

# 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

TERM 3

**30 July—Pupil Free Day—No school for students**

17 September—Last Day of Term 3—Early Departure. 1.40pm EY-UP, 1.50pm Sec-VCAL

1 November—Pupil Free Day—No school for students

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

## Principal's Report



Welcome back to school after another lockdown and period of remote learning. It was a difficult time for everyone with so many people in Sunraysia having to get tested and or isolate. Thank you to parents and carers for keeping in touch and picking up work packs. We hope the packs helped to continue the learning whilst maintaining a 'work' routine. With the situation in Mildura we understand that some families could not access packs due to being in isolation. We are constantly revising our practices and would appreciate your feedback if you have ideas for improvement. Please contact your child's teacher or email the school or myself if you have any feedback at any time. It's great to see that some families and teachers are communicating through Xuno. Please ensure your contact details (telephone and email) are up to date by filling in the form within the newsletter or email. Thank you.



### Thank you to staff

I would like to congratulate our staff for their preparation of work packs and for maintaining a focus on the learning at school and home. It was great to see the students working in their classes on Wednesday, happy to be back at school learning and seeing friends and staff again. I would like to acknowledge that this has been a challenging time for our staff as well and thank them for their support of each other whether on site, isolating or working from home.

### Students

We understand that for some students the transition back to school can be a relief whilst for others it can take more time to settle in again. Conversations with teachers and education support staff on Wednesday showed that accommodations were being made for individuals with different activities provided. This included students being able to work on an activity of choice while the rest of the class worked on their set tasks. The individualisation of the program for students is a strength of our staff.

### Supports for families

Useful links: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/talking-your-child-about-coronavirus-covid-19>

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/hazaragi>

### COVIDSafe behaviours

We plan our work around the DET Operations Guide which is updated regularly. The use of hand sanitiser and soap continues to be provided and encouraged. COVID Safe routine cleaning is continuing throughout the day. Excursions are able to go ahead. You may have noticed that the parent consent form has been updated to advise that student contact details will be provided to venues. Swimming is allowed to proceed. We are not allowed to conduct school tours at this time.

**Currently, Victorian school employees are eligible for a COVID-19 vaccines.**

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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.*



**Pupil Free Day:** Reminder 30 July is a Pupil Free Day.

Kind Regards  
Penny Hale

([penny.hale@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:penny.hale@education.vic.gov.au))

Principal

### ***NEWS AROUND THE SCHOOL***

#### **Principal Awards**

- Room 2 - Benjamin: for running the Assembly with fellow SRC students and helping with Footy Day.
- Room 3/4 - Indi: for running the Assembly with fellow SRC students and helping with Footy Day
- Room 6 - Cory: for running the Assembly with fellow SRC students and helping with Footy Day
- Room 7 - Tai: for running the Assembly with fellow SRC students and helping with Footy Day
- Room 8 - Isaiah: for running the Assembly with fellow SRC students and helping with Footy Day
- Room 9 - Noah: for running the Assembly with fellow SRC students and helping with Footy Day
- Room 9 - Cameron: for persistence and care when planning Spiderman backdrop.
- Room 10 - Lacie: for running the Assembly with fellow SRC students and helping with Footy Day
- Room 11 - Enzo: for volunteering to support other concert groups by painting a Rainbow on paper plates.
- Room 18 - Austin: for volunteering to support other concert groups by drawing Spiderman web and building on a backdrop.
- Room 18 - Isac: for volunteering to support other concert groups by drawing Spiderman web and building on a backdrop.
- Room 22 - Cheyene: for completing all work and following her schedule everyday.
- Room 22 - Emily: for volunteering to support other concert groups by drawing Sunflowers on a backdrop
- Room 25 - Clare: for full participation in Fun Run with her peers.
- Room 25 - Kira: for sharing ideas with confidence during literacy.

#### **SWPBS Awards**

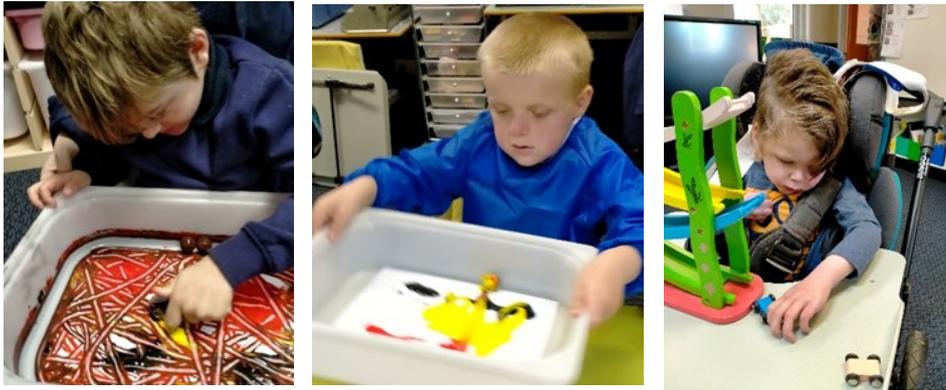
- Room 9 - Noah: for independently choosing to assist a fellow student in a sage manner.
- Room 11 - Devrim: for cleaning the brushes and container in the Art Room.
- Room 22 - Nash: for following instructions during the Fun Run and completing his run with his best effort.
- Room 25 - Harley: for listening to staff instructions and walking with his class to and from Mildura Central.
- Room 25 - Theo-Ioannis: for using kitchen equipment safely when making muffins.

## Early Years' News

We appreciate parents and carers for working with students at home. It has been great to see photos of students working at home. Our theme 'How Things Move' has begun with students learning about creating ball runs, using magnets to move things, friction and other fun ways you can make objects move. Students have painted with marbles and car wheels and have been learning about pushing a door open or pulling it closed. We look forward to having our classes return to normal.



