

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

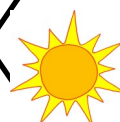
DATES TO REMEMBER

29 March—Last Day of Term 1- Early Departure,
school finishes at 1.30pm

16 April—Start of Term 2.

TERM 1

SUNSMART



Principal's Report

Happy Easter Break to all students, staff and families.

We have had a short but eventful first term with highlights of the Lake Cullulleraine Adventure Days, the Alpine Bike Camp and the Cultural Diversity Day and picnic tea.

We have also completed our student support group meetings and Individual Education Plans will be sent home this week. Please check your child's bag for these.

This week we will say good bye to Mrs Zadow, who students will fondly remember as the first aid person who looked after them when they were not well or needed a band aid. Joy began in the office as business manager when the school opened in 1991 at the old site behind the Mildura Secondary school. Joy continued to work with the school for the last 28 years and was presented with a memory book of her time at the school. A celebration was held last week with current and past staff and school councillors. It was a lovely evening and at the Tuesday assembly Joy gave a speech and students were able to say goodbye.

Jan Aitken, an Education Support worker in the Lower Middles area will also be leaving us to join Irymple Secondary College. While we will miss Jan we know she will be an asset to the students at Irymple and we wish her well in her new position.

Cr Modica, Mildura Rural City Council and Jillian Peterson, Mildura Art Centre, attended our school assembly to present an artwork generously donated to the school by Brian Harris, an artist from Broken Hill. The artwork pictured below will provide inspiration to our students in the stories expressed through visual representation. We felt very privileged to be chosen as the recipient of the artwork. School Captains, Thai and Sienna accepted the donation and made an acceptance speech on behalf of the school. Cr Modica and Jillian then had a tour of the school facilities and met many students along the way.

Have a wonderful break

Marg Curran

Principal



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PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Congratulations to all award winners this fortnight.



SWPBS—School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

Some positive behaviour tips for the holidays.

Celebrate and build strengths and successes: Tell your child what they do well and what you like. A sense of competence often fosters interest and motivation. Strive to give positive feedback much more frequently than any correction or negative feedback. 'Great job putting your dishes in the sink!'

Respect and listen to your child: You may have to look for the things they are telling you, verbally or through their choices or actions. 'You keep sitting on that side of the table. Is the sun in your eyes over here?'



ART & MUSIC AWARDS



Students across the school used Art sessions to create and complete paintings and displays showing off features and flags about the countries they had been allocated. While all students did an impressive effort towards these colourful achievements, someone has to be selected for an Art Award at Assembly each week! Logan from Room 9 made a red and white textured painting of the English flag while Nash-Curtis from Room 6 made an expressive drawing of a Spanish bullring inspired by the artwork of Pablo Picasso. Well done to these two students and all students on their Multicultural Day efforts!



NEWS AROUND THE SCHOOL

Students in Early Years enjoyed skipping on the Jump Rope for Heart Day at school on Friday. Some of the activities were individual skipping, jumping rope 'snakes' and jumping in snakes. Thank you to families who got involved in raising money for this cause.



Over weeks 7 and 8 many Lower Middle's classes attended Lake Cullulleraine for a variety of sports and team building activities.

Students were engaged in all the activities they participated in.

Students have all enjoyed learning about different cultures and countries as part of

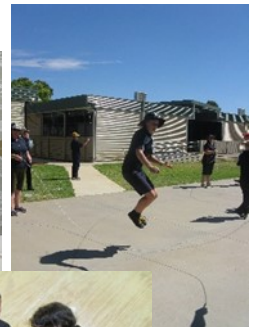
our Multicultural Day activities.



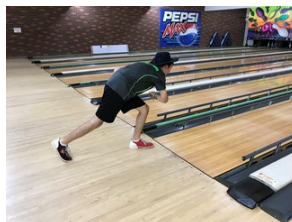
We would like to thank Mrs. Patterson, Jodie and all the staff who helped organise our action packed Lake Cullulleraine Activity Days. We held our Multicultural Celebrations last Tuesday with a Parade at Assembly and a Family Night. The yard looked absolutely fantastic and it was great to see the performances as well as the impressive work presented by each classroom. Thank you to all of the families who visited for these celebrations.

On Friday, we had our Jump Rope for Heart skip off. Students worked really hard toward this and we saw some impressive endurance, tricks, persistence and skills. We would like to thank Miss Judi for registering our school, Miss Frances for running the afternoon and all parents and friends who attended and/or donated to this cause!

During the second part of Term One, room 22 has been enjoying Karate. These sessions integrate the teaching of self-control, emotional regulation, respect and Confidence.



