

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

14 June 2021—Public Holiday—No school

TERM 2

Principal's Report



Bike Camp: Congratulations and well done to everyone involved in the Alpine Bike Camp. The students rode a long way – about 100km. Students who attended included Libby, Indi, Amy, Jackson, Seth, Darcy, Austin, Ben and Jim. Staff included Bob, Jodie, Donna and Kelly. Thank you Jodie for all your organisation and planning to make the event such a success and to staff for their care, participation and supervision.



Important Information for School Leavers: The Department of Education and Training (DET) has been working with the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA). Please see the attached flyer within this newsletter prepared by the NDIA. Please contact myself or Heidi Milner, Team Leader if you have any questions.

School Council: Thank you to Stella Zigouras for nominating to be a parent member of School Council. There is still one more position. If you are interested please contact myself or Sharyn Morris. We meet twice per term at 5.30pm on a Monday evening. The next meeting will be held on Monday 26 April 2021 in the staffroom.

At our last School Council meeting the following dates for Pupil Free Days were approved:

Term 2- Friday, 28 May, 2021.

Term 4 – Monday, 1 November 2021 - Day before Melbourne Cup.

Term 4 – Friday, 17 December 2021. Last day of Term Four.

Staffing

Mental Health Practitioner- Jess Petrolo will commence in week 3, three days per week.

Phil Connell resigned from his Education Support position during the holidays and will return on a casual basis.



Students: Welcome to our new student, Seth who has joined the Secondary students in Leonie's room.

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.*

EASTER RAFFLE

A very big thank you to all families and staff who donated items for our Easter Hamper.

The following prizes were won:

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| 1. ILS | 5. Naomi | 9. Izzy |
| 2. Enzo | 6. Tyrell | 10. Ryan |
| 3. Tyrell | 7. Riley | 11. Haymish |
| 4. Darren | 8. Megan | 12. Jess |

Healthy Eating Communities

Alpine Bike Camp - by Austin (VCAL)

The Alpine Bike Ride was the first bike camp I have ever been on and it was a lot of fun. I saw a lot of amazing things on the Alpine Bike Ride. Riding is one way to be active and healthy. It was nice to see a different part of my country. But most of all the ride improved my health, built up my muscles and challenged my mental strength to never give up, during long distance riding. We had healthy meals each night, including roast and vegetables and pasta, to help with keeping up our energy, to ride 106 kilometres, over two days.

ALLIED HEALTH NEWS



At the end of Term One, several students who are non-verbal or minimally verbal received funded iPads through State Schools' Relief, to assist with developing their communication skills. The school's Speech Pathologists applied for further funding through Wings For Kids to purchase additional accessories, to set up these iPads as communication devices.

We were excited to receive funding from Wings For Kids yesterday to purchase accessories such as iPad covers with shoulder straps and Snap Core First Application, for number of iPads. Mildura Specialist School would like to thank Wings For Kids for supporting our students once again! Over the years Wings For Kids Inc. have supported our students to access specialised equipment such as standers, walkers, and communication devices just to name a few.

"Wings for Kids Inc is a not for profit incorporated organisation comprised of local community members who volunteer their time and expertise to raise funds and awareness of the group. The members assist in the purchase (wholly or gap funding after all other sources have been exhausted) of specialised medical equipment, aids and supports for "special needs" children. Wings supports the vast geographical area of Sunraysia Mallee. We have been helping local Sunraysia children (from 0 – 18 years) with disabilities and chronic illnesses for over 30 years." <https://www.wings4kids.net>

If you would like to find out more about Wings For Kids make sure you check out their website or look them up on Facebook.

NEWS AROUND THE SCHOOL

Principal Awards

Room 1 - Xavier: for a great effort in reading his books about Pets.

Room 5 - Brax: for demonstrating good attention skills by following instructions and sitting safely.

Room 10 - Lacie: for using longer sentences when talking with staff and students.

Room 18 - Indiana: for demonstrating good oral communication skills in answering the phone and passing on information.

