

MILDURA SPECIALIST SCHOOL

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Striving for Independence

We value being: **RESPECTFUL** **SAFE** & **RESPONSIBLE**

Child Safe: Mildura Specialist School is committed to safety and wellbeing of all children and young people and has a zero tolerance for child abuse.

DATES TO REMEMBER

11 March –Labour Day School Closed

Principal's Report

Welcome to the 2019 school year.

Our first day was full of excitement with students catching up after the holidays and for meeting new friends and new teachers. Reassurance is often helpful at the start of the year and encouraging children to look forward to each day. Having a routine in place for early nights during the week will help students transition from holiday mode to school life particularly in the hot weather.

Tribute: Sadly, during the holidays we had two members of our school community pass away.



Ethan Neyland, aged 14 was not well enough to attend school during the last year. Ethan started here in his Prep year and we have many fond memories of his time growing up and engaging in learning activities. He will be sadly missed by staff and students. Our thoughts are with his family at this time.

Kathryn John, Team Leader in the Secondary area had been ill for some time. Students in the Secondary area talked about this today and may need to talk about this with you.

Kathryn, a treasured colleague and friend worked at the school for the past eight years and developed some wonderful relationships with students, families and staff. Kathryn was passionate about education and worked closely with students to meet their goals. Kathryn was dedicated in her work and generous with her time. Kathryn will be remembered and missed by all.



Staffing: We would like to welcome two new teachers, James Paterson in the Upper Middles' area and Alex Rowbotham who is teaching in the Early Years'.

Shenae Francis has returned to our staff after a year working at Red Cliffs Secondary College. Shenae is also working in the Early Years.

Mark Tregeagle has taken a position at the Senior College for the 2019 year and may return for the following year. We wish Mark all the best in his new role.

Reminders:

Uniform: All students have compulsory uniform and supplier details are available from the office. Please ensure hats are supplied to be SunSmart. It is a great idea to name all clothing articles, especially if you would like them to return home.

Preps departure for February is at 12:30 each day to ensure students have a routine, manage the hot weather and demands of school life.

Diaries and Notes:

At the end of the year, many notes were sent home to sign and return along with any updated medical plans. Please ensure these are returned so we can properly plan for your child's needs.

Risk minimisation plans: We have a number of students who are at risk of Anaphylactic reactions and this includes eggs, nuts, watermelon, kiwi fruit, seafood, pineapple, strawberries and figs. Ensuring your child washes their hands after eating and prior to school will minimise the risk of passing allergens on to others.

Communication books will be supplied so you can write to teachers each day and read notes in return.

We look forward to a great start to the year and to establishing strong relationships with students and families.

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