CONCERNS
If you have a concern with any aspect of your child’s education, please contact the Office (5021 3311). They will:
1. Put you in touch with the appropriate person
2. Help organise a meeting with the appropriate person.
It is important that your concerns are addressed as quickly as possible.
We now have a suggestion box in the front office if you wish to make use of this. All ideas are welcome.
SCHOOL REMINDERS

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Parents/Carers please take note of Parent Pick Up times.

Early Years and Lower Middle Years: 2:45 – 3:00 pm
Upper Middle Years and Later Years: 3:00 pm

This is to help ease congestion on Deakin Ave and for safety of cars and students.

STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school could you please notify by one of the following means:

- Phone: 5021 3311
- Medical certificate
- Appointment notification
- A signed and dated note with student full name

POST SCHOOL OPTIONS

Information Sessions

All sessions will be held in Room 19 from 4:15 pm to 4:45 pm

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Be Healthy Be Active
COMMUNITY NEWS

Stepping Stones Mildura Central - Vacation Care Programme

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SASSG MOVIE NIGHT:

16/9/16 - SASSG MOVIE NIGHT. Half light and sound down. Avoid disappointment and buy your tickets early.
Sensory Film Night showing 'Secret Life of Pets' at Deakin Cinema complex. This event is for children, teens and adults on the spectrum and their immediate family members and/or carers.
Date: One evening only - 16th September
Cost: $6.00 per person (RRP $11.00pp), payable at Cinema.
Time: 6pm sharp.
150 Tickets available now from the Deakin Cinema complex.
Be quick to pre-purchase your tickets. (no hold on tickets)
This is another event supported by the Mildura Rural City Council. As the MRCC is contributing the other $5.00 towards each ticket sold.

25/9/16 - INFLATABLE WORLD - Free admission for SASSG members children.
SASSG is holding a Family Fun Afternoon on the 25/09/16 at Lifestyle Plus, Inflatable World, (3 King Avenue, Mildura), from 4.30pm to 6.30pm. For children on the Spectrum and their siblings. All parents and carers are welcome to attend, as you will need to supervise your own child/children.
Most welcome to BYO food and drinks for you and your children. You can also purchase a variety of hot and cold drinks, and snacks from the snack bar at inflatable world.
Maximum number 100 children in total. Must Register.

AUST-LINK

After many calls requesting One on One Young Driver Personal Training Aust-Link is now making this available. We are now offering Hourly lessons at $50 per hr; this is a great program that gives students the confidence and Basic knowledge to drive.
All lessons will be held at the Aust-Link facility where students will be instructed on Vic roads approved roadways.
For more information and bookings contact Julie Hughey on 50238581