

MILDURA SPECIALIST SCHOOL

Newsletter No : 5

DATE: 7 April, 2022

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

8 April - Last Day of Term 1—Early finish—1.40pm Early Years and Upper Primary
1.50pm Secondary, PAL and VCAL

26 April - 1st Day of Term 2

13 June—Public Holiday—No school.

20 December—Last Day of Term 4.

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Principal's Report



Awards

Congratulations to our Award winners this week. It was great to have so many awards this week. Well done to all!



School Council

Thankyou and welcome to Amy Hensgen who is joining our School Council this year. Our next meeting is on May 9 at 5.30pm.

Individual Education Plans

Individual Education Plans will be sent home before the holidays for most classes. Due to staff absences, finalisation of plans will occur in the first week back. Team leaders will contact parents/carers if affected by this.

Lake Cullulleraine Camp

We currently have 15 students, from PAL and VCAL and five staff at Lake Cullulleraine on a camp for the week. We made the decision early in term one to cancel the Bike Camp at Myrtleford due to concerns about the distance from Mildura and Covid 19. The students are having a wonderful time bike riding, kayaking and engaging in outdoor activities. Last night, tents were pitched for a camping experience.

Professional Practice Days: You may be aware that a new industrial agreement is being negotiated for teaching staff. Whilst the agreement has not been finalised the Department has granted a Professional Practice Day for Term 2. Schools have been encouraged to schedule one day for all teachers so casual relief staff don't have to be employed. This would be a day for students to stay home. Teachers will engage in activities related to our Annual Implementation Plan. The date will be negotiated with staff and scheduled in consultation with School Council. We will endeavour to provide as much notice as possible.

Xuno – We have been made aware that some accounts are no longer active. If you can't access Xuno please contact your child's teacher or the office directly. Please download the app so you can receive and send messages from your mobile device.

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Assistant Principal: David Wright
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Web Address: www.mildss.vic.edu.au

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.

Student Learning and Wellbeing

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's team leader if you have any questions or need support.

Team Leaders:

Early Years and Upper Primary, Multisensory – Kate Tyson

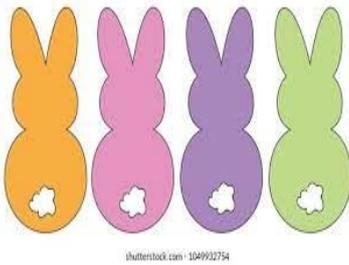
Personal and Applied Learning –Matthew Leslie

PreCAL and VCAL– Heidi Milner

I would like to thank all the staff at MSS for their inspirational work this term. It was challenging at times with many staff and student absences and the lack of casual staff to cover. Thank you to all for maintaining the academic emphasis and for providing opportunities for the fun learning activities like the Smoothie Bike, Lawn Bowls, Hydrotherapy, The Waves, Colour Run, Lake Cullulleraine Activity Days/ Camp and Sunray Warriors. Importantly we were able to resume our community access with shopping trips and walks to the park. So much was achieved this term. Congratulations to all our staff and students.



We are farewelling Elizabeth Patterson as she is taking up a new opportunity at a local school at the beginning of Term 2. A position has been advertised and we hope to appoint a replacement during the school holidays. Thank you Liz for all your work. We wish you all the best for the rest of 2022.



Happy Easter to all our families and congratulations to our Easter Raffle prize winners. Thank you to families for donating to the hampers and for selling and purchasing raffle tickets.

Best wishes to everyone for a very happy and safe break.
I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday April 26.



Penny Hale
Principal

Principal Awards

Room 10 - Blake: for inviting and including other classmates to play soccer at outside play.

Room 11 - Kera-Lee: for listening to a shared story and answering yes and no questions.

Room 15 - Charles: listening to and interacting with staff and peers when out on our local excursion to the park.

Room 17 - Xavier: for greater concentration to trace his name during the week.

Room 17 - Keegan: for great talking about the BMX rider.

Room 18 - Stephen: for participation and contribution to the Campfire Conversation.

Room 18 - Skye: for participation and contribution to the Campfire Conversation.

