

# MILDURA SPECIALIST SCHOOL

Newsletter No : 7

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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

2 June—Pupil Free Day—Professional Practice Day—No students required at school  
3 June—Pupil Free Day—Report Writing—No students required at school.  
13 June—Public Holiday—No school.  
31 October—Pupil Free Day—No students required at school.  
1 November—Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday—No school  
20 December—Last Day of Term 4.

TERM 2

## Principal's Report



### Awards

Congratulations to our Award winners this week.



**Professional Practice and Pupil Free Days:** You may be aware that a new industrial agreement is being negotiated for teaching staff. Whilst the agreement has not been finalised the Department has granted a Professional Practice Day for Term 2. School Council has approved 2 June 2022. Students will not attend for this day. This means students will be away from school on the 2 and 3 June as June 3 is a pupil free day.

### No school for students

Thursday 2 June 2022 and Friday 3 June 2022



### Building Project:

A survey was emailed to parents this week for input into phase one which is about our current facilities, teaching and learning provision and future direction. This plan will inform the design team going forward. It is due to be completed for school council submission on June 6.

Here is the link:

<https://forms.gle/gnKa491yEwCtyvc37>



Thank you very much for keeping your child home if unwell and for being so responsive if called during the day. Currently a third of our student population is away.



On Tuesday we celebrated with afternoon tea to acknowledge the wonderful work of our education support staff. A huge thank you to all our education support staff: allied health, administration, gardening /maintenance, technical, well-being and classroom based staff.

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 - Eli: for reading for 50 nights at home.

Room 11 - Oscar: for participating in Circle Time and with coactive assistance greeting his peers.

Room 11 - Patrick: for using his communication device to match letters of his name and regularly verbalise them.

Room 15 - Kayla: for independently using her Eye Gaze to navigate through chosen activities.

Room 18 - Cody: by offering to assist staff and peers with jobs and work tasks regularly.

Room 18 - Stephen: for participating in student leadership activities independently.

Room 19 - Austin: for demonstrating consistent and independent work ethics

Room 19 - Harrison: for attempting all tasks and asking questions when unsure what to do next.

Room 20 - Riley: for ignoring distractions and working independently to complete an ANZAC comprehension task.

Room 21 - Abbie: for assisting with the Primary SRC Fun and Pizza Day.

Room 21 - Izzy: for assisting staff to rake bark chips in the playground.

Room 22 - Ethan: for excellent skills reading with expression and emotion.

Room 22 - Ethan: for having the confidence to speak at Precal SWPBS assembly and to nominate another student.

Room 22 - Seth: for assisting with the Primary SRC Fun and Pizza Day.

Room 22 - Anthony: for always showing kindness and caring for others.

Room 23 - Nash: for seeing something in the yard and picking it up without being asked

Room 24 - Annabel: for completing one lap of the bike track with minimal support.

ILS - Aiden: for engaging in all circuit activities during P.E. session.

## **SWPBS Awards**

Room 6 - Jaxen: for stepping into the SRC representative role when our elected class representative was away.

Room 6 - Moses: for participation and feedback to the class on events happening in the Junior SRC.

Room 11 - Deshawn: for selecting the hardest activity during the Picasso Art activity.

Room 11 - Lacie: by following instructions to make a Mother's Day card.

Room 11 - Ben: by listening and following instructions to be responsible during bike riding.

Room 15 - Axel: for using his Hart Walker, Crocodile Walker and Trike with enthusiasm and safety.

Room 18 - Isac: by Independently and responsibly working on tasks regularly.

Room 18 - Jordan: by working in the school canteen on the last day of Term One. Jordan was very focussed in his tasks and did a great job

Room 19 - Ethan: by completing his tasks in canteen and then helping others to get the jobs done.

Room 19 - Jorja: by always working on set tasks independently.

Room 21 - Chantilly: by working hard and learning how to create her first Power Point presentation based on ANZAC Day.

Room 21 - Logan: by safely cleaning the sandwich toaster.

Room 22 - Neesha: by responsibly completing all classwork and working quietly.

Room 22 - Neesha: by showing others how to understand their Numeracy problems in class.

Room 22 - Kane: by participating with enthusiasm in every activity in PE.

Room 22 - Kyle: for assisting with the Primary SRC Activity and Pizza Day.

Room 23 - Tobias: by doing his best sentence writing in class.

Room 24 - Robert: by completing the first lap during bike riding independently.

Room 25 - Sam: by verbalising his emotions and accepting support from peers.

ILS - Tyrell: for independently completing hygiene and personal care activities.

## Some Award Recipients



## Allied Health News

Allied Health staff are supporting Developmental Play across number of classrooms. Animals is our theme for Term 2. Students are learning about farm, water, safari, and zoo animals. Last week we introduced a vet activity and it has been a hit! Here are some happy snaps from this week.



## THE ARTS

### Around the World: India

The focus for Art in Week Three was India. Students viewed a Power-Point on India and Henna designs and symbols. Students then drew around their own hands and created their own unique symbols and patterns to decorate their hands.



