ANZAC Day Service Henderson Park. School Captains, Ashley McCall and Rivers Watson attended the service to participate in the ceremony and lay a wreath on behalf of the school.

ANZAC Day School Service: It was very moving to witness the ANZAC service held at school on Friday. The service was organised by Mrs Dyke and presented by students from the Student Representative Council. Students made poppies and wreaths and a number of families attended.

Disability Expo 4 May: This highly valued Expo will again be presented at the school. Session times are from 10:30am until 1:30 pm and from 3:30 pm until 5pm. Keep the date available and come along to discuss what services are available in our district and how you can access them to support your child. The event received very positive responses last year with families and carers having an opportunity to meet and greet representatives from services and ask questions relating to their own situation.

Fundraising- Coomealla Golf Club Charity Day: Please see the flyer in today’s newsletter advertising a golf day on Sunday May 8, which may be a great activity for Mother’s Day.

Next School Council Meeting: Monday May 9 at 5:30 pm

Marg Curran Principal
**MULTI SENSORY NEWS**

Over the past two weeks, students in Multisensory have been participating in activities based around the ‘Autumn’ theme. Students have been out in the community looking at the changing leaves on trees, listening to Vivaldi’s Four Seasons (Autumn) on the interactive T.V. and to stories from the library. Last week, Multisensory students made their own poppy field for the ANZAC Day service held on Friday. All students made their own poppy, to be put alongside other displays, to make our own Flanders Field. Students listened to interactive stories on the interactive T.V. and to the bugle being played.

**EARLY YEARS NEWS**

This week in Early Years we have been doing activities related to ANZAC Day. In the Early Years rooms we read ANZAC stories and made poppies for the ANZAC Day assembly. Some classes also made ANZAC biscuits. With the weather getting cooler in the mornings students may need to wear labelled warmer clothing in the coming weeks.

**LOWER MIDDLE YEARS**

Lower Middle Years students have had a busy start to term two by preparing our ANZAC Day celebrations and learning about cultural diversity as our integrated topic. Our classrooms have been focusing on Australia which ties in nicely with ANZAC Day. We are very excited to be getting ready for our annual camp which will be held at Lake Cullulleraine on selected days during the week of May 9 – 13. There are lots of fun activities planned that will generate team bonding and allow the students to practice their personal and social skills. Please make sure you return permission slips and medical notes so your child can attend.
**UPPER MIDDLE YEARS**

On Tuesday 19 April, Upper Middle Years’ students from Room 25 and Lower Middle Years’ students from Room 9 started the first day of their buddy group by practising math skills together. The focus was telling times to o’clock and half past, matching money quantities and using materials to demonstrate place value. This was an amazing experience to witness as the older students were able to support the younger students in their learning whilst experimenting with new ideas. Upper Middle Years students stated that “It was a great opportunity”.

**LATER YEARS NEWS**

Later Years and two Upper Middle Years’ students took part in two activity days with Canoe Images at Hattah last week. The aim of the two days was to improve teamwork skills as well as improve Personal Development skills such as cooperation, turn taking, encouraging peers, persistence and patience. The excursion was a huge success.

Room 19 students took part in the choir for ANZAC day on Friday. They sang well and contributed to a successful ceremony for our fallen and currently serving soldiers.

**Student Representative Council SRC News**

On Friday 22 April, the SRC held the annual ANZAC Day Assembly to honour and respect our fallen service men and women. The SRC were very proud to participate in this assembly, where those who went to Kokoda spoke from the heart. It was wonderful to see so much memorabilia and precious items such as war medals for us to view, together with the bunches of rosemary and the wreaths.

All students and staff paid respect to the ANZACs by contributing a tile of poppies which represented the Flanders Fields. The SRC would like to thank all families and friends for joining us on this special occasion.

From the SRC
ART NEWS
FROM KEN TO ROBERT AND ANDY TO JORJA!

Andy Warhol created a classic image of a banana back in his heyday during the 1960s when such images were considered excitingly different. Jorja in Room 9, along with her peers in Lower Middle Years, has been exploring ways of drawing fruit. Her choice of the banana for her favourite fruit was drawn in a very personal interpretation way. This design, made with colour pencils and attention to detail has landed Jorja the Art Award this week.

In the previous week Robert in Room 13 did some experimenting with drawing around templates then used oil pastels to independently generate an image of pencil shapes and splashes of colour not that far different from the work of the Australian artist Ken Whisson who for many years now has been pushing the boundaries of figurative and landscape picture making. Robert's application of pencil and oil pastels was pleasing to observe during his room's Art session.

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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<th>Use equipment safely</th>
<th>Follow staff instructions</th>
<th>Have personal space</th>
<th>Move in a quiet and calm manner</th>
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Be Healthy Be Active

I’m a healthy lunch box!

• Carrot and celery sticks
• Low fat dip (e.g. hommus)
• Cubes of reduced fat cheese
• A boiled egg
• Wholegrain bread spread with avocado
• A mandarin
• Strawberry

• Small tin of baked beans (salt reduced)
• An apple
• Corn thins
• Grapes
• A tub of low fat yoghurt
• Water

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSION 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 a 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
- SuniTAFE
- AXIS Employment
- Sunraysia Residential Services (SRS)
- Benetook Chooks
- Mallee Accommodation and Support Program (MASP)
- Annecto
- Mildura Rural City Council
- Mallee Sports Assembly
- Aidacare 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:
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Mildura Specialist School
50 213311

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

Amy Whitford
Case Manager, Disability Client Services, Mallee Area, North Division
Department of Health & Human Services
COMMUNITY NEWS

COOMEALLA GOLF CLUB
CHARITY DAY
PROUDLY SUPPORTING

Mildura Specialist School

SUNDAY 8TH MAY 2016

$25.00 PER PLAYER
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11.00 AM

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Janice Chan, Manager ACD Educate and mum to young man with disability

ACD CONNECT is a free workshop series guiding families to manage their funding and supports to help their child achieve a meaningful and fulfilling life.

Much of what you learn in ACD CONNECT will be useful to you NOW as well as in the NDIS future. The knowledge and skills gained from these sessions can be applied to your current situation wherever funding or supports your child has.

What will I learn?

> Navigating the system before the NDIS roll out
> Planning and goal setting
> Putting your plans into action
> Advocating for your child
> Developing community connections
> Introduction to the NDIS – the basics

Is ACD CONNECT for me?

✓ Are you the parent or carer of a child with a disability aged 5-18?

✓ Do you want to learn how to plan, manage and direct your child’s services and supports?

✓ Are you keen to connect with other families in your community?

ACD Connect: Mildura

Session dates: 23rd June, 21st July, 18th August, 15th September
Time: 9.30am – 2.30pm
Venue: Quality Hotel Mildura, Donata’s Room, Seventh Street, Mildura
To register: Contact Anne Page on 0428 175 801 or annep@acd.org.au

Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Participants must commit to attending all four workshops. ACD members will be given preference in event of over booking.

For further information please visit www.acd.org.au/acd-connect

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.