Room 18 - Stephen: for independently providing moral support to another student.

Room 21 - Bella: for independently using a self-regulation strategy to calm herself and creating a visual tool for each student to use.

Room 21 - Antwone: for enthusiastically practicing his reading skills at every opportunity every day.

Room 22 - Mia: for using her initiative and assisting in the classroom.

Room 22 - Anthony: for working hard on example in Maths.

Room 22 - Joshua: for great story writing, punctuation and spell checking.

Room 22 - Kyle: for consistent effort and kindness this term.

Room 23 - Cheyene: for completing lots of work for Miss Morgan and Nikki.

Room 25 - Zane: for supporting younger PAL students play footy.

Room 25 - Brandon: by supporting younger PAL students play footy.

Room 25 - Curtis: for verbally participating in Circle Time to greet peers and ask questions. Awesome work Curtis.

ILS - Jyedan: for matching alphabet and colours using his AAC.

SWPBS Awards

Room 10 - Jayda: by showing kindness toward her class mates by using her manners.

Room 10 - Fida: by doing his best, by initiating his own sensory break, during a music lesson. Then returning to participate in music after the break.

Room 11 - Benjamin: by waiting when prompted for his turn.

Room 24 - Tyana: by undertaking independent Living Skills this term.

Room 24 - Ashton: by undertaking independent Living Skills this term.

Room 24 - Graham: by undertaking independent Living Skills this term.

Room 24 - Robert: by undertaking independent Living Skills this term.

Room 24 - Devrim: by undertaking independent Living Skills this term.

Room 25 - Brodi: by assisting to clean up after food preparation session with being asked.

Darling Room - Sione: by helping get bikes ready for another group.

EASTER RAFFLE WINNERS

1. Kylie Hewett
2. Mick Berry
3. Tammy Taylor
4. Leteisha Garsed (Jaxsen)
5. Wayne Rickard
6. Amy Mitchell
7. Rebecca Shugg
8. Karen Saunders

Congratulations to everyone and thank you all for your continued support of our school.

THE ARTS

Easter is fast approaching us. Art Specialist Teaching staff have been assisting students to create their own Easter Artworks. Below are some step by step cartoon Easter Bunny's drawn and coloured so creatively by Room 23. The Easter Egg was coloured with texta, painted over the top with water and left to dry. The following week Cheyenne painted around it in black paint. It looks so effective and shows Cheyenne's very artistic side.



Above are finger painted Easter Bunnies from Room 10 and 11 students. Easter Bunny was placed on the page and students were given the opportunity to use different coloured paint to go around the bunny and leave an outline.

EARLY YEARS' NEWS

Last Week we had a number of students attend an excursion to Chaffey Park in Merbein for the Sunray Warriors. Students had a Wetlands Corroboree where they learnt about how Australian animals move and then completed a painting of animal footprints in the Wetlands. Students also heard about clean waterways and matched animals you can find in nice, clean water. Students then participated in a Recycling Relay. We learnt which bins to put the different items in. Everyone participated and listened really well on the excursion. Early Years' students were lucky enough to have the Senior College Students come over and hold an Easter Egg Hunt yesterday. Everyone was very excited to find their eggs. We hope everyone has a safe two week break and stays well.



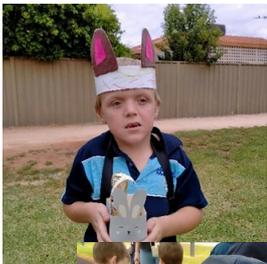
Xavier matching animals we find in clean waterways.



Liam practising walking like an emu.



Keegan putting the paper in the yellow bin.



Easter egg hunt



UPPER PRIMARY YEARS' NEWS

How quickly did the first term go! We have had a very busy term learning about where we belong, our community and the world. Along with our learning in the classroom we have been extending our learning into the community. We attended our day camp at Lake Cullulleraine. The students were engaged in some new activities and a few of our old favourite water activities. It was great to see the students enjoying themselves. Some of our classes have been attending the Swimming and Water Familiarisation Program at Mildura Waves. The students have demonstrated our school values by being Responsible members of the community by travelling safely on the bus, walking sensibly into the Mildura Waves complex and following the swimming instructors instructions. Students have made significant improvement with their skills in the water. Staff are very proud of our students. Please have a safe and Happy Easter and we look forward to what next term brings.





