

MILDURA SPECIALIST SCHOOL

Newsletter No : 4

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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

8 April - Last Day of Term 1

26 April - 1st Day of Term 2

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



Principal's Report



Awards

Assembly was delayed this week due to a technology glitch. There were a lot of awards to read out this week which was great to see. Well done to all!



School Council

The new School Council meets this Monday 28 March, 2022 at 5.30pm. We still have a vacancy for a parent member and two students. If you are interested please contact Sharyn Morris or myself. The 2021 Annual Report and 2022 Annual Implementation Plan will be presented.



Mobile Phones

Thank you for your support in encouraging your child to hand their phone in at school. I am pleased to report greater compliance with this directive and acceptance of the policy.

Individual Education Plans

Teachers have prepared individual education plans following support group meetings. These will be sent home in the last week of school. Thank you for your valuable input as these plans will guide our work for the year.

Lake Cullulleraine Activity Days

Day 4 of our Lake Cullulleraine Activity Day is on today. Thank you to Jodie Gibson for all your work to organise the activities and the smooth running of the days. Thank you to the bus drivers and staff for making this event so memorable and exciting. Building a burger for lunch was a new addition this year.



Congratulations to the VCAL students and staff for the event management of the Colour Run Day.

Xuno – We have been made aware that some accounts are no longer active. If you can't access Xuno please contact your child's teacher or the office directly.

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's team leader if you have any questions or need support.

Team Leaders:

Early Years and Upper Primary, Multisensory – Kate Tyson

Personal and Applied Learning – Matthew Leslie

PreCAL and VCAL – Heidi Milner

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 4 - Keoni: For independently completing the circuit multiple times during PE.

Room 4 - Mirage: For independently using his communication device to ask for bubbles before taking them.

Room 6 - Kayne: For continuing to help others and be kind to his classmates.

Room 6 - Whyatt: For consistently reading take home readers every weeknight.

Room 6 - Kayne: For consistently reading take home readers every weeknight

Room 8 - Bailey: For using strategies independently to complete maths activities

Room 10 - Kye: For reporting accurately about his day to his Nan, when she asked, after school.

Room 10 - Blake: Looking after equipment while bike riding with the class.

Room 11 - Annabel: For identifying two digit numbers up to 50.

Room 15 - Jonah: for showing interest and delight in his learning.

Room 16 - Jaxson: Looking at Core Vocabulary Board to say good morning during Circle Time

Room 18 - Eric: Independently assisting his classmates by showing them how to refill shelves at IGA.

Room 19 - Thomas: For being a buddy to another student every morning by walking him up to Room 21 from the Quad area.

Room 19 - Lacey: for remaining calm as she expressed some concerns to staff.

Room 19 - Austin: Showing initiative and independently working on tasks.

Room 21 - Corey: For making another student feel welcome in Room 21 by having lunch with him each.

Room 21 - Chantilly: For completing all set tasks and achieving success in her new classroom.

Room 22 - Kane: for taking the time to read to another student in the library.

Room 22 - Neesha: For always coming to school smiling and willing to help.

Room 23 - Natasha: for Making her toasted sandwich in cooking.

Room 25 - Harley: For creating interesting sentences using his weekly words.

Darling Room - Sione: For consistently trying and never giving up on his school work.

ILS - Kaan: For making a song choice during Circle Time using picture cards.

SWPBS Awards

Room 2 - Azealia: by respectfully sitting and waiting at Parent pick up.

Room 6 - Nathaniel: by respectfully sitting and waiting at parent pick.

Room 8 - Benjamin: by safely playing dodge ball in the multipurpose room.

Room 25 - Harley: For creating interesting sentences using his weekly words.

Room 10 - Deshawn: by being honest about not completing a piece of work, when asked about it by the teacher.

Room 15 - Grace: by being responsible and listening to staff when exploring her environment.

Room 16 - Alivia: by helping to pack away her toys when finished.

Room 19 - Ethan: by independently apologised to staff and peers when he has been disrespectful in his actions or words.

Room 20 - Mahalia: by independently apologising to a staff member.

Room 21 - Gabriel: by being respectful in class by leaving froggy on the bench during class time.

Room 22 - Kane: by showing Respect and apologising to another student when it was needed.

Room 22 - Johbi: by taking care with his work. Our Quiet Achiever.

Room 23 - Tobias: by Independently apologising and accepting consequences of behaviour.

