

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

15 May—NDIS Information Sessions (see flyer)
22 May—Disability Expo
End of Term 2—29 June

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Principal's Report

Welcome to Term Two.

Facilities: During the holiday period new gates were installed at the front of the school and painting occurred at the school entrance area and throughout the courtyard area. Yellow has been chosen to highlight poles for those students with vision impairment. Shade sails in the courtyard will be replaced in the next two weeks. Further painting will occur in our maintenance program. The colour scheme is certainly a change.

NDIS: Parent information sessions- Introduction to the NDIS at Mildura Specialist School in the (Multi-Purpose Room) **Tuesday 15 May 2018** 9.30 – 10.15am and 1.30 – 2.15pm.

If you are interested in finding out about NDIS including what is involved in preparation for planning, please come along to one of our information sessions. You will be able to ask questions about what this means for your child. Our school therapists will provide a short presentation with question time to follow.

Disability Expo: The annual Disability Expo will be held on **Tuesday 22 May**. This is a great opportunity to learn about disability support services and employment options for people with a disability.

On Tuesday, an ANZAC service, coordinated by Mrs Terry Dyke was held at school. Senior students presented video clips and songs and read poems and stories. Mr Don Mayne played the bugle and our students were amazing in the respectful manner they listened to the service. Students also presented wreaths and work prepared in classes.

Marg Curran
Principal



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Snapshots from Anzac Day.



SWPBS—School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

This Term our students will be learning about Being Safe and Being Respectful in their classes. Please find two tips for helping your child at home.

Prepare for challenging situations

If you think about challenging situations in advance, you can plan around your child's needs. Give them a five-minute warning before you need them to change activities. Talk to them about why you need their cooperation. Then they are prepared for what you expect.

Maintain a sense of humour

It often helps to keep daily life with children light. You can do this by using songs, humour and fun.

ART & MUSIC AWARDS

Congratulation to Malika from Later Years for doing an impressive art work for this fortnight.



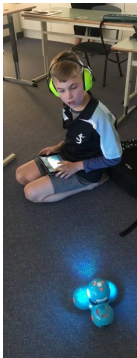
NEWS AROUND THE SCHOOL

The Early Years' students have been learning about ANZAC day. During the special ANZAC assembly, each student took their poppy to the front of assembly in respect for all the men and women who fought and still fight for our country. The bugle was the highlight again this year. Students in Room 2 also made ANZAC biscuits and poppies this week. Term Two's Humanities topic is 'Animal Classifications'. Classes have begun discussing different animals native to both Australia and other countries.

Swimming has begun for classes participating this term. Please remember to send along bathers and a towel on your child's swimming day.



Lower Middles' students have been working towards completing their Duke of Edinburgh (Duke of Ed) Award. Students need to complete set hours of skills to successfully complete this award.



Students have been introduced to coding and have been engaging with using basic inputs and algorithms.



Welcome back to Term Two! Last week was spent getting back into our daily school routine. This week has already been busy with some students attending Jane Thompson

and James Rigby's Choir Workshop on Monday afternoon. This workshop may lead to some of our students participating in a community and school performance at Wentworth Town Hall in May.



In leading up to Anzac Day, all UMY classes had been working on the ANZAC theme through craft, reading and writing, as well as enjoying ANZAC biscuits. Our students attended the Special Anzac Day Assembly on Tuesday, placing poppies and rosemary under our school flags in remembrance.

Through our Science topic, Isac from Room 24 was looking to see what things will dissolve in water.



Tulisha, Baturay, Katie K, Nathan and Jessiedean attended the 2018 Blackwood Alpine 100 Bike Ride in the last week of Term One. They all did an amazing job completing the ride; excellent attitude and great perseverance. Mark, Erica and Jodie are very proud of their efforts. Congratulations to Jessiedean on being presented the Willcock Medal for being a fantastic teammate throughout the ride.



SRC NEWS

Thank you to Terry Dyke and SRC students - Kyle, Sienna, Thai, Andrew and Jai who created a beautiful ANZAC assembly for the school on Tuesday.

Term Two has SRC doing lots of planning for sporting activities. Next week we will have a House Group Get Together. Students in the SRC are organising co-operative games for students to play in their House Groups (Blue – Blue Tongue Lizards, Yellow – Yellow Pythons, Red – Red Kangaroos and Green - Green Tree Frog). We would like to welcome the house captains as part of our student leadership team. Red – Matilda and Nathan, Green - Cassie and Murray, Blue – Katie and Matthew and Yellow - Katelyn and Jessiedean.



