

MILDURA SPECIALIST SCHOOL

Newsletter No : 15

DATE: 13 September 2018

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

20 September—School Concert

21 September—End of Term 3 : Early Departure 2.30pm finish: First Parent Pick up at 2.15pm

8 October—Student Free Day

Principal's Report

Awards: Congratulations to our Award Winners this week. It was great to see so many awards for students being safe and for making good choices. Well done to room 23 for their Safety Police presentation, compered by Darcy on Tuesday. Selected students were very pleased to receive awards for personal space and following directions.

Swan Hill Sports Day: Staff and students were up early this morning to travel to Swan Hill for the Regional Athletics Carnival. We wish them well and look forward to hearing about their achievements on their return this afternoon. Thank you to the Sports Committee, led by Liz Patterson and Jodie Gibson for their many hours of organisation.

Concert: The Concert Committee has been planning a wonderful event for next Thursday. It would be appreciated if you could check your child's bag/communication book for notes about costume requirements. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Beat: Congratulations to all the students who performed in The Beat last week at the Mildura Arts Centre. I was so proud to see the students perform and to hear all the applause from the audience. A big thank you to Emily Bradford and Judi L'Huillier and to staff who helped out at school and Parents/Carers.

Today is R U Ok? Day – It's important to take care of each other. R U Ok? has a website full of ideas. R U Ok? has developed four conversation steps to give you, no matter how young you are, the skills to navigate a conversation with someone you're concerned about:



1. Ask



2. Listen



3. Encourage
action



4. Check in

Mildura Schools Land Trust: Please see the open letter to the school community, within this newsletter, about the Mildura Schools Land Trust. We are very appreciative of the ongoing benefits of the trust.

Thank you: I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and students for all their work this term. On Monday afternoons teachers have been collecting and analysing Reading data to inform daily practice in a continuing cycle of improvement. Next week teachers will present their outcomes to their peers. All staff will be involved in work to evaluate outcomes from their School Wide Positive Behaviour Support case study. It has been a productive term.

Thank you to David Wright for all his work in the Acting Assistant Principal role this term and to Heidi Milner, in the Team Leader role.

Enjoy the school holidays.
Penny Hale Acting Principal

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Principal's Award

Congratulations to all Award winners this fortnight.



SWPBS—School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

Well done to Room 23 students who presented at Assembly this week, as our Safety Police.



Art & Music Awards

MASKS AND DUCKS SCOOP AWARDS THIS FORTNIGHT!



Art Awards this fortnight went to Brandon in Room 23 and Brooke in Room 20.

Both students, as so many at the school who attend Art sessions each day and week, did their best at trying to have a go and seeing what their efforts would produce. Not surprisingly, Brandon and Brooke discovered the more immersed they became in their project, the easier the project seemed to become and the impact of their work became visually more striking.

With total concentration on their own work, these students demonstrated how easy it is to work safely in the Art Room space. Because

their attention was totally focused on what and how they were doing their own work, there was little opportunity for being distracted. This helped these students, and the rest of their classmates, to generate beautiful, colourful and delightfully full of surprises creations!



NEWS AROUND THE SCHOOL

Early Years' students have been busily practising their concert items. The excitement is building as they enjoy dressing up in their costumes in preparation for next week's concert at the Art Centre. Across the Early Years' many students have been working on their Jolly Phonics letter and sounds in various ways. The Room 17 students practise their Jolly Phonic songs each day and are beginning to pick up some sounds and actions and have enjoyed the Train Ride Story. In the classroom students have also been working on Art pieces to enter in the Mildura Show including, painting, printing and collage and students continue to work our theme of 'All about me and my family'. Room 17 students completed their Family Tree during an Art session.



The Lower Middle Years' students have been involved in a weekly AFL clinic since week 3 of this term. Trevor Ryan has supported students to develop a variety of skills for the footy field. Some students focussed on skills such as kicking, handballing and marking. Other students focussed on teamwork and the inclusion of others. Everyone involved enjoyed a positive experience.



