

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

31 October—Pupil Free Day— No school for students
1 November—Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday—No school
20 December—Last Day of Term 4.



TERM 4



Principal's Report



Australia will celebrate the teaching profession on World Teachers' Day on Friday 28 October 2022.

Our teachers have shown great resilience during challenging times, all so they can give Australian students the best future possible.



Hats off to teachers this World Teachers' Day!

Share your "hats off" selfie to celebrate teachers and tell us what they mean to you.

We are encouraging students, their families and the community to celebrate teachers. What do teachers mean to you?

On Friday 28 October, you can show your appreciation to teachers by posting a "hats off" selfie on social media, either on your own or with family or friends. Use these tags: #WTD2022 @aitssl

CRAZY HAT DAY



Next Friday we will celebrate with a morning tea for staff and a crazy hat day.



Students and staff are invited to wear a crazy hat to celebrate.

Mildura Show Awards

Well done and a huge thank you to staff and students for their efforts to enter so many items in the Mildura Show. Mildura Specialist School was awarded the School Aggregate Award for earning the highest points. Congratulations to all our award winners and to everyone who participated. Special thanks to the Arts Committee for all your hard work. It was great to have a special assembly to recognise these achievements.

Penny Hale

Principal



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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 - Charlie: for initiating an interesting topic for discussion to inform our writing.

Room 8 - Antony: for outstanding writing skills in Literacy.

Room 10 - Enzo: for independently taking off his earmuffs to go to outside play.

Room 11 - Lacie: for listening and sharing during Circle Time.

Room 17 - Riah: for joining in our online music session, looking at the screen and playing the instruments.

Room 18 - Riley: for responding safely when anticipating a challenging situation.

Room 19 - Rebecca: for showing outstanding work ethic in supporting customers at Ritchies IGA, to locate products and ensure their needs were met at a high level.

Room 20 - Denzel: for staying safe by showing empathy and helping a friend make good choices when she was upset.

Room 22 - Logan: for settling into his new class, being cheerful and attempting all work.

Room 22 - Antwone: for working hard to complete classwork and increase confidence in social interactions.

Room 23 - Natasha: for confidently sharing with the group during circle time.

Room 23 - Matthew: for using his communication device to participate in learning activities.

Room 25 - Harley: for remaining focused all day and achieving five ticks on your work chart. Well done Harley. I'm proud of you.

Room 25 - Harrison: for encouraging a peer to make good choices by following teacher instructions. Well done Harry, this was lovely to hear.

ILS - Tyrell: for consistent effort batting in cricket at play times.

SWPBS Awards - being Respectful

Room 6 - Kayne: by continuing to use his manners and following instructions in the classroom.

Room 8 - Riley: by improved safety and responsibility in the classroom and in the yard.

Room 8 - Jayda: by acknowledging classroom staff and students by their names.

Room 11 - Benjamin: by respectfully taking turns during cricket games at recess.

Room 11 - Kye: by respectfully taking turns during cricket games at recess.

Room 17 - Keegan: by watching and turn taking during our online music session.

Room 18 - Cody: by prioritising his work by ignoring distractions and independently using strategies to self-regulate.

Room 19 - Lacey: by working as part of a team to support customers at Ritchies IGA, to locate products and ensure their needs were met at a high level.

Room 22 - Neesha: by consistent kindness and helping others with work in class.

Room 22 - Kane: by adding thoughtful contributions to class discussions.

Room 25 - Chloe: by helping a new staff member to learn our Recycling program. Nice work Chloe.

Room 25 - Brandon: by taking turns, assisting peers and being respectful during recess play and playing cricket safely.

ILS - Kaleb: by following instructions during cooking activities.



ART

During Art this last fortnight in Rooms 1, 2, 23 and ILS we have focussed on three Eras of Art. Impressionism, Ancient Egyptian and Renaissance art work.

Picture 1 was drawn by Matthew from Room 23 inspired by Claude Monet of a bridge over a pond.

Picture 2 was drawn by Bunya from Room 2 inspired by Claude Monet of water lilies in a pond.

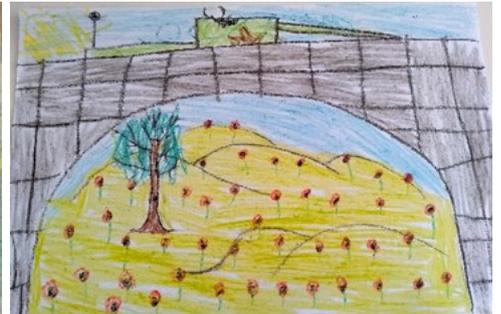
Picture 3 was drawn by Tobias from Room 3 inspired by Claude Monet. Tobias chose to do a landscape picture based on WWII of a broken down tank on a bridge, looking over a field of poppies.

Picture 4 was constructed by Liam from Room 2 of an Egyptian pyramid in the desert.

Picture 5 was drawn using step by step instructions by Cheyenne from Room 23 of Tutan Khamun.

Picture 6 was drawn and written by Ryan from Room 23 in Egyptian Hieroglyphs.

Picture 7 was constructed by Jyedan from ILS of the Ninja Turtle Donatello.



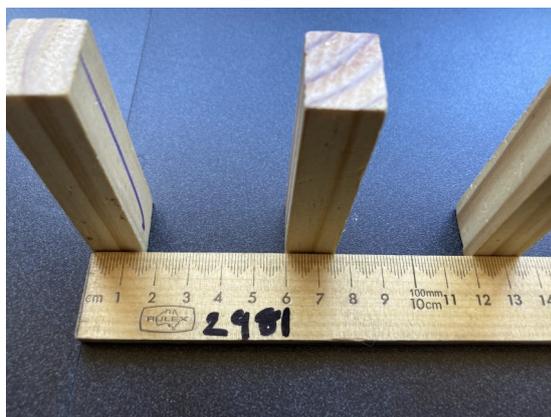
Mildura Specialist School Maths Competition

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 4.