Artwork produced by students from Room 8, Room 9 and Room 25.



## EARLY YEARS' NEWS

Room 1 has been busy planting potatoes in the Kitchen Garden and are looking forward to seeing how many we can grow.



On Monday the whole school celebrated the wonderful work our Education Support staff do in working with the students.



Last week students chose an activity they would like to do in a different classroom. Room 1 had Sandpit and Sensory Play. We played with trucks, cooking sets and dinosaurs.



### UPPER PRIMARY YEARS' NEWS

Upper Primary Years' students have been learning about Fibre and food production. James brought in some equipment from his bee hive and showed the students how honey is made. Everyone enjoyed tasting some honey. Room 4 made some Fairy Bread and sequenced the photos to make a procedural text. Daniel and Braxton followed steps to make their fairy bread and Hannah held up her completed procedural text.



Students in Room 4 have started their swimming program and have been engaging in Development Play. Isaac played with the wild animals on the safari mat and Keoni floated on his back during a swimming session with Mrs Weaving.



### SECONDARY PreCAL NEWS

Room 21 has been using play money to learn about making change. It has been a lot of fun.



Room 20 continue to work diligently on spelling words every morning.

Room 22 has been creating some great art and sewing pieces.



## SECONDARY—PAL NEWS

Students working in the ILS building have been making funny face biscuits and muffin pizzas. The Alphabet of Awesome Science performance at the Arts Centre was enjoyed by many PAL students. Professor Noel Edge and Professor Lexi Con presented a science experiment for each letter of the alphabet. The favourite experiments were the smoke donuts and clouds that floated over the audience. We have added some photos from PAL students who attended Bike Camp at the end of last term. Next week will be Education Week, information about a family tree activity will be sent home shortly. Hope everyone has a great fortnight.



## SECONDARY—VCAL AND VAL NEWS

VCAL Students visited the Mildura Working Man's Club this week, to better understand the Hospitality industry. They learned about employment opportunities, what the industry has to offer along with working conditions and the variety of different roles. We would like to thank Steve Banks, Mildura Working Man's Club Manager, for an excellent opportunity to gain insight into working in this industry.



# may 2022

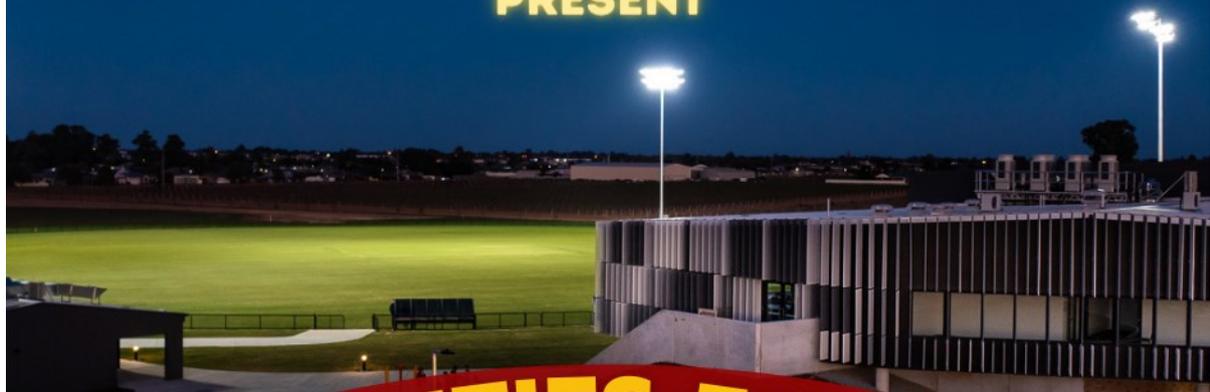
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# June 2022

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**SOUTH MILDURA SPORTING CLUB  
AND MALLEE SPORTS ASSEMBLY  
PRESENT**



**ALL ABILITIES FOOTBALL**

**FRIDAYS MAY 6TH - JUNE 24TH, 4:30-5:30PM  
@MILDURA SOUTH SPORTING PRECINCT  
RSVP: 03 5021 3464 OR  
LACHLAN@MALLEESPORTSASSEMBLY.ORG.AU**



**FOOTBALL FEDERATION SUNRAYSLIA  
AND MALLEE SPORTS ASSEMBLY  
PRESENT**



**FOOTBALL FEDERATION  
SUNRAYSLIA**



**Mallee Sports Assembly**

**SOCCER FOR ALL**

**WHEN: WEDNESDAYS 27TH APRIL TO 22ND JUNE  
WHERE: SOCCER PARK- CNR FLORA AVE AND 11TH STREET  
TIME: 5.30-6.30 PM  
RSVP: CALL 03 5021 3464 OR EMAIL  
LACHLAN@MALLEESPORTSASSEMBLY.ORG.AU**



## 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.