Room 21 - Ethan: for working hard on his money maths.

Room 21 - Lachlan: for practising mature words to express his feelings.

Room 22 - Zack: for doing his best by being involved in the class drama video.

Room 23 - Byron: for always looking out for members in the class.

Room 24 - Robert: for clapping at Lawn Bowls to celebrate others' achievements.

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Room 25 - Darcy: for politely interrupting staff and students to speak.

Room 25 - Brandon: for fantastic phone answering and message delivering skills.

Darling Room - Jim: for helping staff to unlock the Woodwork Room.

Darling Room - Crystal: for good attendance at school.

SWPBS Awards

Room 10 - Ashlyn: by doing her best by completing work activities.

Room 11 - Annabel: by listening and safely following instructions.

Room 18 - Stephen: by being a responsible classmate by helping during structured workplace practises.

Room 21 - Mathew: by ignoring disruptions in class to focus on his work.

Room 23 - Lachlan: by listening and following the instructions from staff.

Room 24 - Ali-Sue: by understanding that sometimes changes have to be made and being patient at Lawn

Early Years' News

Welcome back to Term 2. We hope you all had a lovely and restful holiday.

The theme this term is Living Things. Students will be learning about plants, animals and people and what each group need to stay alive. There are lots of fun activities planned.

Swimming begins this term. Room 17 swims on Tuesdays, Room 3/4 on Wednesdays, Rooms 1 and 16 on Thursdays and Room 2 on Fridays. Please make sure all swimming clothing is clearly named, so nothing gets misplaced.

This week students have been listening to books on ANZAC day and have completed art activities. Below are some paintings from Room 16 students.



UPPER PRIMARY YEARS' NEWS

This week most of the Upper Primary students have been participating in a swimming program at the Mildura Waves. This program will go for two weeks. Students are learning swimming skills with instructors from the Mildura Waves.

Room 5 students have been exploring different forms of movement, using a variety of resources in the Multipurpose Room.

Room 15 has been learning about the weather through craft activities and looking at books.

Upper Primary rooms have been also preparing students for ANZAC Day by making items for the assembly on Monday.

It has been wonderful to see students wearing jumpers to school during the colder weather in Term 2.



Secondary Personal Applied Learning NEWS

Welcome back to Term Two. We hope everyone had a good break and made the most of the fantastic weather over the holidays.

Individual Education Plans have been finalised, which parents and carers should have received at the end of last term.

Teachers are busy planning activities for ANZAC Day and Mother's Day, which are coming up soon.

Students in Room 12/13 have been busy in the garden, planting mint, fragrant herbs and succulents, which they grew from cuttings.



SECONDARY PreCAL News

This term, students in the PreCAL (Secondary) section, will be doing lots of fun hands-on activities. We are looking forward to be undertaking cooking, science experiments and swimming.

This week in Room 20, the focus has been on collaboration. Students have been working in teams to work together to research, summarise and then create information texts about famous scientists, and to learn about the ANZAC soldiers and the conditions they faced.



The students participated in a group activity with string to demonstrate how we are all connected in some way.

SECONDARY—VCAL AND VAL News

Alpine Bike Camp 2021

This year's group were Seth, Jackson, Ben, Libby, Darcy, Jim, Austin, Indi and Amy. It was a long bus trip to Myrtleford. We stayed in cabins at the caravan park. The first thing we did was unpack and get our gear ready for the bike ride. We met up with many school teams on the first night and played football. On our first day, we rode 40 kilometres. Our legs and bottoms were very sore and tired. We also had a Onesie night with the whole group. On the second day, we rode another 60 kilometres. Riding up hills was tough. The staff that went with us were very helpful. They kept us going by giving us lots of healthy snacks to keep up our energy. We went to a berry farm and had the biggest ice-cream ever. It was yummy! We would like to say a big "Thank You!" to all the staff that came.

I would recommend this camp for any student.

Written by Seth, Jackson, Libby and Amy.

