

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

29 June—Footy Day

End of Term 2—29 June—Early Departure 2.30pm finish: First Parent Pick up at 2.15pm

Term 3—Monday 16 and Tuesday 17—Pupil Free day: Professional Learning for Teachers

School resumes on Wednesday 18 July.

16-20 July—NAIDOC Week

26 July—Pie Drive pick up

30 July—Student Led Conferences : Early Years and Lower Middle Years

2 August—Student Led Conferences: Upper Middle Years and Later Years

8 August—School Sports Day

20 September—School Concert

Principal's Report

Assessment and Reporting: Teachers have prepared reports on progress against goals for semester one. Reports will be sent home next week. Please read these and give your child some positive feedback about their learning.

Student Led Conferences: In week three of Term Three, Student Led Conferences will be held. It is a time for you to come into school and meet with your child and their teacher. A letter will be coming home for you to choose the best time available for you.

Professional Learning Days: Term 3, Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 July are the allocated days for teacher professional development.

Students do not attend school on these days.

During this time, staff will be looking at High Impact Teaching Strategies and analysing data about student learning collected from semester one assessments. They will also look at reading strategies, which include the use of augmentative communication devices and equipment to assist in reading.

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Leave: In Term Three, I will be taking Long Service Leave and Penny Hale will be the Acting Principal. David Wright will be the Acting Assistant Principal. David is currently the Team Leader in the Lower Middle area. Our leadership team work closely together in all areas of curriculum and student well-being and any changes will occur smoothly.

Attendance: The Department of Education has released new guidelines relating to attendance. This follows the recent death of a child left in a car in Melbourne. Schools are now required to make contact with families daily if a student has not arrived at school on any given day. It will be very important on your part to notify us if your child is ill or has an appointment and will be away.

Attendance has a significant impact on learning and when reading reports I noticed a number of students have quite a lot of time away from school that is not related to health. Please take a look at the attendance information on your child's report.

Footy Day: The last day of term, next Friday is also Footy Day. Your child can come dressed in their favourite team colours. It will be a lovely way to finish the term and have a lot of fun.

Please have a safe holiday break.

Marg Curran Principal

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Principal's Award

Congratulations to all Award winners this fortnight.



SWPBS—School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

Be Respectful Awards

Room 20 has been explicitly learning about being Respectful. During our assembly presentation we discussed how we can show respect: We can be a good listener, follow instructions, be a good role model, put ourselves in the other person's shoes, be polite, show kindness and courtesy. We talked about being a good **TEAM** member (**T**OGETHER, **E**VERYONE, **A**CHIEVES, **M**ORE). We focused on how we can be a good friend. Students brainstormed things that we can do to be a good friend. Our brainstorming list about friends: happy, caring, helpful, trustworthy, sharing, being nice, talking nicely, listening, not judging, spending quality time, reliable, being safe and responsible, being respectful, saying sorry, asking if someone is okay and showing kindness. Students were engaged in this lesson, taking turns with their peers and sharing these things that make a great friend.

Students in Room 3 created a Respectful Tree. We had to practise being respectful while working on our painting. We focused on keeping personal space, looking after equipment, following instructions and taking turns.



Art & Music Awards

Jessidean from Room 21 completed his 'Funky Chunk' project in which Later Years' students constructed a cardboard block, concentrating on balance and proportions that sat on four legs and was covered in tissue paper to camouflage the cardboard. Jessidean decided to build tall and paint bright, big spots to make his piece stand out. He also helped classmates complete their pieces after he finished each stage of the process.

Ethan C and Ethan H from Room 25 had decided from the beginning to build a version of the Tower Bridge in London for their construction project this term. They worked on all stages together, from the design, to sorting, measuring and cutting materials and then the constructing, being forward with asking for assistance when the challenge of their vision became too complex. They wanted a drawbridge effect and with a little guidance, they managed to see their dream come true. Both students demonstrated teamwork and ably carried out responsible, respectful and safe practices whilst developing this project.



NEWS AROUND THE SCHOOL

As Term 2 is coming to an end, so is our topic of Animal Classifications. Early Years' students have learnt about animal habitats and life cycles. Next term, students will be working on Me and My Family. Last week students dressed up in their favorite colours to support a range of charities in both the Mildura area and around Australia. Students were able to show off their colours during the parade and have a dance with their friends at the end.



The sudden cooler weather has allowed students to play in the autumn leaves that have fallen from the trees. Students had so much fun throwing the leaves and watching the wind blow them around.



NEWS AROUND THE SCHOOL

This week the Lower Middle students were lucky to have a visit from the AFL Football clinic. The students were taught basic skills and really enjoyed learning the finer points of football. We saw some spectacular marks.



Room 8 students have been busily designing and creating various items in Design and Technology and were very proud to show off their kite making skills.



Room 24 have been collating and representing data using tallies and pictographs. We counted colours of staff vehicles and found that white and silver were the most popular car colours for MSS staff.



Kira planned for and created a marble run in Design, Creativity Technology. Now she has to evaluate the process.



