

# MILDURA SPECIALIST SCHOOL

Newsletter No : 5

DATE: 25 March, 2021

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

1 April—Last day of term. Early departure—1.45pm.

19 April—Term 2 begins



TERM 1  
SUNSMART



## Principal's Report



**Awards:** Congratulations to our Award winners this fortnight. It was great to see so many winners for the Principal and School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Awards.



**Lake Cullulleraine Activity Day:** What a wonderful time everyone had at Lake Cullulleraine last week. We were fortunate to have such beautiful weather. Well done to all the students for their safe, respectful and responsible behaviour. Thank you to Jodie Gibson and all the teaching and support staff for their organisation and enthusiastic participation. I am sure there were some very tired students and staff.



**School Council:** We have two parent vacancies. If you are interested please contact myself or Sharlyn Morris. We meet twice per term at 5.30pm on a Monday evening.



**Individual Education Plans:** Teachers are finalising Individual Learning Plans and these will be sent home next week. We are using a new platform to produce the plans and we think the new format looks very professional and will be easy to read. We would appreciate any feedback.



Best wishes for a lovely Easter break.

Kind Regards

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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.*

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

### **Principal Awards**

Room 5 - Tyrell: independently greeting staff and peers with a wave or handshake.

Room 10 - Deshawn: for joining in activities with other students at outside play times.

Room 16 - Isaac: for great participation in Art.

Room 20 - Isayah: for working hard to create a document about Amelia Earhart to celebrate International Womens' Day.

Room 20 - Kyle: for independently offering to pack away the classroom laptops.

Room 20 - Eboni: for possessing a willingness to try new things at the Lake Cullulleraine excursion.

Room 20 - Thomas: for persisting and not giving up when his PowerPoint presentation did not save.

Room 23 - Ella: for improved attendance at school.

Room 25 - Darcy: for showing initiative by preparing for the start of the day independently.

Room 25 - Sam: for working cooperatively in team games at the Lake Cullulleraine excursion.

Darling Room - Crystal: for great work on her Maths.

Darling Room - Nathan: for using initiative to tidy up in the classroom.

### **SWPBS Awards**

Room 5 - Braxton: by attending to songs or stories on the interactive board, while sitting and respecting others personal space.

Room 10 - Mirage: by initiating the use of headphones so as not to disturb others while using an iPad.

Room 20 - Johbi: by picking up a classmate's lunch after it had fallen on the floor.

Room 20 - Kyle: by independently offering to pack away the classroom's laptops.

Room 20 - Riley: by undertaking all set work with a positive attitude.

Room 20 - Jordan: by reminding his peers about inappropriate behaviours and asking for personal space.

Room 23 - Bella: by listening and following instructions.

Room 25 - Brandon: by always getting on with his work and following instructions.

Room 25 - All students: for modelling 'Being Respectful' for our Assembly items.

Darling Room - Shania: by working well with younger students.

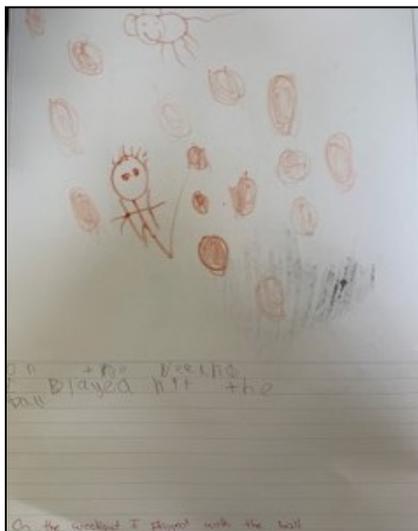
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## Early Years' News

Hello all, as we approach the end of Term 1, Room 2 hopes that everyone has a safe and happy Easter break. Room 2 has been very busy this term learning about counting, addition and statics and probability in Mathematics. In Literacy, students have been working on their understanding of recounts and letter awareness. For our Humanities topic this term, 'Schools Past and Present', students have been discussing their likes, dislikes, and documenting things around the school and how these things may look different in the future

Room 2's Favourite Car		
		1
		3
		3
		1
Total	8	

Room 2 were discussing their favourite car.



