

MILDURA SPECIALIST SCHOOL

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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

10 June –Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
18 June—Rainbow Day
26 & 27 June—Debutante Ball
28 June –Footy Day
28 June—Last Day of Term 2

15 July –Student Free Day – Staff Professional Learning
16 July—Students return Term 3.
22 July—Student Led Conferences Early Years and Lower Middle Years.
26 July—Student Led Conferences Upper Middle Years and Later Years.

Principal’s Report

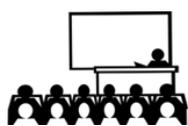


Awards: Congratulations to our Award winners this fortnight. Keep up the great work!

Autism

School Community Learning: Yarra Me School has kindly shared a resource which has been made available to them through their online training partner Online Training UK (OLT): Autism for Parents. The training course for parents and carers has been developed by OLT to assist families in their knowledge and understanding of Autism. It’s a high quality production that delivers the educational training in numerous formats i.e. animations, forums, videos, etc. The developers talked with parents of children who’ve been identified as falling on the autism spectrum, to identify the issues that concern them the most. OLT then interviewed a number of parents about those issues, and you can hear about their experiences in the videos throughout this short course. There is no cost for parents to access the training. **Please contact the office for a booklet to be sent home with the registration details.**

Yarra Me School hopes that families and schools find this short course helpful.



Conference: David Wright and I attended the Education State School Leadership Conference-Leading Learning for Excellence in Melbourne on Tuesday and Wednesday. We were fortunate to learn from several international and local speakers about Collaborative Professionalism; Parent Engagement and Leadership; Leadership and Change: System to School and Rigour Motivation and Engagement for Teachers and Leaders. We learnt about making change manageable for teachers and students and about measuring impact.



Teachers have been meeting on Monday afternoons to plan and assess how they are teaching vocabulary in their classes. For some students the focus is on a set called the Universal Core Vocabulary. These words can be used in more than one context and are used throughout the day. Other students are working on words related to their subject such as Work Related Skills.

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Principal's Award

Congratulations to all Award winners this fortnight.



SWPBS—School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

This fortnight we had Room 20 students showing us how responsible they are by running our assembly. They needed to practise their parts in the classroom and then step in last minute for students who were away on the day. It was great to see how respectful they were to each other by sharing the microphone and encouraging each other to complete their part.

The **ZONES** of Regulation®

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| BLUE ZONE Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly | GREEN ZONE Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn | YELLOW ZONE Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control | RED ZONE Mad/Angry Mean Terrified Yelling/Hitting Out of Control |



Art & Music Awards

A CREATIVE MID TERM SURGE FROM LATER YEARS!

Courtney (19), Zac (ILS) and Ben (18) have all demonstrated an impressive level of motivated independence and desire to continue and complete their individual Art projects. Each has chosen an idea of their own, worked out how to overcome challenges that were part of their own making and emerged with a pleasing and admirable achievement! What is also most impressive is how they have negotiated extra time from their teachers to allow them to come to the Art Room and continue working during other classes working in there. Well done to you all for showing how the school motto of 'Striving for Independence' can be shown through creative endeav-

our!



NEWS AROUND THE SCHOOL

We are at the point of the middle of the year when teachers are assessing and writing reports, but we are still fitting in time for having fun in the classroom!

We would like to welcome Vicki as the new teacher in room 9, replacing Hayley so she can continue with her Leading Teacher duties. We look forward to Vicki imparting all her knowledge and experience into our section in the future.

Winter has definitely arrived, so just a reminder to families to make sure students are rugged up against the cold weather, and have all their items of clothing named, to avoid confusion and lost property.

The below photos are of some of our students enjoying moving around during their play times, a time that is important for us to support them in learning social skills and making friends.



NEWS AROUND THE SCHOOL

Early Years News

Congratulations to Shenae who had her baby boy on the weekend. Mrs. Weaving has returned to teach Room 1. Early Years' students are participating enthusiastically in the weekly Footy Clinic. They are running, stopping and starting, changing directions as well as using ball handling skills.

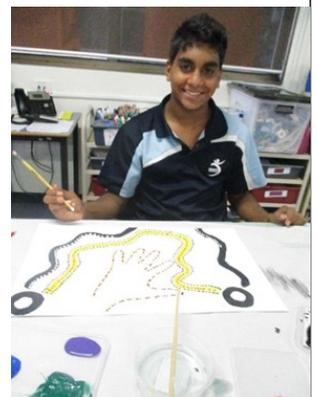
This term, for Upper Middle Years' Rotations, James has been doing a unit of work called, *All Things that Fly*. We have looked at helicopters, airplanes, Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO), hoop gliders, hovercrafts and boomerangs. We have focused on the Science behind the technology. The students are finding this very fun!



