

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 September—School Concert

21 September—End of Term 3

8 October—Student Free Day

Principal's Report

Awards: Congratulations to our Award winners this week.

Practise Evacuation: Today we had a practise evacuation to the Basketball Court. The students managed very well and all were accounted for.

Book Week: Students had a wonderful time last week dressing and reading books. Photos are on display in the front office on our new display television screen.



Student Free Day: School Council has approved 8 October 2018 as a Student Free Day for all staff to undergo Professional Learning. Please note this date. Students will attend 9 October.

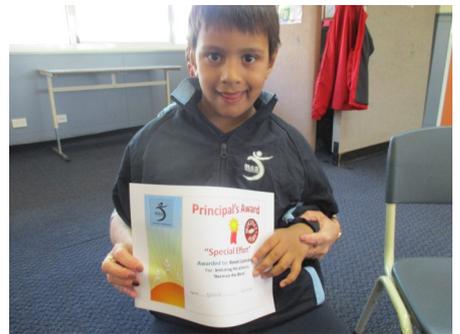
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Principal's Award

Congratulations to all Award winners this fortnight.



SWPBS—School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

Room 17 students are learning about how to be safe in the classroom and playground. In the classroom they are encouraged to sit safely on their chairs, allow their peers personal space while sitting for Circle Time and other activities. They are learning how to carry their chairs back to the tables safely. They are learning how to walk in the classroom and to walk safely in a line when transitioning throughout the school particularly at the beginning and the end of the school day and walking out to the playground.



Art & Music Awards

STUDIOUS 3D EFFORT!

Frank from Room 20 and Austin, from Room 25 were the recipients of the Art Award this fortnight. Both students did an excellent job working on their 3D projects showing their capabilities for independent effort with preparing, constructing, painting and presenting their separate projects. Frank's piece involved constructing a menhir out of cardboard and pulp to which he added paint and texture. Austin tackled the task of creating an island from an animal mask cast from plaster which he painted and mounted onto a base.

All stages of the projects for both students went without any complications or problems!



NEWS AROUND THE SCHOOL

Early Years' students and staff had fun dressing up and participating in special Book Week activities organised and run by the Student Representative Council. Characters filled the playground. Eli was rock climbing while Gordon did his best Harry Potter impression. Cosmo was hoisting the sail on the pirate ship and Vivian was digging for buried treasure in the sandpit. Braxton, Mirage and Isaac were participating in the Book Week assembly and Lacie was sliding down the slide.



Students in Room 6 and 7 have been learning basic coding skills as part of the Duke of Ed Award. Students are developing an understanding of the terms input and output. Students have also been practising sequencing events to ensure that instructions given to robots are performed in the correct order.



NEWS AROUND THE SCHOOL

As we practise for the Concert in Week 10, UMY students will be participating in dance, drumming, choir or WOW (Karate) items.

This week, our UMY students practiced WOW with Jim and Don.

Room 23 got into the Book Week spirit last Tuesday, wearing costumes from favorite books. Leanne and Nicole from the Darling Room joined in too.



A BIG apology to our hardworking UMY ES staff, who celebrated National Support Staff Week in Week 5.

Thank you Nicole and Leanne (Darling Room), Erica and Nicole (Room 23), Sandra and Glenda (Room 22), Ainslee (Room 24) and Kerri (Room 25). We could not do our work without you!

Ralph Hill recently completed a one week work placement at Big W Mildura. This program builds confidence and employability skills.



Room 19 Students recently participated in the school Sports Day. They were buddies to students from Room 1 supporting and encouraging the younger students in a range of games and activities.



SPEECH

Allied Health Team



Last week we celebrated Speech Pathology Week. The Speech Pathology week seeks to promote the speech pathology profession and the work done by speech pathologists with more than 1.1 million Australians who have a communication or swallowing disorder that impacts their daily life. Communication is a basic human right and Speech Pathology Week seeks to promote this fact.

The theme for the Speech Pathology Week 2018 is: Communication access is communication for all!

At MSS, Speech Pathologists strive to provide each and every student with complex communication difficulties with an appropriate communication assistive device or an aid, to support their access to the curriculum and improve their learning across a variety of school activities.

If you would have questions about your child's communication skills or communication supports used at school, don't forget to contact one of our Speech Pathologists: Stephanie Gowers and Zorica Killeen.



HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Importance of Breakfast

It's the most important meal of the day – but one in four children in Australia skips breakfast.

At school, a hungry child can lose concentration in class, have no energy for playtime and snack on unhealthy foods, such as chips or biscuits.

A calm and healthy breakfast every day is the best defence against this happening. It also helps children to get into good habits that they can carry through life.