Room 23 - Matthew: by having improved behaviour in the classroom.

Room 25 - Zane: by being respectful and asking for breaks out of the class and negotiating the time frame. Well done Zane.

Darling Room - Star: by showing compassion to younger students in the school and helping out.

ILS - Tyrell: by sitting responsibly during school photos.

THE ARTS

The past two weeks, Specialist Art staff have been teaching students about the Art element of line. The focus has been on horizontal lines, vertical lines and diagonal lines. Students have shown great creativity when making their art works each week. Different materials such as, oil pastels, paint, pencils, ripped paper, textas and food colouring were all used to inspire students to always try new materials when creating Artworks. Below are examples of line Artworks students have created over the past two weeks.



In music students are continuing to learn about the different beats in music. This is done through body percussion, using the djembe drums, using clap sticks and following teacher direction while music is playing.

Primary SRC

This week we worked on organizing the activities for the End of Term Fun Day. Thank you Cosi and Shanelle who went room to room asking staff what activities they were offering. A class note has gone out for students to pick their activities. The list includes singing, robots, balloon games, Lego, Minecraft, an obstacle course just to name a few. Once students have selected their preferences we will draw up a room schedule of activities and students in each class. This is a direct response to students wanting to do clubs and a trial for running clubs in the future. A Pizza lunch note went to rooms last Wednesday, a reminder that these need to be back by Friday 1st April so we can order for the following week. I will send home a reminder early next week.



EARLY YEARS' NEWS

It is hard to believe that we are only a few weeks away from the end of Term 1. Room 16 and 17 students have been busy planting some herbs and vegetables in the Kitchen Garden and in the play area behind the classroom. Students helped to plant carrots, beetroot, lemongrass, rosemary and basil. During the warmer weather, we have been giving them all extra water. Students have also been enjoying the warm weather by completing some of their work outside, including Jolly Phonics and a range of sensory activities.



UPPER PRIMARY YEARS' NEWS

This week room 4 students enjoyed the Colour Fun Run.



In room 8 students have been learning the skills of Place Value by matching the correct picture to the right amount. Students have also been learning computing skills by presenting their work on Microsoft Word and PowerPoint.



Room 8 students have built chain reaction machines in design and technology, while in writing they have been learning about the seasons.



SECONDARY PreCAL NEWS

We all enjoyed the Colour Run last Thursday. It was a great event, well run by the VCAL students and money raised was donated to the Starlight Foundation. Everybody had a great time and there were many very colourful and wet students, as well as some staff.

Room 22 has been researching Renewable Energy sources as part of their Sustainability Unit. We have produced Word documents highlighting some advantages and disadvantages of wind energy and looked at videos of windfarms around the world.

Students from our area are looking forward to our activity day at Lake Cullulleraine on Friday. Please all read the list of items to bring on the day and have fun.

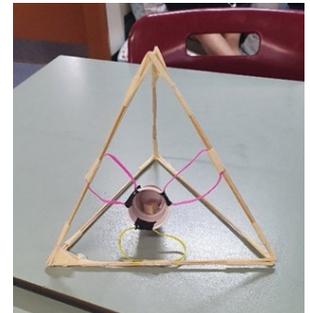


SECONDARY—PAL NEWS

Hi everyone, it has been a busy time for PAL recently. As you know we have been going to Lawn Bowls for the last four Fridays. Last week we finished with a tournament and sausage sizzle lunch. The tournament was won by Natasha and Tobias as runner up. Great job everyone.



This week PAL groups went to Lake Cullulleraine. We will have some photos included in the next newsletter. Students in the ILS made Rice Bubble Slice and Mango Smoothies in cooking. They read 'Mrs Wishy Washy' and 'The Old Woman who Swallowed a Fly' during guided reading with a core vocabulary focus on the words 'on' and 'in'. Room 23 students have been doing some Design and Technology with Mrs Alexander on Wednesday afternoons. The students and staff are having a great time building models. So far, we have completed Trigger Launchers and Pyramid Catapults.



Students in Room 24 have been getting some exercise on the Smoothie Bike that is on loan from Sunraysia Community Health Centre. The bike works a blender to make smoothies as the students pedal. What a great idea.

Here is Tahlia making a smoothie and Ashton tasting it.

SECONDARY—VCAL AND VAL NEWS

What is fast, furious and covered in colour? The VCAL students of course!

