

MILDURA SPECIALIST SCHOOL

Newsletter No : 6

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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

Monday 20 May - Pupil Free Day.

Monday 10 June – Kings Birthday



TERM 2



Principal's Report



Congratulations to our award winners this past fortnight. Well done and keep up the great work. It was great to see the students enthusiastically coming up to receive their awards at our recent whole school assembly.

It was a very special assembly on Wednesday morning when our school leaders were presented with their badges. Congratulations to all our new leaders and thank you to parents /carers for coming along to share in the excitement. Thank you to Susan Alexander for all your work to support students to have a voice and agency within the school.

School Captains

Kane and Cody

Vice-Captains

Ryan and Jordan

House Captains

Green – Antwone and Michael

Blue – Kadin and Byron

Yellow- Mathew and Nash Curtis

Red – Brodi and Logan

SRC Rep - Ella

We look forward to seeing you develop your skills throughout the year.

Coming up this term:

Student Support Group Meetings - Teachers will be in touch very soon to book Student Support Group Meetings.

Penny Hale

Principal

Pupil Free Day – 20 May 2024. Staff will be working with our expert facilitator from Real Schools

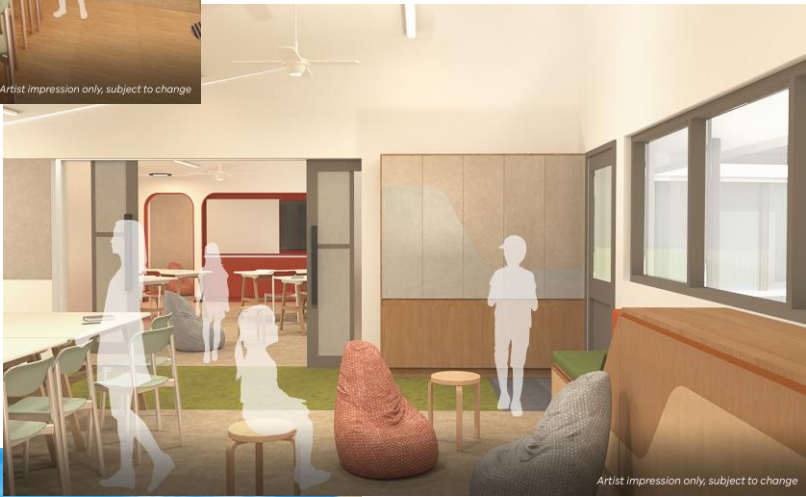
Our Vision

Mildura Specialist School aims to provide a safe, respectful and inclusive learning environment, with a focus on developing individual responsibility and student social and academic growth.

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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.

Mildura Specialist School staff and students are eagerly watching the progress of the new build. We are really looking forward to having our new architecturally designed spaces to work and play in. Please see the images below of the new learning building interiors and exteriors.



NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM

During the last fortnight, most students around the school have completed their Zodiac Sign pieces of Artwork.

Rooms 1, 2, 4, 24 and ILS have worked on their Zodiac Sign in a variety of ways such as, collage, printing, tracing, drawing, colouring and painting.



Principal Awards

Room 3 – Koray: For being very adventurous and trying new foods during cooking lessons.

Room 4 – Keoni: For independently cleaning marker off school furniture.

Darling Room – Mia: For working hard on improving her reading ability.

Room 18 - Kyle: Demonstrating maturity and a willingness to have a go with school tasks every day.

Music Room – Armaan: Quietly completing work when asked.

Room 19 - Byron: Having a go with a team game even though it is not something he likes to do.

Room 20 – Paige: For independently linking current learning about the Lovett Family to the ANZAC Day presentation.

Room 20 – Jaxon: For recalling and building on information about Heart Island from a previous Geography lesson.

Room 22 - Charlie: For working well in class for the week and remaining calm.

Room 22 - Riley: For settling into Room 22 and participating in all activities.

Room 23 – Brodi: Independently getting ready and attending each day of Week 1 swimming.

Room 23 – Eli: Independently getting ready and attending each day of Week 1 swimming.

Room 24 - Kane: Independently noticing when peers require help and assisting without prompts.

SWPBS Awards - being Respectful

Room 4 – Dean: For being responsible by independently following transition routines.

Music Room – Kayne: Always offering a helping hand to peers and staff

Room 18 - Rara: Using kind words and team spirit in a game of tag with peers.

Room 19 – Antwone: Giving praise and support in team game activities to his peers.

Room 20 – Khodie: For having a responsible start to Term 2 by staying on task longer, with sustained effort.

Room 20 – Ashlyn: For making sure her peers pack away and line up on time, on a daily basis.

Room 22 – Gabriel: For assisting other students to set up a personal information page on the computer.

Room 22 – Zara: For completing her work before asking if she can have time outside.

Room 23 - Jack: Choosing to remain in Room 23 for most of the day.

Room 25 – Cheyenne: Showing responsibility for her schoolwork and learning.



EARLY YEARS' NEWS

This Term, Early Years students are learning about paddock to plate, sustainability and climate change. At present we are looking at farm animals and what they produce. We have been listening to animal sounds, matching animals with their produce, creating animal patterns and adding in some chance work. We have been lucky to have been given some wheat, lupins and green beans to use in our sensory play by Kate as they grow it on their farm.

Alivia and Gabby making a farm pattern.



Dhelila and Levi using shapes to make an animal.

