Welcome to our second term of the year.

Congratulations to our award winners for this week and the last week of Term One. Students are encouraged to wear the wrist bands given for SWBS.

We have a number of changes occurring this term.

Speech Pathologist, Zorica Killeen will begin maternity leave next week and Julie Andriske will begin working one day a week with classroom groups for oral language sessions. Julie currently works with the students and will extend her hours with us. Stephanie Gowers will continue to work with individual students and Early Years’ groups. Angela Slorach will work with the Later Years in a shared class with Jo Pegus.

Kate Tyson will also begin maternity leave this term. We wish both Zorica and Kate all the best with their extended families.

Elizabeth Patterson is now teaching in the Upper Middle Years and Erica Credlin will support the classroom program working with Elizabeth.

It will be a longer term than our very quick Term One and with ILPs completed we will be able to settle into learning programs. We can already notice a difference with prep students who are more familiar with the routines of school life. With colder weather coming please remember to have warm jackets labelled so we can ensure they are returned home each day.

Alpine Ride: In the last week of term students and staff returned from the Alpine Bike Ride after successfully completing the ride. It is a big achievement and our students were well prepared by staff, Ryan Doherty, Erica Credlin and Jodie Gibson. We acknowledge the extra time given by staff for this event to occur.

In the coming weeks a number of students will participate in adventure activities at Lake Cullulleraine and there will be a number of activity days throughout the term. Please keep an eye out for notes.

Marg Curran
Principal
MULTI SENSORY NEWS

It is great to have all students back at school ready for another exciting term. Hydrotherapy will continue each Tuesday and Thursday. Please let the classroom teacher know if you would prefer for your child not to swim in the cooler weather. This term we will be exploring the themes of Autumn and Winter. Students will participate in walks in the community, dressing up in seasonal clothing and undertake a wide range of art and sensory activities based on these themes. Stay tuned for our fortnightly reports and exciting photos.

EARLY YEARS NEWS

Early Years are going to explore toys and games from the past and present this term by making their own toys and by playing old fashioned games. Students have been reading about toys and investigating the different types of toys. Welcome to Benjamin, who is a new student in the Early Years. The weather is now colder in the morning, so students may need to wear a jumper. Please ensure clothing is clearly labelled with your child’s name.

LOWER MIDDLE YEARS

Welcome back for a busy Term Two! The goals, outlined in your child’s ILP will continue to be taught this term and will be reported on at the end of this semester. An Anzac Day Service will be held this term as well as more SRC and Healthy School activities. Please read the newsletter fortnightly to make sure you are aware of special school events. Please remember to label all school uniforms and hats, as they are very expensive to replace. Have a great fortnight!
We would like to welcome Erica and Mrs Patterson to Upper Middle Years. We are all very excited to have you as part of our team and hope you enjoy getting to know students and staff.

Students in the Upper Middle Years will be exploring countries of the world during Term Two. This is a very exciting topic. We will have the opportunity to investigate cultures, traditions and world histories. Both staff and students can't wait to start exploring these ideas and learning all the interesting facts regarding our beautiful planet.

Upper Middle Years’ staff would like to thank all family and friends who attended our Picnic last term. It was a huge success and the turnout was better than expected.

Welcome to Term Two everyone. Rooms 18 and 19 students have been working on their Maths’ projects (Egg Drop) during first term and will see those completed in the coming weeks. Room 20 students are continuing to work hard on their school work with Miss L'Huillier and Room 21 will have a new teacher (Angela Slorach) in their room for Thursdays and Fridays. She will join Jo Pegus in providing the students with an exciting curriculum.

I would like to congratulate Damien who has become School Vice Captain after Nick moved at the end of last term. He has been showing great leadership in SRC and we are very happy that he accepted the extra responsibilities.

Harmony Day last term was great. We had many students participate in the activities and some families visited for the special assembly.

On the holidays we were notified that we were successful in gaining a grant for $815 to go towards purchasing a new bike rack. Congratulations to Damien and Matt M who were instrumental in this application.

SRC was also successful in gaining permission from School Council to Sponsor a Child through World Vision. We will be completing the application process in the next few weeks.

Mrs Dyke will be working with SRC for the next two Wednesday afternoons. They are preparing for the ANZAC assembly which will be held on Friday 22 April at 2pm in the school multipurpose room. Families are welcome to attend.
**ART NEWS**

**A Disc Of Bright And Cheerful Colour!**

What a wonderful surprise to discover Larni from Room 1 producing such a bright, emphatic and solid colour image! The class was shown and assisted in drawing a circle then filling it in with colour using crayons. While most students explored the possibilities of working the colours, Larni took to the task with gusto! Her piece was a totally filled space, not a bit left untouched and all of it done by Larni herself.

With a little bit of help to cut out the circle using scissors, Larni had a finished ring of sunshine! A fabulous start to the term, well done.

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**School Wide Positive Behaviour Support**

Welcome to the new school term. For the start of this term our school will be focusing on learning about being safe. Each classroom will have a number of lessons they will be teaching. During assemblies some students will receive certificates and wrist bands. If your child has a wrist band they are 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.
## OUR SWPBS VALUES

**School Wide Positive Behaviour Support**

### BE SAFE

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**Notes:**
- Use equipment safely
- Follow staff instructions
- Have personal space
- Move in a quiet and calm manner
Potato pancakes are a great comfort food packed with crunch and flavour. These are an easy and inexpensive way to feed the family, and we've even added sweet potato to this recipe, just for fun!

