

MILDURA SPECIALIST SCHOOL

Newsletter No : 8

DATE: 2 June, 2022

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

2 June—Pupil Free Day—Professional Practice Day—No students required at school

3 June—Pupil Free Day—No students required at school.

13 June—Public Holiday—No school.

24 June— Last day of term 2

11 July—Pupil Free Day

12 July—First day Term Three for students

31 October—Pupil Free Day— No students required at school.

TERM 2

Principal's Report



Awards

Congratulations to our Award winners this week. Keep up the great work! Please read the reasons for the awards on the following page. It is great to see how students are thinking about their actions and being respectful as they interact with others during learning and play times.



Building Project:

Thank you to the parents and carers who responded to the survey. The survey will close on 3 June, if you would still like to have input.

Here is the link:

<https://forms.gle/gnKa491yEwCtyvc37>



Thank you very much for keeping your child home if unwell. Fortunately student numbers at school are improving. Our staff have all been magnificent in dealing with the challenges of having staff away, especially when we have not been able to replace with casual staff.

I am sure all staff are looking forward to the Professional Practice Day on June 2 and the Pupil Free Day on June 3 for Report Writing. It will hopefully be a nice long weekend for students to re-energise for the last three weeks of term.



Education Week: Thank you to all the parents and carers who visited school for Education Week.

It is lovely to be able to host these events once again.

I am sure you will enjoy reading this newsletter, celebrating the learning through a range of hands on activities, including multiple excursions, SRC activities, story reading with parents /carers and thinking about others through the visual arts. Thank you to everyone for your contributions to make these events such a success. Thank you to Fiona Morgan for organising the bread tag collection and sorting. Please see the certificate within and continue to send these in.

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 2 - Kyson: for helping to pack away the playground equipment at the end of the day.

Room 4 - Daniel: for using staff names to gain their attention.

Room 11 - Milan: for writing thankyou letter to mum for attending Education Week and consistently listening to staff instructions.

Room 11 - Patrick: for using his communication device to greet PAL staff in the yard during snack time, with minimal prompts.

Room 16 - Jaxson: for completing his morning work, including writing his name and matching the letters of the alphabet.

Room 16 - Lachlan: for saying the letters of his name during morning work activities.

Room 19 - For excellent PowerPoint presentations on the topic About Me and for encouraging classmates during the oral presentation component.

Room 19 - Indi: for changing her mindset this week to stay focussed on her learning.

Room 19 - Ethan: for always using manners to others.

Room 22 - Anthony: for being a supportive friend in a difficult situation.

Room 23 - Ryan: for settling straight into school and following Room 23 routines and staff instructions.

Room 23 - Tobias: for listening to staff and following instructions when feeling anxious during an excursion.

Room 25 - Chloe: for creating interesting sentences using the Colourful Semantics.

Room 25 - Brodi: for persisting with and using reading strategies to decode words in his reader.

SWPBS Awards

Room 10 - Kye: by assisting a friend to walk safely over uneven ground whilst on Field Day excursion.

Room 11 - Lacie: by following instructions whilst on Field Day excursion.

Room 16 - Alivia: by packing away classroom items and putting them back where they belong.

Room 16 - Koray: by putting his chair away after Circle time in the morning and at the end of the day.

Room 19 - Harrison: by waiting and listening to instructions before working on a task.

Room 19 - Ethan: by taking time out, thinking through his action to be safe in the yard.

Room 22 - Johbi: by ensuring the swings are locked at the end of every playtime with being reminded.

Room 23 - Jackson: by staying calm and following instructions during the Field Day excursion.

Room 25 - Brodi: by using knives safely during food preparation to make mini pizzas.

Some of our award recipients this week.



THE ARTS



Sunflower Art



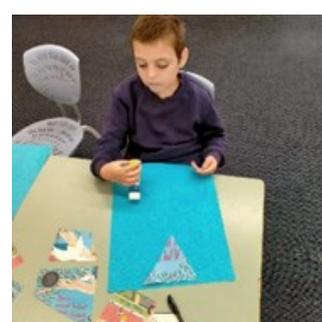
The theme for Week Five Art was the Ukraine. Students created sunflowers the national flower of Ukraine. Various materials were used to create the sunflowers such as tissue paper, cellophane, glitter, wrapping paper, sunflower seeds, crepe paper and paint. Artwork produced by students from Rooms 8, 9, 15, 22 and 25.



EARLY YEARS' NEWS

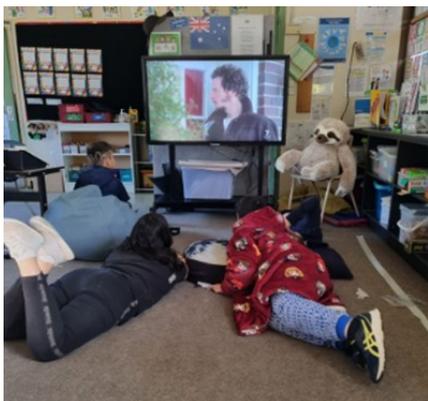
It has been a busy few weeks for the students in Early Years. Students from Rooms 1, 2 and 17 visited the Mildura Field Days on Friday May 20. They spent time exploring tractors and trailers, learning about different animals, checking out different types of sultanas and watching a science show.

