

# MILDURA SPECIALIST SCHOOL

Newsletter No : 9

DATE: 3 June, 2021

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**

**TERM 2**

14 June 2021—Public Holiday—No school

25 June 2021—Last Day of Term (1.40pm Early Years and Upper Primary—1.50pm Secondary and VCAL)

1 November—Pupil Free Day—No school for students

17 December—Pupil Free Day—Last Day of Term.

## **Principal's Report**



**Communication:** I hope you have received our messages sent via SMS and email over the last week. Thank you to families for providing feedback. Information will be provided to families on Friday about how communication from and to teachers will work via Xuno. This will replace the classroom email system. We are looking forward to getting this up and running for quicker and more effective communication.

**Survey:** Whilst your feedback is appreciated at any time, we plan to message a link to a school wide survey on Friday. We value your feedback and are always seeking ways to maintain good practices and improve. Please look out for this.



**Remote Learning:** Thank you for your support this week whether by communicating about attendance at school, picking up work packs and by working with your child at home on work packs and / or daily living tasks. Special thank you to all our staff for being ready with work packs and to supervise students. There was a calmness and sense of team work last Thursday when the announcement was made to return to remote learning.

**Student Support Group Meetings:** These have had to be held by phone – thank you for working with teachers to discuss progress against learning goals. Several families have requested information about NDIS. Please see the information provided within this newsletter by Darren Jones.

### **Staffing**

**Mental Health Practitioner:** Reluctantly I am advising that Jess, our Mental Health Practitioner resigned last week. We have readvertised her position.

**Debutante Ball:** We are waiting for updated Department guidance about events and will advise as the Covid 19 situation evolves.



**School Council:** Following on from a recent School Council meeting we now have an eftpos machine for your convenience. The next School Council Meeting will be held on Monday 21 June. **Pupil Free Day:** Since staff could not meet last Friday, we will aim to reschedule the Pupil Free Day in consultation with School Council. We will advise with plenty of notice.

We are looking forward to everyone returning to school - it has been very quiet.

Kind Regards

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.*



## NDIS Website Information

If you're new to the NDIS and want to find out more information, the NDIS website is a great place to start. Once you're on the website home page you can then navigate through three sections of the Getting Started process. The three sections outline, How the NDIS Works, Am I eligible, and How Do I Apply. Be mindful the website uses language that is not directed to parents/carers but rather to an individual with a disability. The Getting Started sections are broken up with video and animation clips making it easy to follow and understand. For additional support the best way is to contact 1800 800 110. The NDIS worker should be able to assist in guiding you through the process and making contacts with the local office. The website can be found at: <https://www.ndis.gov.au>. Local contact is Interreach Mildura 1300488226.

Darren Jones  
Student Wellbeing Coordinator.

### NEWS AROUND THE SCHOOL

#### Principal Awards

Room 5 - Oscar: for learning how to keep pedalling on the bike.  
Room 8 - Riley: for independently completing maths sums, by counting on.  
Room 9 - Abbie: for independently selecting challenging work tasks.  
Room 9 - Lakota: for persistently completing work tasks.  
Room 10 - Kerra-Lee: for independently following the morning routine of unpacking her bag and starting a work activity.  
Room 10 - Jake: for remembering the class routine and engaging in activities after being away from school.  
Room 18 - Jorja: for showing initiative to continue with work that has been set and complete the task.  
Room 18 - Stephen: for showing initiative to focus on his on-line responses and complete them.  
Room 20 - Riley: for being a reliable team member during cooking lessons.  
Room 20 - Isayah: for persisting and trying hard to master backstroke during swimming lessons.  
Room 20 - Seth: for re-writing his weekend recount after his first document did not save successfully.  
Room 21 - Harrison: for attending school all day and completing mathematics assessment tasks.  
Room 21 - Benjamin: for contributing to classroom discussions about physical and chemical changes and completing work sheets to demonstrate knowledge.  
Room 23 - Byron: for always being respectful to staff and students.  
Room 25 - Chloe: for independently following the morning routine of unpacking her bag and starting a work activity.  
Room 25 - Chloe: for showing maturity when working through a social issue.  
Darling Room - Austin: for always being in uniform, being on time and working independently.  
ILS - Jyeden: for attempting a new learning task willingly without prompts.

#### SWPBS Awards

Room 5 - Braxton: by giving personal space to peers in the sand pit.  
Room 6 - Eli: by asking to go for a walk when needed and accepting if it does not happen immediately.  
Room 6 - Konor: by when asked, walks behind the teacher during transitions from the classroom to the yard.  
Room 10 - Deshawn: by moving in a calm and quiet manner at all times both in the classroom and when transitioning between spaces.  
Room 10 - Ashlyn: by keeping personal space by moving her chair in Circle Time to include others.  
Room 18 - Kaelah: by writing a short informative report on safety in the workplace.  
Room 20 - Dale: for being a considerate and mature role model in the classroom when creating teams and delegating tasks.  
Room 20 - Jordan: by moving away from distracting peers during swimming lessons.  
Room 21 - Hugh: by using his calm down strategies to help him make safe choices.  
Room 23 - Logan: by always following staff instructions.  
Room 24 - Ali-Sue: by alerting a staff member that her classmate was not well.  
Room 25 - Zane: by expressing his feelings to staff and remaining safe during an emergency.  
Darling Room - Jim: by listening and being safe and responsible when needed.  
ILS - Kaleb: by selecting an individualised self-calming strategy to self-regulate his emotions and stay safe.

