

# MILDURA SPECIALIST SCHOOL

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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.



Striving for Independence

## DATES TO REMEMBER

20 December—Last Day of Term 4.

Early Years and Upper Primary 1.40pm. Secondary and VCAL 1.50pm.



TERM 4



## Principal's Report



Congratulations to our Award winners this past fortnight. Thank you to room 19 students for running the assembly this week and for your presentation about being safe in different circumstances. Room 23 ran the assembly last week. I really liked the Swedish Chef Happy Birthday video! The students also presented about being safe with passwords and how to be safe at school and in the community. Well done.



The Senior SRC representatives prepared a Remembrance Day video for classes to view last Friday. The students presented their research about Remembrance Day and provided the time for the minute's silence.



Congratulations to Austin for being nominated and awarded the Foundation VCAL (with support) Award at the VETDSS (VET Delivered to Secondary Students) Awards' ceremony last night. Austin was also nominated for the Student of the Year. Thank you to Paul Trevaskis, Susan Alexander, Jamie Murray, Belinda Blennerhassett, Heidi Milner, Specialist teachers, Anne Page and Kylie Hanstock for all your work and support. We are all very proud of you Austin.



You would be aware that there are lots of mosquitoes around at the moment. We have supplies of roll on and cream repellent for each class. If you would not like this to be applied please contact your child's teacher. Alternatively you may like to supply your own or apply before school. Please do not send in aerosols on advice from DET.

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Please note: The Department (which includes our school) does not have accident insurance. Items of personal property that are lost, stolen or damaged at school are not the responsibility of Mildura Specialist School or the Department. Staff and students are reminded not to bring items of value to school.

## Principal Awards

Room 6 - Moses: for supporting a younger student safely into school. Room 9 -

Room 11 - Oscar: for waiting his turn and responding appropriately using classroom AAC to say 'Good Morning'.

Room 11 - Oscar: for following instructions in the yard.

Room 11 - Lacie: for using her communication device to show a staff member how she is feeling.

Room 24 - Thomas: for filming his Graduation Speech in one take.

Room 24 - Robert: for filming his Graduation Speech in one take.

Room 25 - Nash: for independently helping another student in the yard.

Room 24 - Antwone: for supporting a younger student safely into school.

## SWPBS Awards - being Respectful

Room 10 - Deshawn: by independently greeting and saying goodbye to his peers and staff with a positive attitude.

Room 11 - Oscar: by following visual and gestural prompts to sit quietly during Circle Time.

Room 11 - Kera-Lee: by listening and getting help when requested by a staff member.

Room 11 - Patrick: by listening and getting help when requested by a staff member.

Room 11 - Lacie: by listening and getting help when requested by a staff member.

Room 20 - Gabriel: by completing all set tasks to the best of his ability.

Room 22 - Abbie: by always speaking to others in a respectful voice.

Room 22 - Kane: by ensuring he has finished all set digital technology tasks before leaving to go to outside play.



Cosi participated in a step-by-step instructional Cubism tutorial during his Art session. As a result, he was able to produce a spectacular Cubism inspired art piece. Congratulations Cosi!

Art Specialist Shana Morgan.



## 2022 VETDSS Excellence Awards

Austin Burgess was nominated for an award recognising excellence in his VCAL and VET studies.

These awards are open to students from all schools delivering VCAL and VET across the district. Students nominated must demonstrate a positive attitude to their studies, excellence in the quality of their work and commitment along with leadership and teamwork skills.

Austin independently prepared a slide show and impressed the interview panel with his enthusiasm, attention to detail and passion. As a result, the panel nominated Austin for the VETDSS Student of the year.

We congratulate Austin VCAL Foundation – Additional Assistance – Winner VETDSS Student of the Year Nominee.



## ART

During Art this last fortnight in Rooms 1,2,10, 23 and ILS we have focussed on three Eras of Art. Cubism, Fauvism and Pop Art.

Picture 1 is a collage of a Poppy completed by Bunya from Room 1 inspired by the Cubism art form, commemorating Remembrance Day.

Picture 2 is a collage of a Poppy completed by Amy from Room 1 inspired by the Cubism art form, commemorating Remembrance Day.

Picture 3 is a collage of a Poppy completed by Levi from Room 1 inspired by the Cubism art form, commemorating Remembrance Day.

Picture 4 is a step by step drawing of trees, drawn by Tobias from Room 23 inspired by the Fauvism art form.

Picture 5 is a step by step drawing of trees, drawn by Matthew from Room 23 inspired by the Fauvism art form.

Picture 6 is a hand drawing of a dog, drawn by Emily from Room 23, inspired by the Fauvism art form.

Picture 7 is a Pop Art inspired drawing by Cheyenne from room 23, using a black texta and paint sticks of a mouth with rainbow colours.

Picture 8 is a Pop Art inspired drawing by Ryan from room 23, using a colourful textas' of a caterpillar.

Picture 9 is a Pop Art inspired drawing by Kye from room 10, using paint sticks to make his name stand out at you, hence POP art.



## Mildura Specialist School Maths Competition

Please write your answer, with your name and class number and place the answer in the Maths Competition Box, located in room 8. Winners will be announced at assembly week 6.

**Questions** – How many marbles are in the Jar?



Answer:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

## EARLY YEARS' NEWS



As part of our 'Outside Activities' topic this term students in room 1 and 2 found out which fruits they liked then we did a taste test with lots of different types. We sat outside in the Garden and had a picnic.



Students in room 1 made blossom tree pictures to celebrate Spring.



In room 1 and 2 we have been working hard practising writing. We have been writing our numbers, our names and short words.