NEWS AROUND THE SCHOOL

For Father's Day, Room 22 students made biscuits and decorated them. Father's Day cards were also made. In the Darling Room, students created paintings and decorated magnets that they had made in Science.



Students have been working on Artworks to place in the Mildura Show early next term.



Some of our UMY students will be attending Swan Hill Sports Day today. We wish them luck and are sure they will enjoy the day!

We are so excited for our Concert next week! UMY students have put lots of efforts into their items and we hope to see you there to enjoy and share the experience!

We wish you a safe and relaxing holiday.

In Science on Friday afternoons PAL students work cooperatively on different science experiments. Students looked at raisins dancing in a cup of lemonade or soda water. Josie is quite excited watching the raisins.



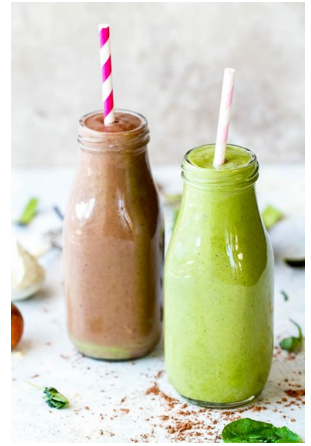
HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Breakfast Ideas for Busy Parents

A fresh omelet or warm pancakes might sound like an ideal breakfast, but who has the time on a busy weekday? Getting ready for work and making sure your kids are dressed and have everything they need for the school day take top priority from Monday through Friday.

That doesn't mean, however, that you have to settle for unhealthy fast food or a donut shop breakfast. Try these quick homemade breakfast ideas instead to make sure you're giving your kids the fuel they need to start the day off right.

- Cereal and milk with a piece of fruit.
- Toast with cheese or tomato or a spread, and fruit or fruit/vegetable juice.
- Toasted sandwich and fruit or low fat milk.
- Toast and a smoothie (just cut up fruit like a banana and blend it with milk in the blender).
- Try warm milk with your cereal on winter mornings.



MILDURA SPECIALIST SCHOOL CONCERT 2018

WHEN: THURSDAY 20th SEPTEMBER

TIME: 10.30 A.M

WHERE: MILDURA ART CENTRE



BY KIRA

SCHOOL REMINDER

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.

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. CSEF applications forms are available at the front office.

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

MEDICAL

At Mildura Specialist School we have children who are at risk of an anaphylactic reaction to **nuts, eggs, seafood and kiwi fruit** 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 to download and print 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.

SCHOOL REMINDERS

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Parents/Carers please take note of Parent Pick Up times.

Early Years and Lower Middle Years: 2:40—2.50 PM

Upper Middle Years and Later Years. 2.50—3.00PM

This is to help ease congestion on Deakin Ave and for safety of cars and students.

STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify the school as soon as possible **on the day of absence**. Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.

If your child is absent on a particular day and you have not contacted the school to explain why, the absence will be marked as unexplained.

Please notify the school by one of the following means:

- Phone: 03 5021 3311
 - Medical Certificate
 - Appointment notification
 - A signed and dated note with student's full name
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SAME DAY NOTIFICATION OF STUDENT ABSENCES

New Education Department Attendance Guidelines

Schools need to know when and why a child is absent and you need to know if your child isn't at school. From the end of Term 2 2018, all Victorian government schools are required to contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained student absence. If your child is absent on a particular day and you have not contacted the school to explain why, the absence will be marked as unexplained.

This system also promotes daily school attendance. Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education, they learn new things every day – missing school puts them behind.

What is your responsibility?

You are legally required to ensure your child attends school every day or you must provide an explanation for their absence. You should let the school know in advance of any upcoming absences or let them know in the morning if your child won't be at school. In order for schools to implement the same day notification requirement, it's essential that you provide the school with your most up-to-date contact details.

Generally one notification will be sent per family. Should there be circumstances that require both parents and carers to be notified, please contact the school to make the necessary arrangements.