8 | prep: 0:20 | cook: 0:20

**Ingredients:**
- 500 g desiree potato (peeled, grated)
- 500 g sweet potato (peeled, grated)
- 1/2 cup plain flour
- 2 unit eggs (lightly beaten)
- 4 unit spring onion (washed, sliced)
- 1 pinch salt
- 1 pinch pepper
- oil (for frying)
- sour cream (*to serve)
- beetroot (*to serve, chopped)
- salad leaves (*to serve)

1. Combine all the ingredients except the oil in a mixing bowl. Heat 2-3mm of oil in a non-stick frying pan on high.
2. Place a spoonful of potato mixture into the hot oil and gently flatten. For a perfect shape use a deep egg ring. Allow a crust to form on the bottom before attempting to move or turn them. It should take around 5 minutes, each side, on a medium-high heat.
3. Remove potato patties from the pan and drain well on paper towel. Repeat until all the mixture is used.

Serve with sour cream, beetroot and salad leaves.

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**Camps, Sports and Excursions Funds (CSEF)**
The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) commenced in 2015 for four years and will provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions.

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. $125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students, with $225 per year paid for eligible secondary school students. A special consideration eligibility category also exists. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student.

CSEF applications are open for 2016. If you are eligible for the CSEF please call into the office to complete a form as soon as possible.
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 now 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

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

Music awards

Congratulations to all students receiving Music award
Disability Expo

Providing an overview of disability support services & employment options for people with a disability

- Christie Centre Inc.
- The Mildura Chocolate Company
- ArtRageUs
- Life Skills on Pine
- Aroundagain
- SunTAFE
- AXIS Employment
- Sunrayasia Residential Services (SRS)
- Benetook Chooks
- Mallee Accommodation and Support Program (MASP)
- Annecto
- Mildura Rural City Council
- Mallee Sports Assembly
- Aidadcare Pty Ltd
- Trio Support
-Australian Hearing
-All Star Access/Mallee Family Care
- SOLVE Disability Solutions

Mildura Specialist School
(Multi Purpose Room)

Wednesday 4 May 2016
10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
and
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Further Information Contact:
Kathryn John
Team Leader
Mildura Specialist School
50213311

Kim McGrath
Case Manager
Department of Family and Community Services,
Ageing Disability & Home Care, NSW

Amy Whitford
Case Manager, Disability Client Services, Mallee Area, North Division
Department of Health & Human Services
PACS - Parents and Carers Support Group, Sunraysia

Supports Parents and Carers of Children with a diagnosed Disability. Get together in a casual and supportive environment to share experiences, have a cuppa and a chat.

The group meets regularly, for coffee, lunch or a family dinner.

For details visit our Facebook page or website.
www.facebook.com/pages/Parents-and-Carers-Support
PACS-Group-Sunraysia-Inc

For further information contact—0419 892 730 (Julie)

Come along and join us for a cuppa and a chat.

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Behavioral Workshop

Parent/Carer workshops Mildura

Date: Thursday 26th May 2016
Time: 9.30am – 3.00pm
Venue: Maddoc Community College Mildura, 133-137 Maddon Avenue Mildura

Cost: FREE for parents and carers. A light lunch is provided.

The Early Days Workshops are for parents and carers of young children (aged 0 - 6) who have a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), or who are currently undergoing a diagnosis. Amaze (formerly Autism Victoria) facilitates these workshops in Victoria.

The Behavioural Workshop covers:

- Why behaviour issues develop in children with Autism
- How to identify the purpose of your child’s behaviour
- How to develop strategies that are specific to the purpose of the behaviour
- How to teach your child an appropriate replacement behaviour

REGISTRATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL – Please go to
http://www.amaze.org.au/events-home/early-days/early-days-workshop-dates/
2016 Winter Social Competition

Get a Group of Friends Together & Join Our Saturday Morning Competition at Mansell Reserve Under 9’s Through to Under 17’s

Competition Starts Saturday 30th April 2016
Game Times 9.30, 10.30 & 11.30am

Register Your Team
Single Player Registration Also Available (Subject to Numbers)
Registrations Close Friday 22nd April 2016

Coaching Support
Umpire Mentor Program

For More Information or to Register Contact Malissa Haby
Ph: 0408 129 076 or E: admin@milduranetball.com.au

Mallee Sports Assembly
Mallee Sports Assembly and Football Federation Sunraysia.
Welcome new and old players to join our Soccer 4 All Program in 2016.

• Have you been interested in learning Soccer?
• Do you have a disability?
• Why not come and join our program with Football Federation Sunraysia.

Where: Soccer Park, entrance from Flora Ave, just after 11th St, towards Merbein.

When: Wednesday’s from 13 April until 22 June 2016

Time: 5.15pm—6.15pm. Cost: FREE
Contact: Tanya Wild: Phone: 5021 3464, Mobile: 0417 925 539;
Email: tanye@malleesportsassembly.org.au