On Sunday 19 May, Graham, Rebecca, Jorja, Ethan and Ian participated in the Walk Wentworth Sing festival. Students participated in drumming and choir with Catherine and James. Students practised for weeks, leading up to the community performance where they joined other community choirs and musicians to showcase their skills on stage. Pictures show Rebecca and Jorja singing with the choir and Graham and Ian drumming.



Students in Room 25 celebrated National Reconciliation Week by creating art to enter a Art competition



HEALTHY COMMUNITIES



ALL ABILITIES FOOTBALL

Do you love your football? But have never played?

We have the program for you.

South Mildura Sporting Club and Mallee Sports Assembly will be commencing an All Abilities AFL Football Program.

This will be a skills based/ mini game activity for people with a disability.

For more information, or to register contact:

Tanya Wild at MSA.



WHEN:

Friday 10th May to 28th
June 2019

TIME: 4.30-5.30pm

WHERE: South
Mildura Sporting
Club,
12th Street, Mildura

COST: FREE

All ages and skills
level welcome

MALLEE SPORTS ASSEMBLY
101-101A Ninth St, Mildura.

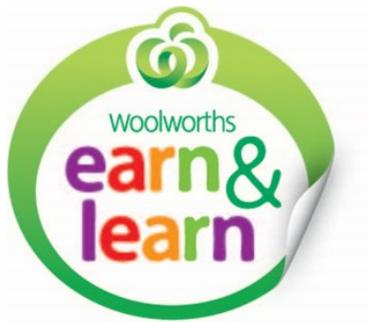
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EARN & LEARN



From May 1 to June 25, earn and learn stickers are available from Woolworth's supermarkets. Please remember to collect your stickers and drop them into the front office or in the boxes at Woolworth's Langtree Avenue or Mildura Central.

Thank you!



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, figs, watermelon pineapple 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Art Programs for Kids

Scribbles and Giggles with Kate Cotching

Scribbles and Giggles is a 6 week program for pre-preschoolers and their grown ups. Children learn through watching and interacting with their parents and caregivers. In this program we will explore ways in which you can connect with your own inner artist while enjoying making art with your child.

These sessions will be run in Merbein at Sunraysia Arts and Learning studio at 198 Third St Merbein..

Friday 17th May till Friday 28th June at 9.30-10.15 am.
Cost \$165 for the six weeks.

Art Club – Kids Communicating through Art.

In this art club for kids aged 5-10 will use art as a way of communicating and connecting with others with artist and facilitator Kate Cotching. Sessions will start with a warm up art game, followed by a short activity to promote communication. The second half of the session will allow kids to explore their own amazing ideas or expand on the short activity. At the end of the session grown ups will be invited in for a special viewing and a discussion of the art the kids have made that day.

Sessions start Friday May 10th and run for 8 Fridays through to Friday 28th June from 4-5pm at our beautiful Merbein studio at 198 Third St Merbein.
Cost is \$220 for 8 sessions

Music Together Enrolments are Open for Term 2 2019

Come and join our wonderful community of musicmakers for kids 0-8 years – enroll now for Term 2 2019 on www.sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au/enrolments/registration/ or ring 0420939229

Sunraysia Arts and Learning offers four great programs to suit everyone!

Music Together Family Classes for 0-5 years – quality music learning for little ones and their grown ups. Sing, dance and play with our three experienced and passionate teachers on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings in Red Cliffs and Merbein! Talk to us about using your NDIS or HCWA funding here ☺

Generations Music Together for 0-5 years – our popular intergenerational music class is now at running at Chaffey Aged Care (Fridays) and Jacaranda Village (Wednesdays). Come and make joyful music with our experienced teachers in the company of a caring group of grand friends. Enroll now, or talk to us about our fully funded enrolments for families with Health Care Cards, or with other access needs.

Music Together Rhythm Kids Level 1 for 4-5 year olds – quality and fun music learning for children at four year old kinder and prep. Take your music learning a step further with great music, skilled teacher Catherine and lots of fun and engaging ways to build on your music skills. Classes are Wednesdays 3.55-4.40pm at our Merbein studio.

Music Together Big Kids for 6-8 year olds – continue your music learning in this fun group setting, building on music skills in our fun and challenging group. Classes are Wednesdays 4.45-5.30pm at our Merbein Studio.