

MILDURA SPECIALIST SCHOOL

Newsletter No : 2

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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

14 March - Public Holiday - No school

17 March - Year 7 immunisations and Meningococcal

21 - 25 March - Lake Cullulleraine Day Excursions - Upper Primary—VCAL

8 April - Last Day of Term 1

26 April - 1st Day of Term 2



Principal's Report

Awards

Congratulations to our Award winners this week. Well done.



Student Support Group Meetings: Thank you for working with teachers to set new goals for 2022. Individual Education Plans will be developed in the coming weeks.

Pre-service teachers

I would like to thank Katelyn, Joseph, Joyce, Mikayla and Megan, students from Monash University who have been here for the past three weeks for their contribution to the teaching and learning in our school. Thank you to Susan, Leonie, James, Vicki and Kyra for hosting the pre-service teachers. I am sure it has been a valuable experience for all.

School Council

Information will be sent home later this week regarding School Council nominations. The School Council meets 8 times/year at 5.30pm. Members include staff, parents and students.

COVID -19

Thank you to everyone for your continued communication and support with the current arrangements in place to reduce the spread of COVID 19. The Department announced last week that Rapid Antigen Tests would be supplied for the rest of the term. We are also waiting for more air purifiers to place in rooms. From Monday secondary students and staff do not have to wear face masks. We will provide updated information as it comes in.

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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 8 - Waylan: for lots of positive contributions to SRC meeting.

Room 8 - Riley: for completing his sentence construction activities with neat writing between the lines and using a capital letter and full stop.

Room 8 -

Room 9 - Noah: for being a role model to younger students in the yard and helping them engage in play.

Room 9 - Nate: for being a role model to younger students in the yard and helping them engage in play.

Room 9 - Hari: for a successful first week at your new school.

Room 10 - Deshawn: following instructions to complete a lego construction.

Room 10 - Blake: for working independently and finishing his maths..

Room 11 - Lacie: for settling into a new PAL Secondary section.

Room 11 - Kera-Lee: for participating in work time, using her communication devices to answer questions during Circle Time.

Room 15 - Jonah: for using his Eye Gaze to complete tracking activities.

Room 15 - Axel: for completing cause and effect programs on the Eye Gaze.

Room 17 - Keegan: for great participation in morning sensory activities.

Room 22 - Kane: for participating in class discussions and his best with every task.

Room 22 - Ethan: for answering the phone politely and clearly and passing on messages.

Room 23 - Natasha: for quickly settling into Mildura Specialist School while following school routines.

Room 23 - Nash: for following the morning routine without prompting.

Room 25 - Chloe: for completing all work tasks and offering to help others.

Room 25 - Sam: for memorising and writing his personal details. Awesome work Sam.

SWPBS Awards

Room 8 - Colbie: for knowing when it is time for running, playing and when to sit and be safe when PE is over.

Room 10 - Deshawn: for being safe by keeping personal space in the classroom.

Room 10 - Fida: for transitioning into his new class and following instructions.

Room 10 - Annabel: for being respectful while using equipment in the classroom.

Room 11 - Patrick: for listening to staff, following instructions and lining up safely for outside play.

Room 11 - Milan: for listening to staff requests and following instructions to be safe in the classroom.

Room 15 - Charles: for being safe and speaking respectfully to others.

Room 15 - Grace: for being safe while exploring her environment.

Room 22 - Johbi: for being respectful, using his manners and being helpful in the classroom.

Room 22 - Joshua: for being responsible and encouraging others to follow directions and giving positive feedback.

Room 22 - Mia: for being consistently responsible by finishing work, helping others and setting a good example.

Room 23 - Cheyanne: for staying calm in the classroom and ignoring disruptive incidents.

Room 23 - Jackson: for staying in the room and following instructions.

Room 25 - Brandon: for showing others how to use the cricket equipment safely during lunch play.

Room 25 - Zane: for showing respect by following teacher instructions to achieve all work tasks for 3 days in a row. Awesome work Zane.

Primary SRC

The Primary SRC are organising activities for Clean up Australia Day. This day is officially on Sunday March 6 but we will be doing things leading up to that weekend. Students have chosen colouring pages to build awareness, organized a Rubbish Mascot making competition and have allocated areas of the school for sections to focus on cleaning up. We hope you notice how nice it looks at the end of next week. This week in our SRC meeting we made a video promoting Clean Up Australia Day activities at our school.

The other thing we have worked on is Clubs. Students would like to have some fun groups where those with a similar interest can join together. We have been asking the Early Years and Primary classes for ideas of what the clubs could be about – Lego and Minecraft have been popular. Co-ordinators – Karen and Gabby have heard about this and are trying to organise a time for this to happen.



EARLY YEARS' NEWS

Room 1 and Room 2 have had a busy fortnight. This Term, we have been learning about 'My Community' for our Humanities Unit. We have been discussing our likes, dislikes and hobbies. We have been practicing writing our name, and talking about what makes us unique and special.

Here is some of our work.

Amy, Bunya and Willow showing their names. Room 2's classroom display.



UPPER PRIMARY YEARS' NEWS

Upper Primary students are using the different facilities around the school. Room 5 students Devon and Archie are smelling and tasting the herbs and produce in the newly updated Kitchen Garden.