What is the school's responsibility?

The school must notify you of an unexplained absence in relation to your child as soon as practicable on the same day.

We will let you know by phone. If you can't be reached because the school does not have your correct contact details (i.e. changed phone number, SMS/email failure notification received etc.), the school will attempt to make contact with any emergency contact/s nominated on your child's file held by the school. Where possible, this contact will be made on the same day of the unexplained absence.



THE MILDURA SCHOOLS LANDS TRUST

a Vision for the Future

THAT SERVICES US NOW



Hi, this is an open letter to all parents and guardians of students.

It's about the Mildura Schools Lands Trust (often called College Lease) and how it works for our school and your child and children.

Each year our school receives money from this trust.
Over the past year we have received \$ 33 070.39

Your school Council has planned to use this money for the maintenance of the Hydrotherapy Pool.

Trust money adds to funding we get from both the State and Federal Governments, and our fees.

Every Victorian school in Sunraysia, and therefore every student benefits from the money raised by this trust. How much each school receives is based on how many students attend that school.

How brilliant is that!

SOME INFORMATION & HISTORY

Our trust is now 101 years old and it is the most unique, community education trust in Australia.

Mildura Schools Lands is a trust that owns 183 parcels of land spread throughout Mildura city and the original irrigation area. Each land title is leased for fifty years. Leases can be bought and sold, and developed by the lessee, with approval from council. Commercial rental from each lease raises the money for schools. The Chaffey brothers first allocated these lands and it was then legislated for in 1916. In Jan 2011 it became a part of the Education act.

A representative beneficiaries' committee works to protect and improve the trust.

This committee works with the trust's manager (Sandhurst Trustees), community and the Department of Education and Training to ensure that the trust is secure for the benefit of all Sunraysia primary and secondary students.

If you would like further information please ask your principal.

*The trust was established over 101 years ago by
the Chaffey Brothers for local education.*

PICK MY PROJECT

The Project Plan is to provide a structured play area that houses a large "Climbing Structure" and "Nest Swing" with soft-fall, where students can socialise with other students and be physically active. As students' progress to the senior area, there is a lack of structured play activities that allows them to be able to interact and socialise in an informal setting that enables all students of various abilities to be inclusive.



PICK MY PROJECT

Your local community. Your decision.

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVOURITE PROJECTS


Pick My Project is a Victorian-first community grants initiative with at least \$1 million in funding available for each metro and regional area. Now it's time to vote for your favourites and make your community an even better place to live. Pick your three favourite project ideas in your local community and help make them a reality.

Simply go online and vote by 5pm, Monday 17 September 2018.

pickmyproject.vic.gov.au




 If you are deaf, or have a hearing or speech impairment, contact us through the National Relay Service. For more information, www.relay.vic.gov.au.






HOW TO VOTE

Voting is quick and simple, and open until 5pm, Monday 17 September 2018.

-  Register for a Pick My Project account at pickmyproject.vic.gov.au. If you already have an account, simply sign in.
-  Select your local community by entering your suburb or address. You can then browse the project ideas in your local community and create a shortlist of your favourites.
-  Pick your three favourite project ideas from your shortlist and verify your mobile number. You'll then be able to submit your votes. Be sure to share who you've voted for with your family and friends.

Need help with voting? Contact us on **1800 797 818** (translation services are available) or contact@pickmyproject.vic.gov.au. Or drop into your local library or Neighbourhood House for assistance.

