

# 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

13-17 August—NAIDOC Celebrations.

26 July—Pie Drive pick up

30 July—Student Led Conferences: Early Years and Lower Middle Years

2 August—Student Led Conferences: Upper Middle Years and Later Years

8 August—School Sports Day

20 September—School Concert

21 September—End of Term 3

## Principal's Report

It was great to see so many smiling faces throughout the day yesterday when students returned to school, ready for another term of learning.

### Staffing

Marg Curran is on Long Service Leave this term and I will be Acting Principal in her absence. We have heard from Marg and she is having a wonderful time. David Wright will be Acting Assistant Principal. Heidi Milner is being replaced in her room by Jamie Murray to take on the Team Leader role. I would like to wish David, Heidi and Jamie all the best in their new roles.

### Professional Learning

Teachers and Education Support Staff returned on Monday. Teachers worked on High Impact Teaching Strategies for Reading. Education Support Staff started online trauma modules and prepared rooms and resources. Groups of Education Support Staff met with Megan Dalla Santa and Zorica Killeen to learn about Occupational and Speech Therapy provision for specific groups of children; Stephanie Gowers met with a group to learn about Boardmaker Online. New staff completed Manual Handling and started School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Modules.

On Tuesday, a presenter from SPELD, SA, (The Specific Learning Difficulties Association of South Australia) took the Teachers and Education Support Staff through a day of learning about how to use the Jolly Phonics program.

Staff also completed Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation training.

Darren Jones met with the staff from BusLink to work on positive ways to support students on the bus.

The training provided over the two days was designed to meet our Annual Implementation Plan goals. I would like to thank all staff for their enthusiasm and participation.

### Facilities

Staff and students returned to a much brighter school with painting completed over the holidays. Marine carpet now covers the decking in the Lower Middles' area. New carpet and lino has been put down in room 15.

### Attendance

Please note the attendance information provided in the newsletter.

### Student Led Conferences

Don't forget to book your meeting to celebrate the learning in week 3.

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# Principal's Award

Congratulations to all Award winners this fortnight.



## SWPBS—School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

Term 2 ended with a record number of students receiving rewards for wearing their wristband during the term. It was great to see the 32 students lined up receiving rewards. We look forward to having a great number of students lined up at the end of Term 3 as well. Term 3 has begun with students learning about Being Responsible for the first five weeks and then moving on to Being Safe for the last five weeks.



# Art & Music Awards

## BRIDGING IDEAS WITH PAINT

By the time, Seth, from Room 22, received his Art Award, just before the end of last term, he had already taken his outstanding art work home! It had been photographed for the record, he had received and given feedback to his classmates and was keen on taking it with him. Hence when the Art Award was handed to Seth, he obligingly provided a painting that indicated what his bridge structure had looked like when finished. However, like the bridge Seth had independently designed and constructed, his painting also showed the structures and colours that were his inspiration. Seth, along with all students at the school have returned to start classes again this week. Surrounded by new colour patches on the walls around the school, all students undertaking Art are enthusiastically beginning new projects in what will be a full and busy term. Welcome back!



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

Welcome back for Term 3, We hope everybody enjoyed the holiday break! Some painting was done during the holidays and students have enjoyed seeing some of the bright new colours around the school. We have a very busy time ahead with Student Led Conferences, Sports Day, Book Week and Concert all coming up later this term.

Room 3 have a new class mascot and have been taking photos of him around the school for our writing tasks.



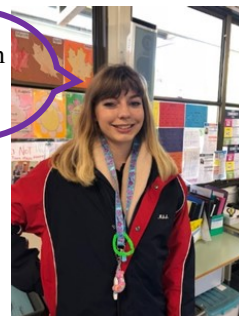
This term, Upper Middle years would like to welcome our new teacher, Miss Jamie Murray to Room 24. Jamie has worked at our school since the beginning of the year and is familiar to our students. We would also like to welcome two new students to our team, Kayne Wissemann and Dwayne Hall, who both visited last term and are familiar with many staff and students.

This term students will be working toward the School and Swan Hill Sports days and our school concert. Students will also be preparing for their Student Led Conferences (SLCs) which are set for week three. Thursday 2 August will be allocated to senior school students for SLCs and teachers will be in touch to organise times for these meetings.



Hi I'm  
Kayne.

Hi! I'm  
Jamie



Hi! I'm  
Dwayn

Students from Room 19 recently worked on a presentation for Assembly to promote SWPBS. They painted a sign and wore Personal Protective Equipment to demonstrate safety within the School and Workplace.





# Children & hydration

## **Tips to help your children stay hydrated!**

Pack a water bottle for school and when you go out. Try a frozen water bottle in summer.

Encourage your child to drink water before, after and during physical activity

Always offer water with meals and snacks

Encourage your child to drink water, even if they don't like it!

## **Tips for kids who don't like water**

Try adding slices of fruits such as lemon or orange to water, for variety and flavour.

Let your children choose their own drink bottle or serve water in colourful glasses or jugs.

Be a role model! Make a point of drinking water with your kids.

Experiment with temperature; try having a jug of water in the fridge, adding ice-cubes, or even warm water in winter.

Water is the best choice to keep your kids hydrated throughout the day. Water contains no extra energy and can quench your thirst. Other fluids such as milk, juice and sweetened drinks can also contribute to your child's fluid intake. For more information on drink choices for your kids, check out the **Drinks** section of our website.



# 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.

## FUNDRAISING

Pie Drive delivery date July 26. Thank you for your orders.

## **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.

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### **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.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



QUALITY HOTEL MILDURA GRAND  
GRAND BALLROOM

**SAM KEKOVICH (MC) AND JOHN ROMBOTIS** TO  
RUN LIVE AND SILENT AUCTIONS, ACTIVITIES,  
RAFFLES AND PRIZES. ALSO LIVE MUSIC FROM  
**THE BEAGLES.**


**Dress:** Cocktail

**Tickets:** \$100

Includes 3 course canapés & drinks (beer, wine, softdrinks).

Masks made by Mildura Specialist School Students will be  
for sale on the night for a gold coin.

HEAD TO [EMANAGED.COM.AU/GETMASKED](http://EMANAGED.COM.AU/GETMASKED) FOR DETAILS

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