

MILDURA SPECIALIST SCHOOL

Newsletter No : 4

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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

12 March—School Photos.

1 April—Last day of term. Early departure—1.45pm.



TERM 1
SUNSMART



Principal's Report



Awards: Congratulations to our Award winners this fortnight.



Lake Cullulleraine Activity Day: Preparations are well underway for the Activity Days at Lake Cullulleraine. Please check the weather forecast and dress accordingly. The buses will return to school at ~ 4pm. Classes will attend on a given day from 15- 19 March. Some students have elected to remain at school and a program will be provided for these students.



School Council: The next School Council Meeting is on Monday 15 March 2021 at 5.30pm. We are looking forward to meeting face to face once again. It has been nearly twelve months since our last meeting at school.

Returning parent members include Tracy Sibun, Evette Harker, Connie Aldamiz, Tracy Craig. Thank you to Paul Trevaskis and David Wright for nominating as the DET representatives. There are still two positions outstanding for parent members. School councils are groups who make decisions that set the direction of the school.

They:

- help create and check the school's budget
- contribute to the school strategic plan
- make decisions on policies like investments, payments by parents, dress code.

If you would like to nominate someone or yourself please contact Sharyn Morris. School Council meets eight times per year. Training is available for members of the School Council.



Photo Day: Please remember it's photo day on Friday! Photos are taken in the morning so please be prompt to school. Please see the visuals provided within the newsletter.

Kind Regards

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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.*

PHOTO DAY FRIDAY 12 MARCH

You can read this script with your child the morning of photo day.

Today is photo day.



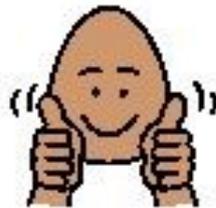
I will smile and sit still.



I will wait for the person to take my photo.

wait

I did a great job!



NEWS AROUND THE SCHOOL

Principal Awards

- Room 10 - Daniel: for beginning to learn the routine of his new classroom by using his words.
- Room 10 - Ashlyn: for independently organising herself for bike riding.
- Room 11 - Annabel: for independently initiating with enthusiasm to complete more work.
- Room 20 - Jack: for making exceptional choices to stay in the classroom and undertake all set tasks for an entire day.
- Room 21 - Benjamin: for working hard during all activities to complete work.
- Room 23 - Tobias: for letting staff know when he needs a break from the classroom and returning within a few minutes.
- Room 25 - Sam: for showing assertiveness and asking a peer to stop a certain behaviour.
- Room 25 - Zane: for successfully managing bus travel to Ten Pin Bowling by stating how he will manage the bus route.
- Darling Room - Jim: for helping with chores and working hard on his Maths.

SWPBS Awards

- Room 10 - Kera-Lee: for following classroom rules by staying with the group during transition.
- Room 10 - Milan: for using and inside voice.
- Room 11 - Jayda: for inviting others in the class to join her in Choice Time play.
- Room 17 - Xavier: for following instruction to tidy up the outside area of the classroom.
- Room 20 - Natasha: for realising she makes better choices when she moves away from her friends when they are not being respectful towards others.
- Room 21 - Star: for showing improvement in using an inside voice and using nicer words to staff and students when interacting.
- Room 21 - Ethan: for always using respectful words when talking to staff.
- Room 23 - Logan: for always using his manners in the classroom.
- Room 25 - Harley: for cheerfully greeting his peers every morning.
- Room 25 - Clare: for looking after equipment when in the yard.
- Darling Room - Nathan: for always following instructions and showing initiative.
- Darling Room - Austin: for always following instructions and showing initiative.

SWPBS News

SWPBS Matrix for Home

The SWPBS team would like to highlight to parents and carers the school values of Being Respectful, Being Safe and Being Responsible. Staff use the values to explicitly teach appropriate behaviour. One area of focus is on the use of common language. The team would like to remind existing parents and carers and inform new parents and carers that we have a SWPBS teaching matrix for home. The matrix is used to assist in teaching the use of SWPBS language at home. If you'd like more information about this please don't hesitate to speak to your child's teacher.

AT HOME

I WILL

BE RESPECTFUL	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Be on time  Use kind words  Use an inside voice  Follow adult instructions  Give personal space  Share equipment and spaces  Listen to and value each other's opinions
BE SAFE	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Use equipment safely  Follow adult instructions  Have personal space  Move quietly and calmly  Follow family rules
BE RESPONSIBLE	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Do my best  Be honest  Look after myself and my belongings  Give and ask for help  Be independent  Follow adult instructions  Contribute to and accept family decisions

Early Years' News



Room 1 Prep students enjoyed playing with magnets.



We learnt about our five senses and looked for things we could smell in the Kitchen Garden.

UPPER PRIMARY YEARS' NEWS

During the last fortnight Rooms 6, 8 and 9 have been learning about sun and water safety in preparation for the Lake Cullulleraine Activity Day. Room 8 students have designed their own sun hats and caps and have learnt about the effect of UV Rays on our skin. We all must slip, slop, slap and slide on sunglasses when we are in the sun.

Room 15 students have commenced Hydrotherapy this week and all students are enjoying their time in the water relaxing and completing their individual programs.