PICK MY PROJECT 



REDLANDS JUNIOR SCHOOL - CREMORNE, NSW



COMMUNITY NEWS



MSA
Mallee Sports Assembly



PGA
AUSTRALIA
ALL ABILITIES
COACH

GOLF IS FOR EVERYONE

A PGA All Abilities Coach
is located here

To find out more,
visit the pro shop



Mallee Sports Assembly is proud to announce we will be conducting a 4 week Introduction Golf program.
Location: Riverside Golf Club, Park Lane, Nichols Point.
Dates: Monday's 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th September 2018. **Time:** 4-5pm.
Cost: \$14 per person, per week (\$56, for whole program). Places are limited.
RSVP Contact: Tanya at MSA. Ph: 5021 3464; Mob: 0417 925 539. Email: tanya@malleesportsassembly.org.au



MUSIC & ART IN THE HEART

Make Music and Art in Mildura City Heart!
Monday 24th - Thursday 27th September

Come along to the Langtree Mall these school holidays for music and art workshops in our pop-up studio with all-day art table, fun and games for all ages.

WORKSHOPS	10:00 - 10:30am	10:30 - 11:00am	11:30 - 12:30pm	1:00 - 1:30pm	1:30 - 2:00pm
24th - 27th September	Fun songs on the Ukulele for beginners	Fun songs on the Ukulele for beginners	Collage and Paint with Kate	Djembe Drumming with Steph	Djembe Drumming with Steph

BOOKINGS ARE ADVISED ON 5023 8010
 **children must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times



COMMUNITY NEWS

22469VIC Course in Introduction to the

NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME

For new and existing workers



The program is an intensive 3 day short course delivered at Sunraysia Institute of TAFE - Mildura Campus in the Lake Theatre.

Delivered by Faye Argall - Sunraysia Institute of TAFE Teacher

Cost: \$95.00 per participant
(subject to participants meeting Skills First Program eligibility criteria).
Each short course is capped at 25 participants

Three separate courses available

JULY 27, AUGUST 3 & 10	SEPT 7, 14 & 21	OCT 19 & 26, NOV 2
Friday 9am to 3.30pm	Friday 9am to 3.30pm	Friday 9am to 3.30pm

Contact Karen Chynoweth, Skills & Jobs Centre 1300 478 648

RTO:4693
CRICOS: 01985A

  kchynoweth@sunitafe.edu.au

YDAS

Get ready for NDIS!

Youth workshop

Trying to figure out what NDIS is all about?

Come along to our workshops! They're especially for young people aged between 12 - 25. We'll cover three different topics and answer any questions you might have.

- **NDIS 101** - What is the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)? How do you join and what happens when you're on the NDIS?
- **What do you want to do with your life?** How to think about your goals and the support you need to achieve them.
- **How to speak up** - What type of setbacks might come up when you talk to your family or the NDIS? How do you get the support to speak up?




Who are we? Youth Disability Advocacy Service (YDAS). We have funding from the Victorian Government to help young people with disability across Victoria get ready for the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

When?
Wednesday 19 September
10.30 am - 12 pm
Snacks provided

Where?
SunitAFE
Lake Theatre
453 Benetook Ave
Mildura

How to RSVP?
Register for the Mildura Youth NDIS Readiness workshop at <https://ydas.eventbrite.com.au/>

Contact us
P 03 9267 3709
E ydas@yacvic.org.au
W www.ydas.org.au
f @ydasvic
t @ydasvic

   Youth Disability Advocacy Service

YDAS acknowledges the support of the Victorian Government

YDAS

Get ready for NDIS!

Parents & professionals workshop

Are you a parent, carer, teacher or professional for a young person with a disability?

YDAS works with young people with disability aged between 12 - 25, so we'll give you a crash course in what NDIS means for young people, and what's important for young people and their families and carers to know.

We'll cover three different topics and answer any questions you might have.

- **NDIS 101** - What is NDIS, how do people join and what happens when they're on the NDIS?
- **What do your child or student want to do with their life?** How to encourage them to think about their goals and the support they need to achieve them.
- **How to speak up** - What type of setbacks might come up when a young person talks to their family or teachers or the NDIS? How do they get the support to speak up?

When?
Wednesday 19 September
1.30 pm - 3.00 pm

Where?
SunitAFE
Lake Theatre
453 Benetook Ave
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How to RSVP?
Register for the Mildura Parents, Carers & Professionals NDIS Readiness workshop at <https://ydas.eventbrite.com.au/>

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