

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

9 September—Professional Practice Day—No school for students

16 September—Last day of Term 3—Early departure.

3 October—1st day of Term 4.

31 October—Pupil Free Day— No school for students

1 November—Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday—No school

20 December—Last Day of Term 4.

TERM 3

Principal's Report



Assembly

Congratulations to our award winners this past fortnight.



Sports Day

Congratulations to all the students and staff for a wonderful day of sporting activities last Wednesday. It was great to see so many parents and carers on site for the event. The Lions Club cooked yet another barbecue which was enjoyed by all and we were so fortunate with the weather. Thank you to Ben Stevenson and Jodie Gibson for your organisation leading up to and on the day. Several staff were at school from 7am to set up. It was wonderful to see the House Captains displaying their leadership skills on the day and at the Awards Assembly. Well done to all - our values of being safe, respectful and responsible were on show with students cheering for each other and offering pats on the back for running events. The Senior College students once again helped to run the rotating events. This is a partnership that has been going for many years which both schools value. SWPBS Awards reflect the sportsmanship shown on the day. After not being able to run this event for two years everyone did such a wonderful job. Students dressed in their House Colours.



Professional Practice Day

All staff will be involved in a Professional Practice Day on Friday 9 September. Reminder that Students do not attend school tomorrow.



Student Support Group Meetings

Thank you for your participation in the term 3 Student Support Group Meetings.



Swan Hill Sports Day

Was postponed due to the weather. A proposal has been made for 6 October, which is the first Thursday after the holidays.

Footy Colours Day - Friday 16 September. Wear your favourite team colours to school.

School Holidays - Commence on 17 September with an early departure from school on Friday 16 September.

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 18 - Stephen: for improvement with public speaking. Stephen participated in many thoughtful discussions within the school community.

Room 21 - Eboni: for participating in all aspects of school incursions.

Room 22 - Kane: for independently completing his PowerPoint presentation for the Student Led Conference.

Room 23 - Jack: for participating with enthusiasm in all events on Sports Day.

Room 25 - Sam: for carefully recording the different road signs he saw on our excursion.

ILS - Tyrell: for engaging and progressing in water familiarisation activities at the Waves.

SWPBS Awards

Room 10 - Milan: by wiping the tables after icing and decorating sweet biscuits.

Room 11 - Benjamin: by listening and participating in Book Week.

Room 11 - Kera-Lee: by washing all the dirty dishes up after icing and decorating sweet biscuits.

Room 11 - Lacie: by listening to staff and actively participating in all her work.

Room 19 - Thomas: by assisting with completing and delivering the Breakfast Program order this week.

Room 19 - Rebecca: by participating in games showing sportsmanship and thoughtfulness to others.

Room 22 - Kyle: by helping to distribute, collect and recharge computers each I.T. session.

Room 23 - Matthew: by using his talker to participate in group Literacy lessons.

Room 23 - Ryan: for supporting his team by running in the team relay on Sports Day.

Room 23 - Natasha: for supporting her team by running in the team relay on Sports Day.

Room 25 - Chloe: by supporting a peer by giving them space then congratulating them after they had a good day. Awesome work Chloe you're a great friend.



Mildura Specialist School Maths Competition

Please write the correct answer, cut out and place the problem in the Maths Competition Box, located in room 8. You can complete the problem as a family or individual. The winner will be drawn at our school assembly and will win a prize from Mr Paterson's maths prize box!

I asked my teacher a question and they replied. 'Impossible'.
'What might the question be?'

Answer:

Name _____

Class _____

EARLY YEARS' NEWS

Some highlights for Room 1 of a wonderful Sports Day. Everyone made a great effort and had a lot of fun.



UPPER PRIMARY YEARS' NEWS



Sports Day last week was lots of fun and a success for Upper Primary students. The event was lots of fun and was a success. Students put lots of pre-learned skills into action. Well done to all students involved. Several of our students across the section were also involved with Surf Life Saving training. They learnt lots of skills about how to stay safe around water.



Alexys with her Sports Day encouragement medal.



PAL NEWS

A very busy week for PAL student last week, either Swimming and Dinosaurs.



PAL students listened to a presentation about Dinosaurs from Melbourne Museum last Thursday. All PAL students were able to touch dinosaur fossils. Graham is pictured with the Koolasuchus.

Museum Victoria website says:

Koolasuchus cleelandi is an extinct primitive amphibian from the Cretaceous Period, 125 million years ago.

It would have been a fearsome predator in its day—up to three metres long, with a huge jaw bristling with fangs and tusks.

Imagine a newt or salamander crossed with a big saltwater crocodile and you have a rough idea of what it looked like.