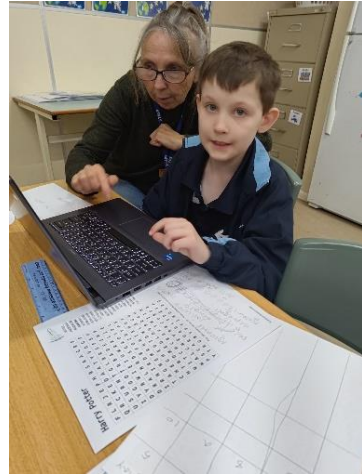


James, Jackson and Riddik matching animals and their produce.



UPPER PRIMARY NEWS

Room 3 students have been visiting the windows in the temporary fencing to check on the progress of the building works. They have also been enjoying Music Therapy with Rosie on Mondays. This week they played the drum and learnt a line dance. The students in the Darling Room were very excited to learn how to use a computer



Azealia, at the viewing window. Koray plays the drum in music. Darling Room Students working on their computer skills.

SECONDARY NEWS

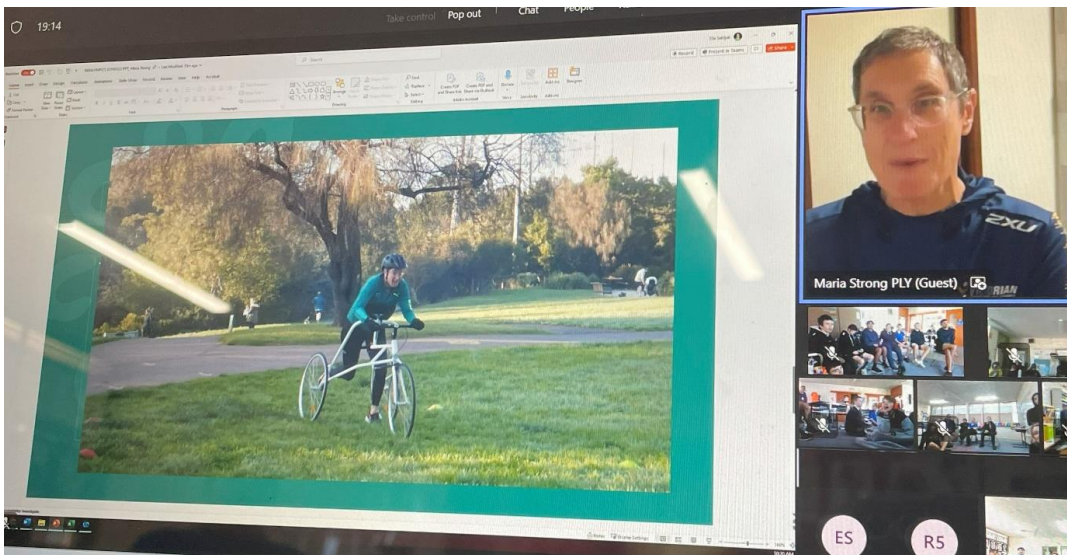
Students from Rooms 23, 25 and ILS have enjoyed participating in the swimming program at Mildura Waves. The program is focused on improving water safety and water familiarisation.



2024 School Captains, House Captains and SRC Representative.



The Secondary section have been off to a flying start this term filled with new adventures and learning. In week one, we had a special online visit with Paralympian, Maria Strong. Maria was incredibly inspirational and the students were amazed at Maria's tenacity and inner personal strength. Maria discussed their career pathway and how they started shot put later in life. Maria showed the students an Olympic medal and explained a new sport called Frame Running.

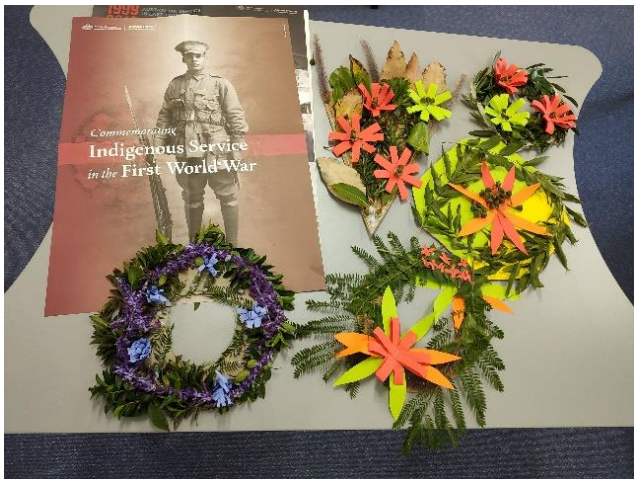


ANZAC Day was commemorated, and swimming has also been undertaken. Students have practiced their swimming strokes and survival techniques. Thank you to all the families who have supported their children to have dry bathers and towels each day.





Our Senior students regularly support our junior classrooms as buddies. Kyle worked in Room 3 last week, helping with reading and activities. Last Wednesday our student leaders recorded an ANZAC ceremony for the school to view in their classrooms. Thank you to all our students who helped produce and present the presentation. Also, a big thank you to Belinda for overseeing the activity with the students. Room 18 made wreaths and learnt about the history of The Lovett family - an indigenous family that gave service to our country, the students found this learning very interesting.



May

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Lunch orders due in.	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Lunch orders due in.	15	16	17	18	19
20 Pupil Free Day	21 Lunch orders due in.	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Lunch orders due in.	29	30	31		

June

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
					1	2
3	4 Lunch orders due in.	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Lunch orders due in.	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Lunch orders due in.	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Last Day of Term 2	29	30

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.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL FEES OF \$160 PER STUDENT ARE NOW DUE.

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.

CSEF applications forms are available at the front office.

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 Hip Pocket Workwear and are available from 13-15 Tenth Street, Mildura. Contact person is Andrea Mercieca. Phone number is (03) 50214506. 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 VPC. 2.50—3.00PM

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