Questions– If I knock down all of the Jenga blocks to make a chain reaction, how many seconds will it take for all the blocks to fall?

What is the total amount of Jenga blocks? How far is each block spaced apart? What happens if you use less or more Jenga blocks?

You can re-create this experiment at home or in your classroom. Please get your teacher to help you perform this experiment in class. If you need Jenga blocks see Mr Paterson. Dominoes will also work, but you will need to think about the spacing!!



Answer:

Name _____

Class _____

EARLY YEARS' NEWS

It was a shame that students were not able to go to the Mildura show last week due to the rain, but it was amazing to see so many students win ribbons for their art and cooking entries. The art work and ribbons will be sent home this week, students were presented with these awards at Tuesday's special assembly.

Room 16 and 17 students have begun painting their timber garden signs, which will look beautiful in the back play area or in the Kitchen Garden until they go home to feature in your garden.

Early Years' students and staff welcomed Sam last week, who will be working in Room 16 for the rest of the year.



UPPER PRIMARY YEARS' NEWS

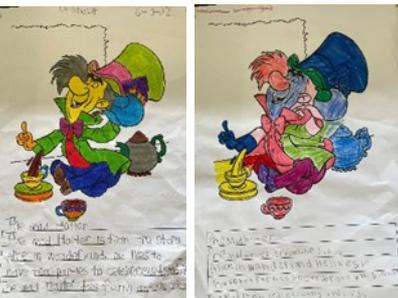
Students in Upper Primary have been learning about aspects of a story. We have been working on identifying characters and settings and brainstorming our own ideas. Room 4 read a story called Hooray for Fish and created their own underwater scenes.

Over the past few weeks, we have been busy creating artwork, decorating gingerbread men, taking photographs and making crafts for the Mildura Show. Congratulations to those students who won prizes for their work.



PAL NEWS

Room 11 are completing their Circle Time activities in the photo by saying "Good Morning" to each other, looking at the schedule for the day and discussing the date.



October 6 was Mad Hatter Day. Room 10 watched the Mad Hatter's Tea Party clip from the 1951 movie. We then wrote a recount about the clip. Below are Jayda and Deshawn's recounts and pictures.

Ben from room 11 completed an alphabet puzzle with Libby. Ben enjoys naming different things and people that begin with each letter.

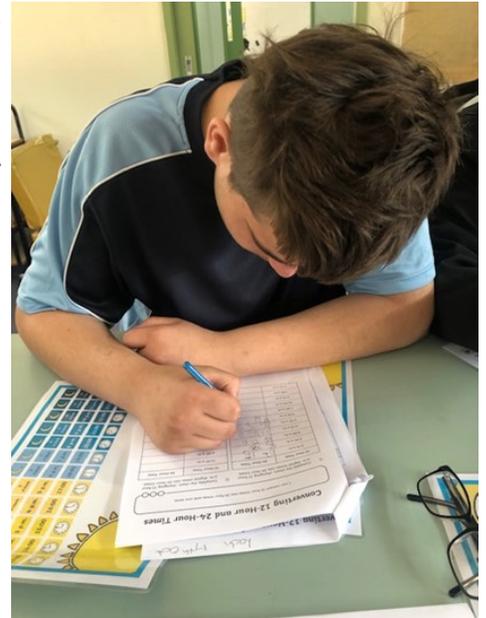


October 10 was Mental Health Day. Room 10 students, read books, viewed YouTube clips and made puzzles about different emotions and feelings. We discussed how these feelings can make you feel different things. Below is a mindfulness hand we created for Mental Health Day.



SECONDARY PreCAL NEWS

PreCAL students have been busy learning about 24 hour time. This has relevance as we begin our pre-employment and career focus this term. Students are honing their email and independent research skills, and are working on documents such as Career Action Plans and Resumes. We have continued our Badminton practise and are developing Basketball skills such as dribbling, throwing, catching and shooting hoops. Next week, we plan to undertake basic soccer skills.



SECONDARY—VCAL NEWS

Austin has been nominated for an award in the 2022 Vocational Education and Training Delivered to Secondary Schools (VETDSS) Excellence Awards for outstanding achievement in VCAL. The awards are open to students studying the VCAL and VET subjects across the district. Austin independently completed two interviews and was complimented on his presentation. We wish Austin luck and congratulate him on his nomination. The spooky season is fast approaching, and VCAL students have been working excitedly on the planning and implementation of this years Halloween Disco. The event will be held on October 25 and will assist in meeting some student outcomes for Personal Development Skills (PDS). We are looking forward to student and staff participation on the day.

A reminder to all families and staff: we have products produced by VCAL students available for purchase from the VCAL Store. Please use the attached form to place your orders and support the VCAL Enterprise.



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	
Total				

October 2022

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
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2	3	4 Lunch orders due in.	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Lunch orders due in.	12 Mildura Show	13	14	15
16	17	18 Lunch orders due in.	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Lunch orders due in.	26	27	28	29
30	31 PUPIL FREE DAY					



November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Melbourne CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	1	2	3	4
6	7 School Council	8 Lunch orders due in.	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Lunch orders due in.	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Lunch orders due in.	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 Glasses for Kids.	30 Year 12 Graduation			

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.