Kye and Tash are looking at the Muttaborrasaurus

AUSTRALIAN AGE OF DINOSAURS WEBSITE SAYS-

Muttaborrasaurus was a medium-sized ornithomimid (albeit much larger than all other known Australian ornithomimids) which would have been equally capable of walking just on its back legs or on all fours. The most distinctive feature of *Muttaborrasaurus* is its snout, which bears a raised bump which, in life, might have housed a hollow chamber. The purpose of this chamber is unknown, although it is suspected that it either enhanced this herbivore's sense of smell or amplified its voice.



Tyrell and Kye attended The Waves for the swim program last week.

The Independent Living students enjoyed making muffin pizzas in Cooking. They read Hairy Maclary in shared reading, with the focus on the core vocab words and on their talkers.

SECONDARY PreCAL NEWS

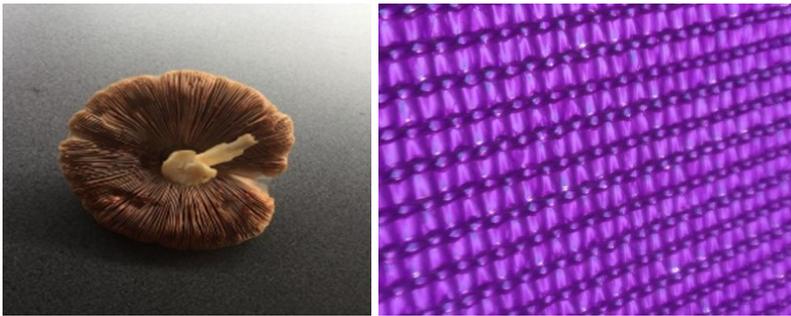
What a busy fortnight PreCAL students have had! We have had so much fun participating in events such as dressing up as a celebration for Book Week and our annual Sports Day. Students have also participated in elective events of Badminton, Surf Lifesaving incursion and performing in 'The Beat'. On Wednesday the 17 August some students performed at "The Beat" with Mr T at the Mildura Arts Centre with their bucket drums to the song Thunderstruck. It was a spectacular performance!



Room 21 dressed in their favourite costumes.



Room 20 have been exploring varying angles and different proximities in photography. It has really inspired the students' imaginations. The purple image is actually an extreme close up of the trampoline mat by Quinn. The toadstool image was a bird's eye view shot taken by Sione.



SECONDARY—VCAL NEWS

Hooray!!! We are opening our store. Our VCAL section has been busy packaging the last few items in readiness to open our annual VCAL Store. Kathryn and Lachie, along with all our students in VCAL have been busy manufacturing and cooking all the products for our store this year.

Featured are some of our items for sale:

- Tomato Relish.
- Protein Balls.
- Bees wax wraps.
- Terry towelling face wipes.
- Fidget bracelets.

Our order forms will be sent out to senior students' families next week. All our products will be listed and priced. Keep an eye out for these as we have a limited stock of these handcrafted products for sale. Our Store will open on Monday September 12. Please note, payment in cash or by eftpos - this is available at the school front office.

VCAL students will assist with purchases and can help with any questions about our products. Everything has been handcrafted and cooked by our senior students. They are proud of their achievement.



ART

EMOTIONS RUN HIGH AND HAPPY!

All classes have now covered the theme of emotions and their associated colours that specialists undertook this term. The last emotion covered was Happy with its colour being Yellow. Here Room 6 students happily display and demonstrate their efforts of making collage emojis, using various pieces of yellow papers glued to a paper circle then enhanced with black to define the eyes and mouth. What a good way to show your feelings!



From left, Ezekiel, Moses, Kayne and David (who has used red to suggest hearts for eyes)

Grand Final Eve

FOOTY 4 FUN



AFL Sunraysia is hosting a Grand Final Eve Footy 4 Fun Event at Sarah Oval on Friday September 23 from 10:00am-1:00pm. There will be lots of fun football activities and modified games as well as a massive screen to watch all the AFL Grand Final Eve festivities from Melbourne. There will be food and drinks available on the day.

WHO:

Children aged 5 to 12

WHERE:

Sarah Oval (No.3 oval)

WHEN:

23rd of September
(Grand Final Eve Public
Holiday)



REGISTER HERE!

[HTTPS://WWW.PLAYHQ.COM/AFL/REGISTER/9812FE](https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/9812fe)

September 2022

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 School Council	13	14	15	16 End of Term 3. Early departure. Footy Day	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
.....SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.....						
25	26	27	28	29	30	
.....SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.....						

October 2022

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
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2	3 Lunch orders due in.	4	5	6 Proposed new date Swan Hill Sports Day. TBC.	7	8
9	10 Lunch orders due in.	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Lunch orders due in.	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Lunch orders due in.	25	26	27	28	29
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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.