Breakfast ideas

Breakfast can include all sorts of options: cereals, bread, fruit, dairy products (such as eggs, milk, yoghurt and cheese) and meats.

A number of factors influence what people like to eat at breakfast, such as their food preferences, cultural background, religious beliefs and the time available before they have to head out the door.

Quick and easy ideas

- Cereal with milk*, yoghurt and/or fruit
- Wholegrain toast, raisin bread or muffins with a little polyunsaturated or monounsaturated margarine (not butter), fruit spreads, Vegemite or sliced banana
- Fresh fruit with yoghurt
- Fruit smoothies made with fresh or canned fruit

Porridge with warm milk and stewed fruit



SCHOOL REMINDER

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.

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. CSEF applications forms are available at the front office.

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

MEDICAL

At Mildura Specialist School we have children who are at risk of an anaphylactic reaction to **nuts, eggs, seafood and kiwi fruit** 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 to download and print 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.

SCHOOL REMINDERS

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

Early Years and Lower Middle Years: 2:40—2.50 PM

Upper Middle Years and Later Years. 2.50—3.00PM

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

STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify the school as soon as possible **on the day of absence**. Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.

If your child is absent on a particular day and you have not contacted the school to explain why, the absence will be marked as unexplained.

Please notify the school by one of the following means:

- Phone: 03 5021 3311
 - Medical Certificate
 - Appointment notification
 - A signed and dated note with student's full name
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SAME DAY NOTIFICATION OF STUDENT ABSENCES

New Education Department Attendance Guidelines

Schools need to know when and why a child is absent and you need to know if your child isn't at school. From the end of Term 2 2018, all Victorian government schools are required to contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained student absence. If your child is absent on a particular day and you have not contacted the school to explain why, the absence will be marked as unexplained.

This system also promotes daily school attendance. Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education, they learn new things every day – missing school puts them behind.

What is your responsibility?

You are legally required to ensure your child attends school every day or you must provide an explanation for their absence. You should let the school know in advance of any upcoming absences or let them know in the morning if your child won't be at school. In order for schools to implement the same day notification requirement, it's essential that you provide the school with your most up-to-date contact details.

Generally one notification will be sent per family. Should there be circumstances that require both parents and carers to be notified, please contact the school to make the necessary arrangements.

What is the school's responsibility?

The school must notify you of an unexplained absence in relation to your child as soon as practicable on the same day.

We will let you know by phone. If you can't be reached because the school does not have your correct contact details (i.e. changed phone number, SMS/email failure notification received etc.), the school will attempt to make contact with any emergency contact/s nominated on your child's file held by the school. Where possible, this contact will be made on the same day of the unexplained absence.

PICK MY PROJECT

The Project Plan is to provide a structured play area that houses a large "Climbing Structure" and "Nest Swing" with soft-fall, where students can socialise with other students and be physically active. As students' progress to the senior area, there is a lack of structured play activities that allows them to be able to interact and socialise in an informal setting that enables all students of various abilities to be inclusive.



PICK MY PROJECT

Your local community. Your decision.

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVOURITE PROJECTS

Pick My Project is a Victorian-first community grants initiative with at least \$1 million in funding available for each metro and regional area. Now it's time to vote for your favourites and make your community an even better place to live. Pick your three favourite project ideas in your local community and help make them a reality.

Simply go online and vote by 5pm, Monday 17 September 2018.

pickmyproject.vic.gov.au

If you are deaf, or have a hearing or speech impairment, contact us through the National Relay Service. For more information, www.relay.vic.gov.au.



HOW TO VOTE

Voting is quick and simple, and open until 5pm, Monday 17 September 2018.

-  Register for a Pick My Project account at pickmyproject.vic.gov.au. If you already have an account, simply sign in.
-  Select your local community by entering your suburb or address. You can then browse the project ideas in your local community and create a shortlist of your favourites.
-  Pick your three favourite project ideas from your shortlist and verify your mobile number. You'll then be able to submit your votes. Be sure to share who you've voted for with your family and friends.

Need help with voting? Contact us on **1800 797 818** (translation services are available) or contact@pickmyproject.vic.gov.au. Or drop into your local library or Neighbourhood House for assistance.



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COMMUNITY NEWS



GOLF IS FOR EVERYONE

A PGA All Abilities Coach
is located here

To find out more,
visit the pro shop



Mallee Sports Assembly is proud to announce we will be conducting a 4 week Introduction Golf program.
Location: Riverside Golf Club, Park Lane, Nichols Point.
Dates: Monday's 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th September 2018. **Time:** 4-5pm.
Cost: \$14 per person, per week (\$56, for whole program). Places are limited.
RSVP Contact: Tanya at MSA. Ph: 5021 3464; Mob: 0417 925 539. Email: tanya@malleesportsassembly.org.au