SECONDARY PreCAL NEWS

This term PreCAL students developed their sewing skills. They used hand stitching to create items from recycled materials, such as hacky sacks. Lachlan very proudly showed his final product - a hacky sack made from an old pair of jeans.

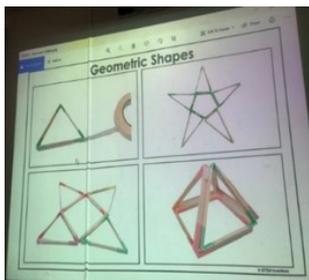
The PreCAL students have wrapped up their Healthy Eating unit of learning by using the Smoothie Bike to create delicious banana or mixed berry smoothies. The bike was powered by student's riding the bike to rotate the blender blades. It was a huge hit!

PreCAL students are looking forward to starting afresh with new topics and activities



in Term Two. Notes will be going out later this week, and early next term for regular Lawn Bowls and Swimming activities.

Students in Room 20 were given a taste test of lessons to come in Term Two. Mrs Alexander from VCAL will be running Design and Technology lessons that will incorporate Numeracy and Capabilities skills. The students will be creating stimulating items such as trigger launchers and catapults that use force for motion. The students will be use team building and problem solving skills to develop answers and solutions to problems they may encounter as they build their products.



SECONDARY—PAL NEWS

Some PAL students were out to Lake Cullulleraine in Week 9, participating in canoeing, archery and team games.



Most classrooms have been cooking this term. Starting out with fine motor skills, spreading skills and sandwiches, students progress through the year with small electrical appliances, depending on their skill sets. The ILS students made a banana cake last week.

Room 13 used the Smoothie Bike last week. Daniel rode the bike and Mert tasted his milkshake.

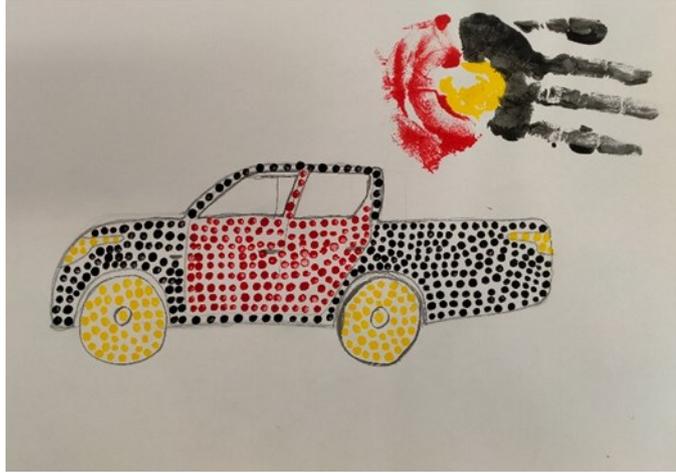
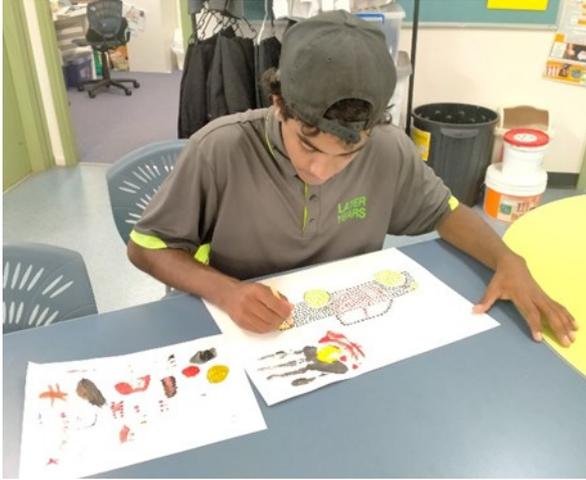


Some students attended a Sunray Warriors event last Wednesday, organised by Mallee Catchment Management Authority, out at Merbein. Students participated in activities that explored the land, water, flora and fauna around Sunraysia.