Jump Rope for Heart has now finished. We are waiting for sponsorship forms to be processed. When the prizes arrive we will let families know and do a presentation at assembly.

We were very happy with the support of Sports for Schools Coles vouchers. We have been sending full bags and will continue to send ones that are still coming in. Classes have been making a wish list for PE and Yard Play equipment. Thank you everyone that sent or dropped their Coles Sport for School Vouchers into our containers.

Cyberbullying

Cyberbullying is widely accepted as a very difficult area to manage for parents, carers and schools. The following is some useful information sourced from a cyber bullying website to provide to young people:

- **Keep a record** (including time and date) – This may help you (or the police) to find out who is sending the messages.
- **Tell someone** - Talk to someone you trust, a parent, friend, school counsellor or teacher.
- **Contact your phone or internet service provider and report what is happening** – They can help you block messages or calls from certain senders.
- **If messages are threatening or serious get in touch with the police** – Cyberbullying, if it's threatening, is illegal. You don't need to put up with that!
- **Don't reply to bullying messages** – It'll only get worse if you do. By replying the bully gets what he or she wants. Often if you don't reply the bully will leave you alone.
- **Change your contact details** – Get a new user name for the internet, a new e-mail account, a new mobile phone number and only give them out to your closest friends.

Keep your username and passwords secret – Keep your personal information private so it doesn't fall into the hands of someone who'll misuse it.

At the Mildura Specialist School cyber bullying is identified as a serious issue and is addressed in the Student Engagement Policy. The policy assists parents/carers and students to identify the meaning of cyber bullying, ways to protect yourself and the school's stance on this type of behaviour.

I am available to speak to any student who would like more information on this subject or would just like to speak to me about this subject, please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Darren Jones – Student Wellbeing Coordinator.

SCHOOL REMINDERS

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

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.

MEDICAL

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

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.

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.

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.

Students process these orders: Tally money, give change, and place orders independently to meet their VCAL outcomes.

We are unable to process late orders.

Thanks for your co-operation

Paul Trevaskis

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.

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 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 or contact you classroom teacher.

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 absent from school could you please notify by one of the following means:

- Phone: 5021 3311
- Medical certificate
- Appointment notification
- A signed and dated note with student full name