Last Wednesday, students enjoyed the National Simultaneous Storytime book 'Family Tree' written by Josh Pyke. Thank you to the parents who were able to come and listen and join in with activities. Students made their own family tree and put together a puzzle of the front cover.



UPPER PRIMARY YEARS' NEWS

This week Upper Primary students enjoyed celebrating the start of winter. We viewed some winter movies and some students dressed up in warm and cosy pyjamas and Huggies, others opting for some of their favourite costumes. We thank Judi and the SRC for helping to organise this activity day.



Room 6 students have been learning about making healthy choices. Students recorded the sugar found in popular drinks and measured the sugar into a bag. We were surprised at how much sugar was in the drinks. Room 6 also discussed making healthier choices by eating fruits and vegetables before our 'sometimes' snacks.



SECONDARY PreCAL NEWS

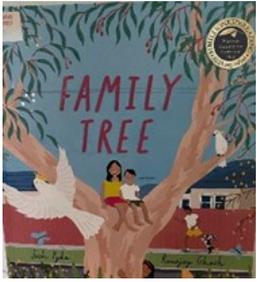
This sure is turning out to be an active term for PreCAL. We have Swimming during Weeks 5, 6 and 8, Lawn bowls every Friday and the AFL footy clinic in week 7. Students have been complimented on their manners, listening skills and ability to follow instructions to gain skills both on the bowling green and the in the pool.

In the classrooms, students have been learning the value of money. They have enjoyed participating in Maths games where they have traded a combination of coins and notes for other notes of equal value. It has been great to see how confident the students are becoming at handling money and showing the right denominations needed, to buy priced items.



SECONDARY—PAL NEWS

Wednesday 25 May at 11.00am, all PAL classes participated in the National Simultaneous Reading of Family Tree written by Josh Pyke. This was read by many schools around the country on the same day at the same time. Parents and carers were invited into classes to read / listen to the text with their child, then participate in a related activity. Thank you to all that were able to make it in and visit the classes and work with your child. Students were very excited. Below are photos of the book read, activities completed and some of the visitors that visited the PAL team.



SECONDARY—VCAL AND VAL NEWS

VCAL Students are currently attending Brazilian Jiu Jitsu boot camp as part of their focus on Physical Education. The program is providing an opportunity for students to learn about the discipline and self defence techniques of a Martial Art.



June 2022

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
			1	2 Pupil Free Day	3 Pupil Free Day	4
5	6	7 Lunch orders due in.	8	9	10	11
12	13 Public Holiday— No school	14 Lunch orders due in.	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Last Day of Term 2 - Early departure.	25
26	27	28	29	30		
.....School Holidays.....						



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
.....School Holidays.....						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
.....School Holidays.....						
10	11 First Day of Term 3 For staff. Pupil free day.	12 Lunch orders due in.	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Lunch orders due in.	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Lunch orders due in.	27	28	29	30
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BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS



CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

awarded to

Mildura Specialist School

for outstanding effort in Collection and Sorting of
Bread Tags



23/4/2022

Date

Signature



BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS



Please save your bread tags - they will be recycled to fund wheelchairs, mainly in South Africa.



We collect bread tags Australia-wide, and recycle these in Robe, SA. All funds raised through recycling are used to supply wheelchairs.



Re-made in Robe!



What can I do?

It's easy save your bread tags for a while and then drop them off at one of our collection points. Ask your family, friends, school and local café to help.



Visit our website for signage, to find your nearest collection point, or to host a collection point.

aussiebreadtags@gmail.com

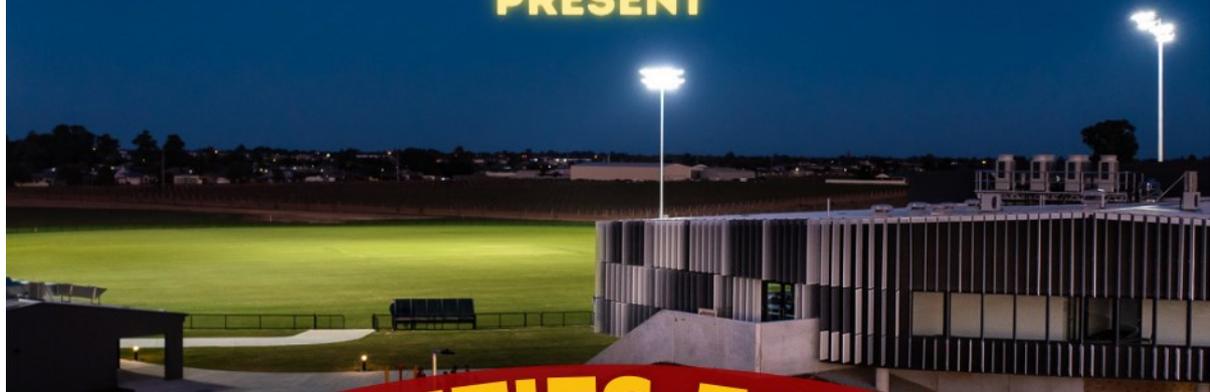
www.ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au

[@aussiebreadtags](https://www.facebook.com/aussiebreadtags)

Local Contact: PAL Section



**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 SUNRAYSIA
AND MALLEE SPORTS ASSEMBLY**

PRESENT



**FOOTBALL FEDERATION
SUNRAYSIA**



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.