## UPPER PRIMARY YEARS' NEWS

Room 9 students have been watching their plants grow bigger and bigger, recording their progress as they grow. Room 6 created a class wreath from poppies to commemorate Remembrance Day. Each student coloured poppies and then cut them out and combined them into a Class wreath. All Upper Primary students attended the puppet show last Friday called "Lets Chat Habitat" and were laughing at the very funny show.



Room 4 enjoyed using the Smoothie Bike and making a nice healthy smoothie. Students used their pedal power to make the blender work. They all had a taste of their healthy creations.



## PAL NEWS

Students in room 13 have been out in the garden. Students have been maintaining the strawberry bed and getting rid of weeds that have popped up after the rain. Reece is checking out the strawberry bed. Tywayne and Than are digging up garlic that they planted in Autumn. Alex is admiring the hanging garlic as it dries.



Room 23 has been working on an integrated unit about The Great Barrier Reef. Students have learnt about the plants, animals and food chains on the reef. They have worked together to construct a collage of the reef.

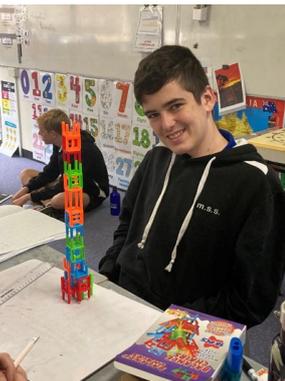
At present, students are learning about threats to the reef and how people can minimise their impact on the environment.



## SECONDARY PreCAL NEWS



As part of our work on Remembrance Day last week, Ella and Gabe researched to create an information report.



As part of their unit on Measurement, Room 22 had a problem solving challenge, to build the highest chair tower they could. The record was 62 centimetres!

## SECONDARY—VCAL NEWS



In Physical Education, VCAL students have been going to Sparkes Gym to learn boxing. So far, we have practiced punching the punching bag with professional gloves and the right technique. We have been doing various forms of cardio, such as push-ups and jogging. Boxing at Sparkes is helping us to exercise and keep healthy. I feel that our time at Sparkes is helping to teach us about perseverance and healthy ways to positively cope with emotions. Our class seems to enjoy it. We are having fun and learning lots of skills.

By Jorja.



REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY PRESENTED BY SENIOR SRC REPS, INDI, AUSTIN, SETH & EMILY. First off, we made posters and delivered a speech about Remembrance Day. Our speech was used in last week's Assembly. While presenting, we were remembering those who fought in the war. It felt good to be a part of this day, and we were honored to present this speech.

Lest We Forget. By Austin.



**MOVEMBER**

The atmosphere in Room 18 and 19 is exciting. We are having fun learning about MOVEMBER. We have been researching about the cause and how all men and ladies can get involved. We have been making posters to help educate others about Movember, and to help raise donations. We are using a visual tracker to track how our fundraising is going. We have played, 'Pin the Mo on the Bro' as a way to have fun and celebrate Movember. If you would like to support us with a small donation, you could leave it with the office or for staff, we have a donation box in the staff room. Alternatively, please visit the link to our MOVEMBER page at <http://au.movember.com/movember/14790239>

By Stephen, Cody and Riley.



Just a reminder also, that the VCAL Store is still up and running with plenty of wonderful handmade products available for purchase. If you would like to place an order, please fill out the attached order form.

16/11/2022

DEAR PARENTS/CARERS,

**MILDURA SPECIALIST SCHOOL  
IS SEEKING YOUR SUPPORT FOR  
DONATIONS TOWARDS OUR CHRISTMAS  
HAMPER RAFFLE**

Items can include, non-perishable foods, Christmas decorations, table items etc.

Items may be sent to school with your child or dropped at the front office by Friday 9 December.

Thank you  
Cathie Toma  
Fundraising Coordinator



# VCAL Store PreOrder Form

Name:

Contact details: \_\_\_\_\_

(Contact number, room number, student name)

**Cash or EFTPOS payments accepted. Full payment prior to order fulfilment is required. EFTPOS payments to be made at MSS Front Office. If paying with cash, please attach payment to order form and take to Room 18.**

Product	Image	Quantity	Price	Total
Tomato Relish			\$4.50	
Protein Balls (4pk)			\$4.50	
Hessian Pot Covers			\$5.00	
Beeswax Wraps (3pk)			\$15.00	
Reusable Face Wipes (2pk)			\$10	
Beaded Fidget Tags			\$5.00	
Sugar body scrubs citrus/strawberry			\$3.00	
<b>Total</b>				

# November

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>Melbourne CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>	1	2	3	4
6	7	Lunch orders due in.	8	9	10	11
13	14	Lunch orders due in.	15	16	17	18
20	21	Lunch orders due in.	22	23	24	25
27	28	Glasses for Kids.	29	Year 12 Graduation	30	

# December

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	Lunch orders due in.	6	7	8	9
11	12	Lunch orders due in.	13	14	15	16
18	19	Last Day Term 4. Early Departure	20	21	22	23
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## SCHOOL REMINDERS

### 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.

### 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

### CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSION FUNDS (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) commenced in 2015.

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card (Centrelink Card/Health Care Card) or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply for CSEF. \$125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students, and \$225 per year is paid for eligible secondary school students. A special consideration eligibility category also exists. Payments are made directly to the school.

### MEDICAL

At Mildura Specialist School we have children who are at risk of an anaphylactic reaction to **nuts, eggs, lactose and seafood** in the school. Please be mindful of this when preparing your child's lunch or snacks.



### 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.

### 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.**

**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 from the school office or can be downloaded and printed from the MSS website.

**All lunch orders must be in on Tuesday mornings.**



### 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.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

**Early Years and Upper Primary Years: 2:40—2.50 PM**

**Secondary Years and VCAL. 2.50—3.00PM**

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