On Thursday 17 March, Room 18 and 19 students decided it was time to celebrate Term One in the most colourful and outrageous way possible. As part of their VCAL outcomes, students hosted a school wide **Colour Fun Run** to promote health and wellbeing. Students worked hard behind the scenes: developing plans, surveying, gathering equipment and gaining an understanding on the importance of teamwork. Students were able to raise \$99.85 for The Starlight Foundation, which aims to brighten the lives of children in hospital.

Thank you to everyone who donated, and a huge thank you to all who participated in the event. It was most certainly a tiring day, but undoubtedly one we will remember for a long time.



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
20	21	22 Lunch orders due in.	23	24	25	26
Lake Cullulleraine day excursions Upper Primary to VCAL students.						
27	28 School Council Meeting—5.30pm	29 Lunch orders due in.	30	31		

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April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Easter Raffle tickets to be returned.	2
3	4 Easter Raffle drawn	5	6	7	8 Last Day of Term 1—early departure.	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
.....School Holidays						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
.....School Holidays						
24	25 ANZAC Day Public Holiday. No school.	26 1st day of Term 2	27	28	29	30

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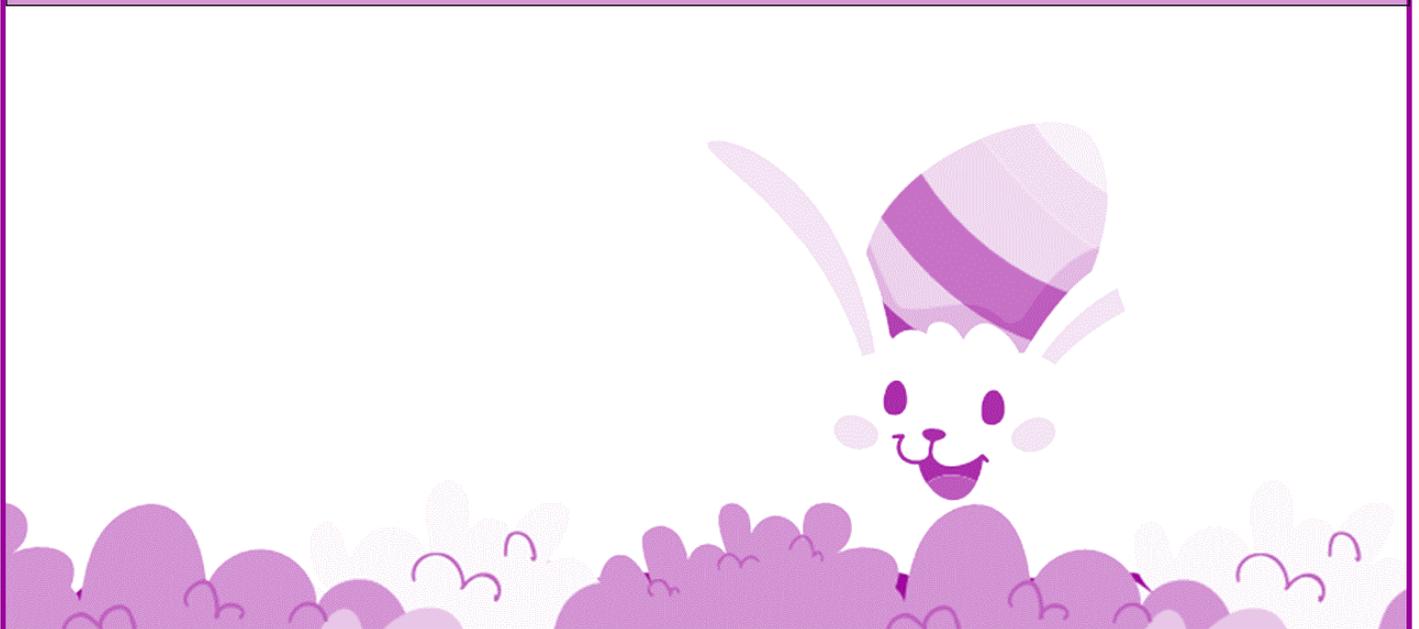
Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our first fundraiser for the year, the annual Easter Raffle.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could donate an Easter egg or novelty item towards our hamper baskets. These can be left at the front office.

Please return all raffle books sold or unsold by Thursday 1 April. The draw will take place on Monday 4 April

Cathie Toma
Fundraising Coordinator



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.