At Tuesday's Assembly, Room 25 students presented their thoughts on Being Respectful. The students had researched and written their own notes to read to the school.



Well done on a busy term, everyone. Enjoy your holidays and please be safe, respectful and responsible.

Later Years students have been working on completing outcomes for all curriculum areas. Some students have been experiencing Structured Workplace Learning during the last two weeks and have been given very good reviews regarding their performance on the job. Students visited Irymple Lawn Bowls Club during Physical Education lessons to learn how to Lawn Bowl. Students are looking forward to holidays after a long term of school work.

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Tips from parents to help make lunches easy, interesting and fresh

For small children keep serves small and cut up wherever possible.

Sandwiches can be prepared and pre-cut the night before or on the weekend, frozen then taken for each day's lunchbox. Suitable fillings that can be frozen include cooked lean meat, reduced-fat cheese, baked beans or vegemite. Defrost in the fridge overnight and add salad in the morning.

Cut up veggie sticks the night before when cutting up the vegetables for dinner and put in a tub ready for the lunchbox.

Stop the sandwiches from going soggy by placing tomato between the lean meat, reduced-fat cheese or lettuce.

Cut sandwiches into different shapes such as triangles or fingers.

Ask your child to list their top 10 sandwich fillings or put the list on the fridge. This will help if you are stuck one morning and need to make something in a hurry.

To introduce your child to wholemeal or wholegrain bread why not try zebra pattern – ½ white ½ whole-meal sandwiches.

Ensure you vary the items to keep your child interested in food and to prevent boredom.



Being Absent from School

Children aged between 6 – 17 years are expected to attend school (unless an exemption has been granted). Attendance to school is important as it provides positive outcomes for children who regularly participate. Consistent attendance patterns increase a child's potential and possibilities for their future. Long-term studies have shown that poor attendance leads to early school leaving and can be linked with poor physical and mental health, poverty and involvement with the criminal justice system. Low or inconsistent attendance to school has vast impacts on learning causing a rippling effect to a child's life.

Evidence shows that school attendance has an influence on student performance. Regular attendance in early years sets the foundation for learning in later years. Students that regularly skip days of school miss out on the essential learning that occurs on a daily basis. Children learn by building on the previous the day's work. Missing out on school allows gaps in learning, making it difficult for a child to pick up and follow on with others. This can lead to a child not wanting to go to school or display disruptive behaviour.

As a parent or carer it's important to support your child's attendance. If you're having trouble with getting your child to school, the school can help. The first contact is your child's teacher or the Student Wellbeing Coordinator and explain to her/him what is happening and the difficulty you are having getting your child to school. A support meeting can be organised to assist you with strategies to encourage attendance. When your child is away for legitimate reasons such as being sick, make sure you contact the school and provide an explanation to why your child is away.

The important thing to do, if you are having trouble please contact the school via the Principal, Teacher or Student Wellbeing Coordinator. Let us know what the problem is so we can assist in working on a solution.

Darren Jones – Student Wellbeing Coordinator

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, seafood 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.

FUNDRAISING

Pie Drive delivery date July 26, further information will be sent out June 1.

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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COMMUNITY NEWS

All Abilities Netball

Mildura Netball Association
and
Mallee Sports Assembly
presents
All Abilities Netball



- ⇒ Are you interested in Netball?
- ⇒ Do you have a disability?
- ⇒ Come and join the fun, meet new people and make new friends!

Date: Monday 7th May to 25 June 2018

Time: 5pm.

Where: Mansell Reserve, 7th extension, Mildura

Cost: \$53 Netball Vic insurance, \$2 weekly court fee.

Contact: Tanya Wild, Mallee Sports Assembly.
Phone: 5021 3464 or 0417 925 539
Email: tanya@malleesportsassembly.org.au

PARTICIPATE, FEEL GREAT!



Please contact Mallee Sports Assembly to register interest.

Office: 101-101A Ninth Street, Mildura, 3502;

Phone: (03) 5021 3464
Mobile: 0417 925 539
E-mail: tanya@malleesportsassembly.org.au

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Signature _____
Gender _____ Age _____
Signature of parent or guardian if under 18 years of age.



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 13th April to 22 June 2018

TIME: 4.30-5.30pm

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

COST: FREE

All ages and skills level welcome

MALLEE SPORTS ASSEMBLY
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Soccer 4 All

Mallee Sports Assembly and Football Federation Sunraysia. Welcome new and old players to join our Soccer 4 All Program in 2018

Date: 18 April —27 June 2018

Time: 5.15-6.15pm

Cost: FREE

Where: Soccer Park, entrance from Flora Ave, just after 11th St, towards Morbein.

- Have you been interested in learning Soccer?
- Do you have a disability?
- Why not come and join our program with Football Federation Sunraysia.



Supported and Coordinated By:



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To register please complete the following details, and return to our office via the details below.

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Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Age _____

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National Disability Insurance Agency

Community Information Session :
Mildura

Location: The Alfred Deakin Centre
Benetook Room

190 Deakin Ave Mildura

Date: Thursday 5 July 2018

Time: 6.30pm—8.30pm