Principal’s Report

Congratulations to all award winners.

Assessment and Reporting: This Friday teaching staff will write reports on student progress in 2016 and Education Support staff will engage in professional learning on communication strategies and School Wide Positive Behaviour Support.

Professional Learning: On Monday staff will complete full day Professional Learning in working with students with challenging behaviour and providing a safe learning environment or all. We are also looking at the New Department Guidelines in implementing Child Safe Policies.

School Review: This year we are reviewing our Strategic Plan and our achievements over the last four year period. School Council President, Connie Aldamiz is involved in the review process. The reviewer will look at our documentation and work within the school for four days. This will commence on November 21. If you would like to join the interviewer for a conversation please contact me. A time has been provided at Wednesday 23 at 9:00 am.

Transition: Preparations are underway for 2017 with our new Prep students having regular visits on Wednesdays. New students transferring from other schools are also visiting over the next few weeks. Our current students will visit other rooms for a variety of activities to assist in planning and prepare them for changes. Rooms and teachers they are visiting are not necessarily the rooms they will be in next year.

School Council meets next Monday afternoon at 5:30 pm. Students do not attend school on this day but the School Council meeting will go ahead as scheduled.

Marg Curran
Principal
We are now focusing on learning about being Respectful. Each classroom will have a number of lessons they will be teaching. During assembly some students will receive certificates and wrist bands. If your child has a wrist band he/she is encouraged to wear it to school as there is a competition running for students 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 using at school.
**ART NEWS**

MINION POWER

This week Katie from ILS is the sole recipient of an Art Award for work she did recently. This was based on the popular film characters, the Minions. Katie made a successful interpretation using a black painted sheet of paper that covered a layer of oil pastels. As Katie scratched into the surface, creating her drawing the lines took on the various colours layered underneath. Katie’s focused efforts for the whole lesson saw her complete her project and demonstrate how working responsibly enabled her to achieve a pleasing result.

“T’S A MAD WORLD”

Per Westman a seasoned Circus OZ performer, amazed and enthralled students and staff this week when he presented his show “It’s A Mad World”. Working the audience first as a shy stagehand with slapstick comedy that had the students in stitches as he fumbled and juggled bowling balls, through to a transformed and polished performer that balanced a chair then golf sticks on his chin, Per’s show was on the mark in having the students totally engaged in all his antics!

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**MUSIC AWARDS**

Just a reminder that Friday 18 November is the last day to order School Concert DVD’s and photos. Please make sure your order is in and paid for by this date.
MULTI SENSORY NEWS

This week Multisensory students played their instruments while Catherine sang Jailhouse Rock on her guitar. All the students had a great time, smiling throughout the song. During these music sessions, students are able to play a wide range of musical instruments, including guitar, bells and a range of different drums.

EARLY YEARS NEWS

Students in Early Years have been conducting ‘Cause and Effect’ experiments, using baking soda and vinegar and ‘Goop’ using corn flour, water and food colouring. Students mixed pepper, water and detergent to also see what happened. Students watched how air from a balloon can fill up a plastic bottle and how to make a mini fountain with a straw and a plastic bottle. Students watched a balloon inflate using vinegar and bi-carb soda.

Students in the Darling Room have been looking at the life cycle of plants and how our weather causes changes. Using fresh apples, Room 16 students made prints in a line and sequenced the numbers 1-12. Room 17 students role played ‘The Giant Turnip’. Room 4 have written book reviews about Hairy Maclary.

We would like to congratulate Shenae on her recent wedding.

LOWER MIDDLE YEARS

This week Room 9 has been getting prepared for the School Magazine. We have been taking photos of the students’ having fun learning. We have been involved in the school wide competition to see who might have their artwork on the back page of the magazine. We have been practising being Safe, Responsible and Respectful so that we can draw our School Wide Positive Behaviour pictures.

We are also looking forward to the student transitions that start this week. We are very excited to see who we will be interacting with from other classrooms. We have been talking about how we will make other students feel comfortable and happy in a new classroom.

In Humanities, we are learning about different celebrations from around the world. So far we have learnt about Spring, Halloween and Diwali. The students have really enjoyed learning about different customs.