MUSIC/ART NEWS

In March we celebrated Harmony Month with an emphasis on Indigenous Culture. Below shows the display of students' artwork across the school. Students worked for two weeks making handprints with black, red and yellow the focus one week and designs and symbols being used the next. The end of Term 1 had some students getting into the Easter spirit using textures to decorate Easter eggs. We were very excited while planning Term Two program with a variety of tasks that use many different techniques. We look forward to the "Student Art Exhibition" at the end of Term Two.

Photo – Display in Library, Oscar feeling some textures and Ellara sorting various ribbons.





Vic - Pathways to Post School Life

A session for young people in Years 10-12 and their families

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) and the Department of Education and Training (DET), Victoria would like parents/carers of young Victorians with a disability in Years 10-12 to attend a virtual information session.

This is a session for parents/carers of young people with a disability on building skills and paving a pathway to post school life. The DET and the NDIA will discuss a range of career planning and pathways tools, NDIS-funded supports and other assistance to help young people to build skills to prepare for their transition, and support them in achieving education, training, employment and other goals, post-school.

Sessions are offered over multiple dates to allow flexibility for attendees, and will be delivered via video-conference using Microsoft Teams. Registrations will close three business days before the event. If you would like to attend, please register via Eventbrite. Two business days prior to the event, login details (including the MS Teams link to join the session) will be sent from events@ndis.gov.au to the email address you provide at registration.

For any enquiries regarding this session, please contact events@ndis.gov.au. Please include the session name in the subject line.

Where: Virtual Information Sessions via Microsoft Teams

Dates & Times:

Tuesday 11 May 2021	7.00pm – 8.30pm (AEST)
Wednesday 12 May 2021	10.30am – 12.00pm (AEST)
Tuesday 18 May 2021	10.30am – 12.00pm (AEST)
Thursday 20 May 2021	7.00pm – 8.30pm (AEST)

RSVP: Please register via Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/vic-pathways-to-post-school-life-a-session-for-students-in-years-10-12-tickets-147913698855>

Additional information: Accessibility is important to us. If you have any accessibility requirements please let us know when you register for your chosen session. Please note - we need a minimum of five (5) business days' notice to book Auslan interpreters and live captioning services.





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 23rd April to
25th June 2021

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

NAME: _____ ROOM: _____ DATE: _____



MSS Canteen Menu
 Canteen Day Friday
 *All orders and money must be in and paid for by **TUESDAY** 9AM

Item	Qty	\$ ea	\$ Tally
Cold Food Please Tick Your Preference			
Chicken & Salad Wrap: Plain <input type="checkbox"/> Sweet Chilli <input type="checkbox"/>		\$5.00	
Chicken & Salad Roll: 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 Wrap: 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			
Dim Sims Steamed		\$1.50	
Hot Dog in Wholemeal Roll		\$3.50	
Pizza Singles: Hawaiian <input type="checkbox"/> Supreme <input type="checkbox"/>		\$3.50	
Pie		\$4.00	
Pastie		\$4.00	
Sausage Roll		\$3.50	
Party pie		\$1.50	
Pasta: Bolognese <input type="checkbox"/> Lasagne <input type="checkbox"/>		\$5.00	
Drinks			
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	
Cruncha		\$1.50	
Specials Hokkien Noodleless		\$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	
*Special Orders, Dietary Requirements:			
Total			\$.

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NEWSLETTER EMAILED

If you wish to have the newsletter emailed to you each fortnight please fill out the slip below, tear off and return to school.

Parent/Guardian Name:

Student Name:

Email address:

← → April 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
				Term 1 Holidays		
				Good Friday	Day following Good Friday	Easter Sunday
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Term 1 Holidays						
Easter Monday				CASES21 V63.1		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Term 1 Holidays						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Lunch orders due in.					Anzac Day
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
	Lunch orders due in.					

← → May 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
	Lunch orders due in.					
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Lunch orders due in.					
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
School Council Meeting 5.30pm	Lunch orders due in.					
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Lunch orders due in.					
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Lunch orders due in.					
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Lunch orders due in.					

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.