## UPPER PRIMARY YEARS' NEWS

Last week the Primary section of the school celebrated the middle of term with a fun activity morning organised by the Primary SRC Committee under the guidance of Judi L'Huillier. The SRC worked diligently over the term by firstly asking the students how they would like to celebrate the middle and end of term. As this is the first time running events in this manner, they used last year's ideas as a starting point, from this many ideas and activities were suggested by students through their classes. Further discussions and surveys were put back to classes to arrive at a democratically decided decision of holding a Teddy Bears Picnic where we would enjoy pizza for snack and play some games in mixed groups.

Holding a whole of Primary casual styled event saw the students best characters emerge. It was wonderful to see how the older students took it upon themselves to help the younger students join in the games and feel included.

These pictures show a slice of the fun....



With the whole of Primary gathering, the opportunity was also taken to hand out the Swim and Survive Certificates for those who participated in the Upper Primary Water Familiarisation and Safety lessons at the Waves pool earlier in the Term.



Finally, a big thank you goes to the SRC on the day.



## SECONDARY—PAL News

Last Thursday, Rooms 24 and 25 visited Benetook Farm, run by Sunraysia Residential Services (SRS). The students went on the old tram, fed the chickens and watched the eggs being packed. Students also had the chance to walk through the maze, dance on the chapel stage and walk through the General Store



Students in Room 11 participated in the National Simultaneous Storytime, a live reading of "Give me some Space" by an astronaut on the International Space Station! Students enjoyed the opportunity to participate in the yearly event and enjoyed learning some interesting facts about space. They even demonstrated some artistic skills by drawing rocket ships in a step by step, guided session, demonstrated by Captain Starlight!



Friday May 21, students from rooms 22, 24 and 25 went to the Mildura Field Day at Mildura Racecourse.

Students sat up in a firetruck, collected show bags from the many stalls and watched the reptile show with a python, baby crocodile, albino possum, dingo and blue tonged lizard.



## **SECONDARY PreCAL News**

PreCal students have been very busy over the past two weeks. We started the fortnight with a visit from Constable Taylor from the Victorian Police. The visit had a focus on fostering positive relationships between students and members of the Police force, as well as answering lots of pertinent questions that the students were free to ask.



Room 20 made Potato Fritters in their Cooking program last week. They were such a hit that everyone asked to make them again next week. Thomas even exclaimed that "these taste better than Maccas"! Below is the recipe taken from [www.Kidspot.com](http://www.Kidspot.com)



The students have continued on with the weekly swimming lessons at Mildura Waves, and have been undertaking assessment pieces to support their upcoming midyear reports.

### **Potato Fritters Recipe**

#### **Ingredients:**

3 cups plain flour  
3 large potatoes, grated  
1 medium onion, finely chopped  
1 can corn, drained  
salt and pepper to taste  
3 cups milk  
vegetable oil for frying

#### **Method:**

- Add potatoes, onion, corn and salt and pepper to the flour and mix well.
  - Add milk slowly until you have a thick batter-like consistency.
  - Drop tablespoons of the mixture into a hot frying pan and cook both on sides until golden brown.
- Serve with tomato sauce

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### **PARENT/CARER UPDATED INFORMATION**

Each Term we will attach this tear off/return slip for all families who have changed their contact details. If you could please fill out any new information and send to school to be updated.

Student Name: .....

Parent/Carer A Mobile ..... email: .....

Parent/Carer B Mobile ..... email: .....

Emergency Contacts: Name and number .....

## SECONDARY—VCAL AND VAL News

Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) students run our canteen each Friday, preparing a range of hot and cold meals for students and staff.



VCAL students are also trialling recipes for our enterprise program, where they produce goods for sale to raise funds for projects like the Graffiti Wall and to meet VCAL outcomes. Here, the students are preparing Beef Jerky to trial the recipe.

The Darling Room students have been busy practising cooking skills which involves Numeracy skills, such as measurement and time. So far we have made, Anzac biscuits, chicken burgers and sausage rolls. The students walk to Mildura Central to buy the ingredients. A highlight of the shopping trip is having a healthy morning tea at the food court.

Jim has also enjoyed maintaining the roses outside of the office, this fortnight.





# Sibling Social Group Kids

Being part of a family who care for a person with a disability can be tough.

We want to give you with the opportunity to meet kids your age and take part in some community activities.



## Make new friends and have fun!

Our Sibling Social Groups are held monthly in Mildura on a Friday between 5pm and 7pm.

Concession: \$3.00 per hour  
Standard: \$4.50 per hour.