Now that we are well into the sunny season, we are reminding everyone how important it is to be Sun Smart and to wear your school hat in the playground.
UPPER MIDDLE YEARS

Students enjoyed a very entertaining performance yesterday by a solo mime artist. It is inspiring for the students to see such skillful performers. If your child attempts to juggle balls or balance hats on their nose, they are all tricks that they watched. We were very proud of Haymish from Room 23 who was prepared to join in when he was asked to play a support role in the uni-cycle act.

On Wednesday we began our Transition Program preparing students for next year. There are about eight students moving into Upper Middle Years from Lower Middle Years and about 16 moving into Later Years. Over the coming weeks, students will experience some time in different groupings and with different staff. Please support your child by talking about the changes.

Well done to the students of Room 25 who won the school wide ‘Walktober’ competition completing the most exercise in the four weeks of October. That class will enjoy a morning of fun at Inflatable World for their efforts.

LATER YEARS NEWS

Room 21 students have been doing some transition visits with SRS Benetook Farm and Christie Centre in recent weeks. There have been two bus tours with Bernie Chaplin, visiting services such as Around Again, ArtRageUs, Chocolate Co, Christie Centre, Life Skills and Christie's Emporium. This has enabled students to experience first hand what these services can provide for post school options.

In recent weeks we have visited the SRS Benetook Farm completing activities such as Art and Craft, farm jobs and cooking. Students have really enjoyed being able to experience these services while they are in operation and sometimes catching up with past students/friends they haven't seen for a while.

Later Year's staff member Mark Tregeagle recently attended professional development, visiting schools with outstanding Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) programs. These included Bellarine Secondary College - Drysdale Campus and Lorne-Aireys Inlet P-12 College. Mark had an opportunity to learn about programs that explore issues such as diversity, culture and community connections. The opportunity gave him a chance to source new ideas to further engage students in meaningful, real-world education.

Mark said a highlight was listening to the Bellarine students describe how they have rejuvenated an old vineyard into a sustainable VCAL project. The students proudly escorted visitors around the vineyard explaining the processes they went through and how it met their VCAL outcomes.

Student Representative Council News

The SRC have been busy preparing for the upcoming Diabetes Day on Wednesday 16 November. A reminder that students are able to wear casual dress on the day. SRC will visit classes with some activities. SRC have been finalising arrangements and are enthusiastic about bringing their knowledge to the whole school. Activities will include sorting foods onto a healthy eating pyramid and a short exercise routine. Healthy eating and exercise on a regular basis, is good for everyone, including those with diabetes.

Duke of Edinburgh

I met with some of the staff and students from rooms 24 and 25 this morning to discuss their participation in The Bridge Award program. The students have been planning a variety of activities and events to meet the needs for this program. Some of their plans include an end of year celebration for Upper Middles and Speedy November to meet the physical component of the Bridge Award. They have also been completing volunteer hours through their Horticulture work around the school and out at the Botanical Gardens. I was most impressed with their enthusiasm for the program and the respectful way all students participated in the meeting. Thank you to the staff and students for supporting this Award Program.

Terry Dyke
**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.

There is a suggestion box in the front office if you wish to make use of this. All ideas are welcome.
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
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

Be Healthy Be Active
RESULTS OF WALKTOBER 2016

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Total = 6288 REPS
There were 12 schools in the Sunraysia district who took part in the Walk to School event this year. The Mildura Shire Council offers an incentive to each school participating in this event. This year's prize is a session at Inflatable World Mildura and each child that attends will also receive a free 100% Cruncha Ice Block. Thank you to all our staff and students who participated in the Walktober activity. What a terrific effort by one and all!
First place was a tough battle between Miss Shenae's Early Years’ class, Multisensory and Miss Frances’ Upper Middle Years’ class. Certificates from the Walk to School Organisation will be given to these classes for their amazing efforts.
Congratulations to everyone for their efforts. Our winner is Miss Frances's class who took out First Place. Congratulations to Room 25! Miss Frances's class will be going to Inflatable World on Tuesday the 14 November.
Susan Alexander
Healthy Communities Committee Co-ordinator.
Hello All,

Lego club is on again this Saturday from 10:30am to 11:30am, 110 Pine Ave.

All Welcome