Koray and Isaac working at home.



Lachlan car painting    Xavier marble painting    Carter watching the car run

## UPPER PRIMARY YEARS' NEWS

We would like to thank our Primary Parents/Carers for continuing to teach their children at home. We realise it's not easy and we appreciate your efforts. We hope you took some time out to have some fun with your children such as cooking, playing board games or just going for walks together. The students at school continued to work on our theme of Australian History, NAIDOC activities, the Olympics, Art & Music, keeping the students in their regular routine.

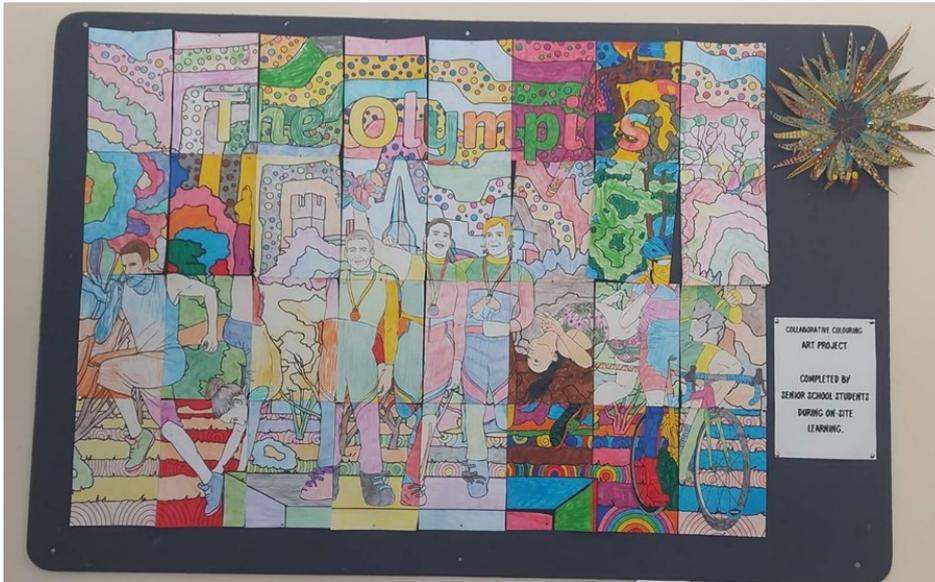
## SECONDARY PreCAL News

PreCAL wishes to thank all our families for working with staff to support students during the latest lockdown and welcomes everyone back to onsite learning.

During the lockdown students onsite completed a combination of activities including working from their work packs, hands on learning activities and regular lessons.



PreCAL and other senior students worked on a collaborative Olympic display for the front office. We are very proud of our efforts.



## SECONDARY—PAL News

On Wednesday Week One, students braved the very wet morning, later start, routine changes and winds to participate in our annual Fun Run. They ran laps of the back oval or the basketball yard track. Many students received participation ribbons, special achievement or age champion medals. Congratulations to our PAL medal champion and special achievers: Zane, Chloe, Theo-Ioannis, Tahlia and Devrim. Congratulations also, to Yellow House for winning the overall day, although it was very close.



During Week Two, we celebrated NAIDOC week. Students cooked Johnny Cakes (Aboriginal pancakes) and damper. They made salt dough stones and snakes, an Aboriginal painted gum leaf wreath and other props for the concert. To celebrate the beginning of the Olympics, Olympic torches and rings were also the focus of some remote learning activities.

**SECONDARY—VCAL AND VAL News**

**Our learning during Lockdown, at home and at school.**

**What did I do During Lockdown? By Rebecca**

What were the benefits of lockdown? I got to sleep in until 9am each school day. I had 3 bike rides a day. Seeing my baby (my dog), SOO much more than at school, she sits on my lap all day long and licks me SOO much. I have been exploring some towns and land marks of towns on Google Maps.



This is Mansfield

**I had a Covid Test During Lockdown**

I had a Covid Test last Sunday on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July. I was waiting in the line for 3 hours. After my Covid Test I had to return home immediately and stay at home until I received my test result. On Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> I got my Covid Test results back and I was negative. Ben



**Healthy Communities Box  
Community Food Hub for students, staff and families**

***SMECC's Community Food Hub***

*The Community Food Relief project is aimed at supporting distribution of local and interstate fruit and vegetables that are provided to local school breakfast programs, soup kitchens and welfare agencies that pass on to the districts need. SMECC works closely with Foodbank Victoria and South Australia, who provide significant support from their facilities.*

*SMECC have been supporting the local CALD community for the past 42 years and have recently received funds to provide food relief to the broader community. They are currently expanding their services to include Food Relief through-*

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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 .....

# July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				School Holidays		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
School Holidays						
11	12 Term 3 starts	13 Lunch orders due in.	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Lunch orders due in.	21	22	23	24
NAIDOC Week .....						
25	26	27	28	29	30 Pupil Free Day—No school for students	31

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# August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Lunch orders due in.	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Lunch orders due in.	11 Sports Day	12	13	14
15	16	17 Lunch orders due in.	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Lunch orders due in.	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Lunch orders due in.				

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

 <b>MSS Canteen Menu</b> <b>Canteen Day Friday</b> <small>*All orders and money must be in and paid for by <b>TUESDAY</b>* 9AM</small>				
Item	Qty	\$ ea	\$ Tally	
<b>Cold Food - Please tick your preference</b>				
Chicken & Salad Wrap: Plain <input type="checkbox"/> Sweet Chilli <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		
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<b>Hot Food</b>				
<b>Tick</b>				
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: Bolognaise <input type="checkbox"/> Lasagne <input type="checkbox"/>		\$5.00		
<b>Drinks</b>				
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		
<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		
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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.