Be Healthy Be Active



Healthy Together Mildura

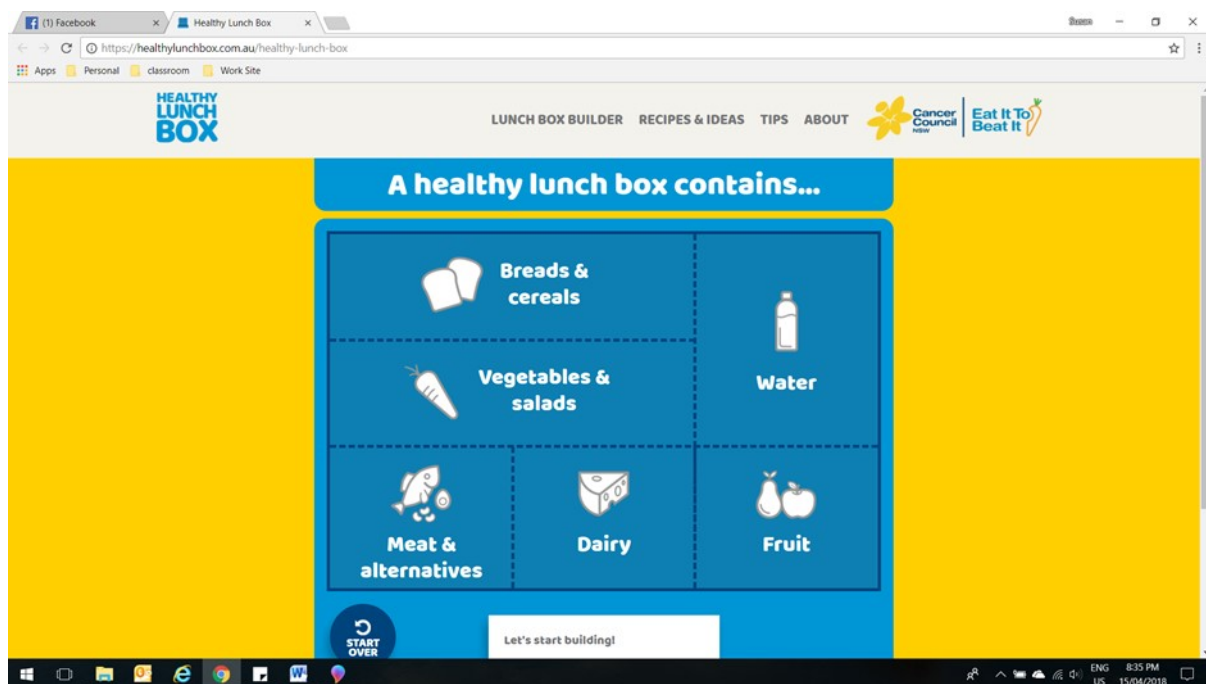
Hey Mums and Dads

The task of packing a healthy school lunch is now easier with the exciting new Healthy Lunch Box website with recipes & information you can trust. 🍌 🍇 🍿

Cancer Council Australia

Go to this website and have fun creating your own healthy lunch box. Get the kids to have a go!!!

<https://healthylunchbox.com.au/healthy-lunch-box>



Disability Expo



**Mildura Specialist School
(Multi-Purpose Room)**

Tuesday 22 May 2018

10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

and

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Further Information Contact:

Kathryn John
Team Leader
Mildura Specialist School
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*Providing an over
view of disability
support services and
employment options
for people with a
disability*

- Christie Centre Inc.
- Mildura Chocolate Company
- ArtRageUs
- Life Skills
- Aroundagain
- Christie's Emporium
- My Choice
- growAbility
- Enhanced Living
- SuniTAFE
- Sunraysia Residential Services (SRS)
- Benetook Farm
- Mallee Accommodation and Support Program (MASP)
- Annecto
- Mildura Rural City Council
- Mallee Sports Assembly
- Aidacare Pty Ltd
- Trio Support Services
- Sunraysia Community Health Services
- SOLVE Disability Solutions
- Headspace
- Mallee Family Care, Community Legal Education Worker
- Mallee Family Care, Women's Safety Package-Specialist Family Violence Program

COMMUNITY NEWS

Parent information sessions

Introduction to the NDIS

Mildura Specialist School

(Multi-Purpose Room)

Tuesday 15th May 2018

9.30 – 10.15am

1.30 – 2.15pm

Parents are encouraged to come to one of our information sessions, regarding the new NDIS, and what it will mean for your child.

Please RSVP to the front office with session that you plan to attend by Wednesday 9th May.

Further Information Contact:

Front Office
Mildura Specialist School
50 213311|



SASSG - PIZZA CAFÉ
PIZZA & PASTA NIGHT

Sunraysia Autism Spectrum Support Group Inc.

Presents A Pizza & Pasta Night At **Pizza Café**

Tuesday MAY 8th 2018
6PM to 9PM

Adults \$22.50 (13 years +)

Children \$12.00 (3yrs to 12yrs)

(Please note: for children age 0 - 2, will have to sit on the lap of a parent/carer unless you pay for a seat at the child rate, as there may not be any spare seats on the night)

It will be an evening to remember, as you will be able to try different types of pasta and wood fire pizzas with family and friends, whilst raising much needed funding for S.A.S.S.G Inc'.

There will be a raffle and lucky prizes

Drinks available at bar/menu prices on the night

AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT & BOOK EARLY

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL THROUGH

www.eventbrite.com.au

Under Charity

[Click Here to Book In](#)

CAN'T ATTEND & STILL WANT TO SUPPORT

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If you can't make it and you would still like to support SASSG and still want great pizza, you can. For every regular pizza \$14, and large pizza \$15 ordered on the 08/05/18, from 11am to closing time, Pizza Cafe is going to make a \$5.00 donation to SASSG Inc for each pizza sold. You can call 5022 2223 to place your take away order.

It is a non for profit organisation that offers support to parents and carers, who have care for children and/or adults that are on the autism spectrum. The main focus of the group is to offer support as well as organise a number of events throughout the year, and the only way to achieve this is through raising funds. This is why we are so excited to be having a fund raising night at the Piazza Café, to help the group raise funds for this year's events. We are very thankful to you for this. If you have any questions, email piazzaandpastasave@westnet.net.au or contact Michael on 04235756242.

We look forward to seeing you there. SASSG Committee.