Archie is swinging on the swing in the Big Yard.

Mirage is experimenting with a cause and effect activity on the Magic Carpet in the Sensory Room.

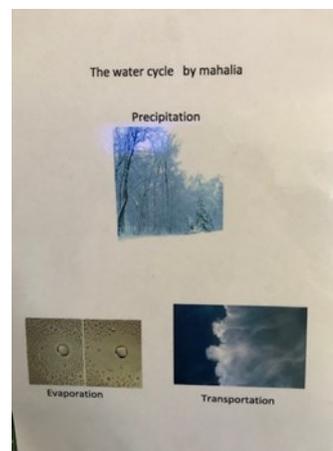
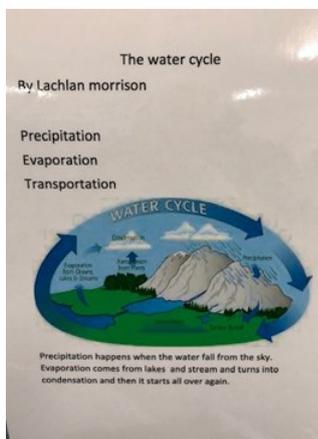
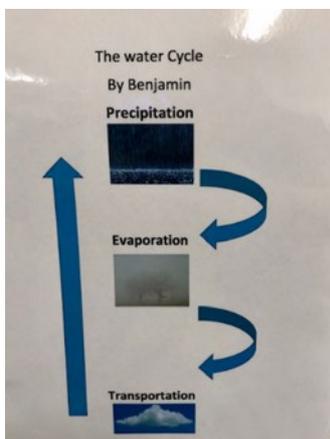
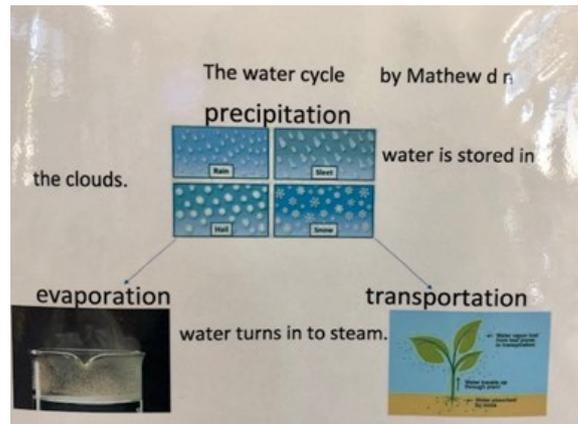
Archie is doing the circuit set up in consultation with the Physiotherapy staff in the Multi-Purpose Room.



Mirage is finding and spelling out words in his reader on his Communication Device.

SECONDARY PreCAL NEWS

The students in PreCAL have been very busy learning new things in weekly rotations. Students have chosen elective subjects as music/band, creating items made from recycled products in Design and Technology and Choir. Students have also been learning about healthy eating and nutrition for Health and the importance of sustainability. Room 20 students enjoyed creating documents detailing the water cycle, using visual imagery.



SECONDARY—PAL NEWS

Each Thursday afternoon, Room 24 students will be participating in independent living skills. The jobs are vacuuming the classroom floor, washing the dishes, wiping the tables and chairs, sweeping the decking outside our classroom and mopping the kitchen area floor. The students will rotate jobs each week.

Room 10 and 11 are regularly participating in mindfulness every afternoon with Mrs P. Students rest in a quiet place in front of the interactive board and follow mindfulness activities to help them unwind and rest prior to their afternoon sessions.

In week 5 students in room 10 and 11 will join for Physical Education.

Last Thursday we discussed healthy eating options and worked in pairs or individually to cut and paste foods we can eat all the time and foods we should only eat occasionally.

In Maths Room 11 have been practising their counting in different ways. Above, Lacie is counting the beads on an online counting frame.

On Friday we used our sense of sight to go on a scavenger hunt in the Kitchen Garden. We collected items that were safe to pick up and took photographs of other things not to touch. In the photo Nicole is reading from a checklist while Jayda and Lacie point to the things they have collected. When we returned to our room we talked about the items we saw and made sentences. This week we created a poster of all the things we have seen in the garden.



Students in Room 23 have been working on telling time on an analogue clock.



Students in ILS made nachos in cooking. They have read *The Gruffalo* and made their own Gruffalo.



SECONDARY—VCAL AND VAL NEWS

VCAL staff and students, would like to formally welcome Kathryn and Harrison to our school and our VCAL team. We have enjoyed meeting and getting to know you both over the past two weeks.

As part of our VCAL outcomes this term, students from Rooms 18 and 19 have been visiting our primary and secondary classrooms, completing surveys and informing students and staff about an upcoming Colour Run event, that we hope to be hold, later in Term One.



February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Lunch orders due in.	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Lunch orders due in.	23	24	25	26
27	28					

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March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Lunch orders due in.	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Lunch orders due in.	9	10	11	12
13	14 Public Holiday. No school	15 Lunch orders due in.	16	17 Yr 7 immunisations and meningococcal.	18 School Photos	19
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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** 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.