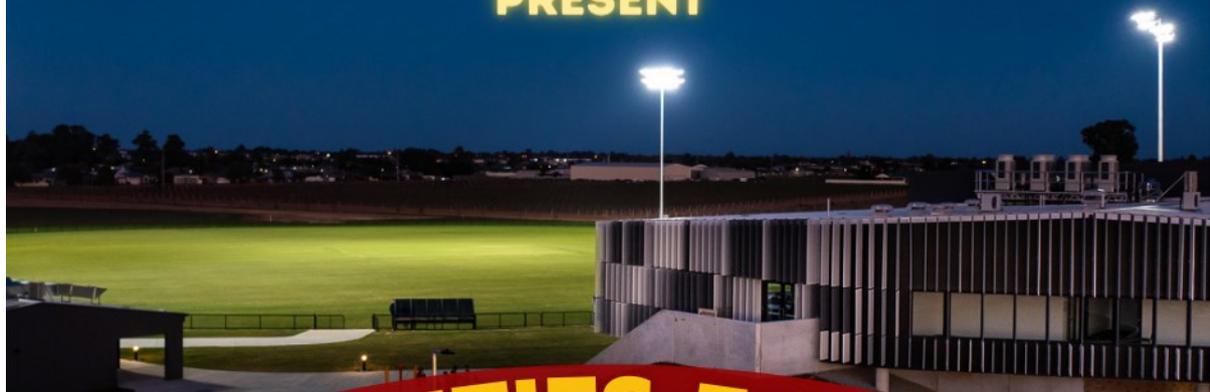
SECONDARY—VCAL AND VAL NEWS

In the VCAL rooms 18 & 19 for Personal Development Skills (PDS) Learning Outcome Unit 1, we have been focused on self-directed project and an *All About You* theme. Stephen has been researching and created an art work that depicts his First Nation colours using the method of dot painting and his personal interest in Holden Colorado utes. Ethan W used his favourite coloured pencils, textas and paint, as well as printed pictures, to create a personally unique art work that demonstrates his style and interests. We would like to wish everyone a wonderful Easter and an enjoyable and safe holiday break.





**SOUTH MILDURA SPORTING CLUB
AND MALLEE SPORTS ASSEMBLY
PRESENT**



ALL ABILITIES FOOTBALL

**FRIDAYS MAY 6TH - JUNE 24TH, 4:30-5:30PM
@MILDURA SOUTH SPORTING PRECINCT
RSVP: 03 5021 3464 OR
LACHLAN@MALLEESPORTSASSEMBLY.ORG.AU**



**FOOTBALL FEDERATION SUNRAYSIA
AND MALLEE SPORTS ASSEMBLY
PRESENT**



**FOOTBALL FEDERATION
SUNRAYSIA**



Mallee Sports Assembly

SOCCER FOR ALL

**WHEN: WEDNESDAYS 27TH APRIL TO 22ND JUNE
WHERE: SOCCER PARK- CNR FLORA AVE AND 11TH STREET
TIME: 5.30-6.30 PM
RSVP: CALL 03 5021 3464 OR EMAIL
LACHLAN@MALLEESPORTSASSEMBLY.ORG.AU**





**@ MILDURA CROQUET CLUB
(MANSELL RESERVE)**

21 ST OF APRIL 1PM

ALL ABILITIES CROQUET

COME & TRY DAY



**RSVP:
CALL 03 5021 3464 OR EMAIL
LACHLAN@MALLEESPORTSASSEMBLY.ORG.AU**

April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8 Last Day of Term 1—early departure.	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
.....School Holidays						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
.....School Holidays						
24	25 ANZAC Day Public Holiday. No school.	26 Lunch orders due in. 1st day of Term 2	27	28	29	30

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May 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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2	3 Lunch orders due in.	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Lunch orders due in.	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Lunch orders due in.	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Lunch orders due in.	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Lunch orders due in.					

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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.