VCAL and VAL students have been learning about places in the Community they can access to keep fit. Each Thursday this term they have been keeping active at Sunraysia Tenpin.

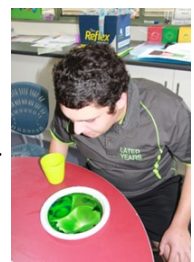


PAL students Brooke, Peter and Ethan are counting the Sports vouchers from Coles Supermarkets during Mathematics.



Ryan writing about the capital city of Afghanistan.

Frank combined milk, washing detergent and food colouring. He then used cotton buds to make patterns.



SRC NEWS

We would like to congratulate and thank all the students and staff who helped make the Multicultural Assembly and Evening such a success. It was great to see all the work classes had been doing throughout the term. The courtyard looked amazing. It was a fantastic way to bring our school community together.



Bullying No Way is a great national website to find information, advice and resources on the topic of bullying. The website is geared to providing advice to young people and parents/carers and includes resources directed to teachers. Some things that can be found on the site are: videos, games, apps, tip sheets and lesson plans.

- The [For kids](#) and [For teens](#) sections contain facts, information about what students can do, advice for students to consider and where students may go to seek assistance or further information.
- The [Your role](#) section provides useful information for educators, parents and carers, school leaders, the community and teens about bullying and harassment in schools.
- The [Resources](#) section includes the Teaching resources catalogue, early childhood resources and whole-school resources, and provides a range of facts, strategies and resources to assist schools and teachers to better understand and address bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence.

Building strength and resilience in children is very important. Information in this website can assist young people to have a clearer understanding of what bullying is and what to do in bullying situations. Parents/carers and teachers are also given an easy way to obtain information to talk and teach about bullying.

The website can be found at: <https://bullyingnoway.gov.au>

SCHOOL REMINDERS

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

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.

MEDICAL

At Mildura Specialist School we have children who have an anaphylactic reaction to **nuts, eggs, seafood and kiwi fruit** in the school. Please be mindful of this fact when preparing your child's lunch or snacks.

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.

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.

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.

Students process these orders: Tally money, give change, and place orders independently to meet their VCAL outcomes.

We are unable to process late orders.

Thanks for your co-operation

Paul Trevaskis

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.

There is a suggestion box in the front office if you wish to make use of this. All ideas are welcome.

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 absent from school could you please notify by one of the following means:

- Phone: 5021 3311
- Medical certificate
- Appointment notification
- A signed and dated note with student full name

Be Healthy Be Active

GREAT HEALTHY LUNCH BOX IDEAS

<https://healthy-kids.com.au/10-great-lunch-box-ideas/>

Remember to add fresh vegies and fruit pieces to kid's lunch boxes as snacks. Most important of all add a bottle of water.

Pikelet lunch served with a hard-boiled egg.



Sushi bread sandwiches – made by flattening the bread and rolling it up

COMMUNITY NEWS

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

INTERACTIVE - EDUCATIONAL - FUN

MUSIC - ART - SCIENCE - SPORT



Wednesday April 11th 2018
Sacred Heart Primary School

Purchase a ticket at
www.malleekidswonderfest.com.au

SUPER SATURDAYS

Outings for kids and teens aged 8-18 years



Providing fun and inclusive activities in the community
Every second Saturday from 10am - 2pm



FRIENDSHIP

Make new friends
Build confidence and social skills



TEAM SKILLS

Develop team skills
Experience new sports



FUN FITNESS

Try new things
Participate in fun fitness activities



COMMUNITY

Get involved
Be supported by caring, qualified staff



Participants must be registered with Interchange Loddon-Mallee to attend.

More information, including cost can be obtained by contacting:
Di Champion diane.champion@interchangelm.org.au

03 5022 9341





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
101-101A Ninth St, Mildura.

www.malleesportsassembly.org.au

Phone: 5021 3464

Mobile: 0417 925 539

Email: tanya@malleesportsassembly.org.au

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 Merbein.

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

Contact: Tanya Wild: Phone: 5021 3464, Mobile: 0417 925 539;
Email: tanya@malleesportsassembly.org.au

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FOOTBALL FEDERATION
SUNRAYSIA



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 our 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.

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Mildura, 3502;

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E-mail: tanya@malleesportsassembly.org.au

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Gender _____ Age _____

Signature of parent or guardian if under 18 years of age. _____ Date _____



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

Address: 101-101A Ninth St, Mildura 3502
Phone: (03) 5021 3464
Mobile: 0417 925 539
E-mail: tanya@malleesportsassembly.org.au

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Age _____