### Tell us what you are into!

- Outdoor games
- Cooking
- Shopping
- Bowling and more!



Now taking expressions of interest

For more information, please contact Tara Coppola on 03 44182150 or email [tara.coppola@interchangelm.org.au](mailto:tara.coppola@interchangelm.org.au)





# Sibling Social Group Teens

Are you a teenager?

Do you live with someone who has a disability?

Would you like to meet other teens in a similar situation?



Being part of a family who care for a person with a disability can be tough.

Now you can catch up with other teens who face similar challenges each month and make friends who understand what you're going through.

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- Eating out
- Shopping
- Movies

And more!



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**MyTime**  
**PROVIDER**

**MYTIME**  
**MILDURA**

**mfc**  
malleefamilycare

MyTime groups are for parents and carers of a child with a disability, developmental delay or chronic medical condition.

A **FREE** service where you can socialise and share ideas with others who understand caring for a child with additional needs.

It's your time to catch up with other parents/carers in a relaxed setting. Play helpers are there to keep your children busy and active. Siblings under 6 are welcome.

## What will you get out of my time?

Assistance

Community

Shared  
Experiences

Friendship

Connections

Come along and see for yourself the benefit of being part of a group like this!

**Tuesday or Wednesday from 10.00am**

### TERM DATES

#### LOCATION

MFC Play  
Groups Venue  
  
Twelfth  
Street,  
MILDURA 3500

#### Term 2

Tue 20 April and  
Wed 21 April  
  
until  
  
Tue 22 June and  
Wed 23 June

COVID-19 SAFE PLAN IN PLACE.

#### CONTACT

Christine  
0488 011 751  
  
Email:  
[cleamon@malleefamilycare.com.au](mailto:cleamon@malleefamilycare.com.au)

|   |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
| Name: _____   | Room: _____ Date: _____ |
| <b>MSS Canteen Menu</b><br><b>Canteen Day Friday</b>                  |                         |
| *All orders and money must be in and paid for by <b>*TUESDAY*</b> 9AM |                         |

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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| Item  |                              | Qty | \$ ea  | \$ Tally |
|---|------------------------------|-----|--------|----------|
| <b>Cold Food - Please tick your preference</b>  |                              |     |        |          |
| Chicken & Salad Wrap: Plain <input type="checkbox"/> Sweet Chili <input type="checkbox"/>   |                              |     | \$5.00 |          |
| Tuna & Salad Wrap: 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 Roll: Plain <input type="checkbox"/> Mayo <input type="checkbox"/>   |                              |     | \$5.00 |          |
| Hot Food<br>Tick  |                              |     |        |          |
| Dim Sims Steamed  | Soy                          |     | \$1.50 |          |
| Hot Dog in Wholemeal Roll   | Sauce                        |     | \$3.50 |          |
| <b>Pizza Singles: Hawaiian <input type="checkbox"/> Supreme <input type="checkbox"/></b>  |                              |     |        |          |
| Pie   | Sauce                        |     | \$3.50 |          |
| Pastie  | Sauce                        |     | \$4.00 |          |
| Sausage Roll  | Sauce                        |     | \$4.00 |          |
| Party Pie   | Sauce                        |     | \$3.50 |          |
| Pasta: Bolognese <input type="checkbox"/> Lasagne <input type="checkbox"/>  |                              |     | \$1.50 |          |
| Drinks  |                              |     | \$5.00 |          |
| 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 |          |
| Crunchies   |                              |     | \$1.50 |          |
| <b>Specials</b>   |                              |     |        |          |
| Hokkien Noodles   |                              |     | \$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 |          |
| <b>*Special Orders:</b>   | <b>Dietary Requirements:</b> |     |        |          |
|   | Total                        |     |        | \$ .     |

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| Hot Dog in Wholemeal Roll <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  | Sauce | \$3.50 | \$3.50   |
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| Pie <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  | Sauce | \$4.00 | \$4.00   |
| Pastie <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | Sauce | \$4.00 | \$4.00   |
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| Orange Juice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   |       | \$2.50 | \$2.50   |
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|  | Sml   | \$5.00 | \$5.00   |
| <b>*Special Orders:</b> Dietary Requirements:  |       |        |          |
| Total  |       |        | \$ . .   |



May 2021

| MONDAY | TUESDAY                    | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY                | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|--------|----------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------------------|----------|--------|
| 26     | 27                         | 28        | 29       | 30                    | 1        | 2      |
| 3      | 4<br>Lunch orders due in.  | 5         | 6        | 7                     | 8        | 9      |
| 10     | 11<br>Lunch orders due in. | 12        | 13       | 14                    | 15       | 16     |
| 17     | 18<br>Lunch orders due in. | 19        | 20       | 21                    | 22       | 23     |
| 24     | 25<br>Lunch orders due in. | 26        | 27       | 28<br>Pupil Free Day. | 29       | 30     |
| 31     | 1<br>Lunch orders due in.  | 2         | 3        | 4                     | 5        | 6      |



June 2021

## **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.