Room's 5, 10 and 7 have been working on rhyming words, and using core vocabulary to request what they want to indicate or their likes and dislikes. Room 7 has also worked in the Kitchen Garden preparing flower beds to plant a variety of herbs.

Secondary Personal Applied Learning NEWS

On Friday March 5, students in the secondary sections were given the opportunity to participate in the AAMI Richmond Football Club Community Camp. Students were linked into a video conference call with current listed Richmond players Noah Cumberland (number #38) and Morris Rioli (number #49). Noah and Morris spoke of their journey into the Australian Football League (AFL) system and the importance of resilience when rehabilitating from injury. Zack got the opportunity to ask a couple of questions.

Personal and Applied Learning (PAL) students have started practising their lawn bowls for the upcoming All Abilities Lawn Bowls Carnival. Students have been practicing at the Mildura Lawn Bowls Club and also at school.

Jyeddan has been working developing his literacy skills. Here he is tracing a capital E.



SECONDARY PreCAL News

Rm 21 PreCAL students created their own analogue clocks. This assisted with reading time to one minute intervals. Students have also recorded and presented information about the eastern states of Australia onto PowerPoint. When completed students will share their presentations to the class at the end of the term.



NAME: _____ ROOM: _____ DATE: _____



MSS Canteen Menu
 Canteen Day Friday
 *All orders and money must be in and paid for by **TUESDAY** 9AM

Item	Qty	\$ ea	\$ Tally
Cold Food Please Tick Your Preference			
Chicken & Salad Wrap: Plain <input type="checkbox"/> Sweet Chilli <input type="checkbox"/>		\$5.00	
Chicken & Salad Roll: Plain <input type="checkbox"/> Mayo <input type="checkbox"/>		\$5.00	
Ham & Salad Wrap: Plain <input type="checkbox"/> Mayo <input type="checkbox"/>		\$5.00	
Ham & Salad Roll: Plain <input type="checkbox"/> Mayo <input type="checkbox"/>		\$5.00	
Tuna & Salad Wrap: Plain <input type="checkbox"/> Mayo <input type="checkbox"/>		\$5.00	
Tuna & Salad Roll: Plain <input type="checkbox"/> Mayo <input type="checkbox"/>		\$5.00	
Hot Food			
Dim Sims Steamed		\$1.50	
Hot Dog in Wholemeal Roll		\$3.50	
Pizza Singles: Hawaiian <input type="checkbox"/> Supreme <input type="checkbox"/>		\$3.50	
Pie		\$4.00	
Pastie		\$4.00	
Sausage Roll		\$3.50	
Party pie		\$1.50	
Pasta: Bolognese <input type="checkbox"/> Lasagne <input type="checkbox"/>		\$5.00	
Drinks			
Low Fat Milk, Chocolate <input type="checkbox"/> Strawberry <input type="checkbox"/> Iced Coffee <input type="checkbox"/>		\$2.50	
Orange Juice		\$2.50	
WATER		\$2.00	
Cruncha		\$1.50	
Specials Hokkien Noodleless		\$6.00	
Burger: Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Beef <input type="checkbox"/>		\$5.50	
Baked Potato with Coleslaw, Light Sour Cream, Bacon and Sweet chilli		\$6.00	
Salad, Plain <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Tzatziki <input type="checkbox"/> Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> Ham <input type="checkbox"/> Dressing <input type="checkbox"/>	Lge	\$6.00	
	Sml	\$5.00	
*Special Orders, Dietary Requirements:			
Total			\$.

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NEWSLETTER EMAILED

If you wish to have the newsletter emailed to you each fortnight please fill out the slip below, tear off and return to school.

Parent/Guardian Name:

Student Name:

Email address:

FORM 3: SELF-NOMINATION FORM FOR PARENT MEMBER CATEGORY

(Formerly Schedule 5A)

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent member on the

..... council.

Name

Residential address

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Contact phone (mobile or landline)

Email

I am the parent/guardian of who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

Statement

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Training.	Yes / No (please circle)
I am an employee of the school council.	Yes / No (please circle)
I am engaged in work at and for the school.	Yes / No (please circle)

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that:

- I am not, and have ever been, insolvent under administration
- I am not of unsound mind
- I have not been found guilty of an offence that is, or would if committed in Victoria be, an indictable offence
- I am not a registrable offender within the meaning of the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004*.
- I am not suffering from any medical condition that would affect my ability to perform the role of member of a school council.

Signature of candidate..... Date / /

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

The personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable). Further, the name, membership category, gender (optional), term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Training by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on:

If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested your nomination may not be accepted.

If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1	2 Lunch orders due in.	3	4	5	6	7
8 Labour Day No School	9 Lunch orders due in.	10	11	12	13	14
15 School Council Meeting 5.30pm	16 Lunch orders due in. ..Lake Cullulleraine Outdoor Activity Days.....	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Lunch orders due in.	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1 Last day of Term 1— 1.45pm departure.	2 Term 1 Holidays Good Friday	3 Term 1 Holidays Day following Good Friday	4 Term 1 Holidays Easter Sunday

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5 Easter Monday	6	7	8	9 CASES21 V63.1	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Lunch orders due in.	21	22	23	24	25 Anzac Day
26	27 Lunch orders due in.	28	29	30	1	2

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** 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.