Kayne's recount about what he did on the weekend.  
"On the weekend I played with the ball."



An example of the things students like in Room 2.

## UPPER PRIMARY YEARS' NEWS

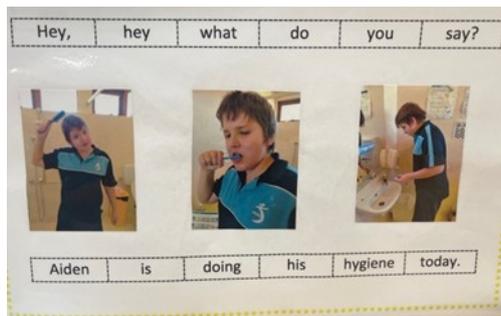
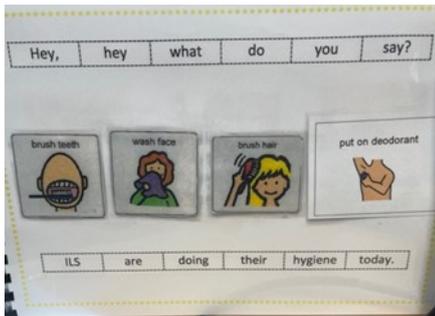
Upper Primary students participated in some fantastic opportunities out at Lake Cullulleraine last week. We were able to get out in the canoes, practise our archery skills, along with some team building games. The weather was beautiful and helped add to the experiences of the week. We will have lots to write about this week back at school.

We are continuing to work hard as we head towards the end of Term 1. As the weather changes please remember to make sure your clothes are clearly marked with your name.



## Secondary Personal Applied Learning NEWS

This week in Personal and Applied Learning (PAL) news, students in the Independent Living Skills (ILS) classroom, have been busy contributing to shared texts by creating a book about independent living skills. The learning intention around creating the books is to identify actions that promote our health and wellbeing. This book is all about completing our hygiene skills, including brushing our teeth, washing our faces, brushing our hair and applying our deodorant. The students then created visuals, with the support of staff, to add to the text. Rooms 24 and 25 have been visiting Mildura Central, as part of their community access program. Their focus is currently on identifying different shops and looking at different signage, including signs to help keep us safe. Students have also been exploring Woolworths, to locate specific items.



## SECONDARY PreCAL News

PreCAL Lake Cullulleraine activities were a huge success. Students enjoyed the day participating in outdoor activities.



## SECONDARY—VCAL AND VAL News

Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) students are currently practising for the Bowls Victoria, Bowls Sunraysia and Mallee Sports Assembly Regional Lawn Bowls Carnival.

The event is open to schools and disability organisations from across the region. Over the past few weeks leading into the carnival, we have had practise training days at Mildura Workers Bowls Club. These sessions have been a great opportunity for everyone to learn the basic skills needed for the games and for the club to grade the participants. Students will then compete in the carnival on Thursday, March 25.



## MUSIC/ART NEWS

The Specialist Team is very excited to begin sharing information in the newsletter about our programs. This year, we have five Specialist Teachers including, Gabby, Sarah, Judi, Shana and Bob. The Specialist subjects being taught are Music, Dance, Art and Drama. This means all students have exposure to specialist activities each week. There is also a variety of projects being undertaken as each teacher brings their own interpretation and approach to topics and themes. This benefits all students in their exploration of creative ideas!

Photographed below is Annabel (Room 11), Koray (Room 16) and Lachlan (Room 16) using instruments to find the beat in Music.



## Specialist Awards this Fortnight

The first participant of an Art Award this year was presented to Colbie from Room 8 who has shown his keenness for drawing by tackling Super Heroes and Avengers as part of his own skill development. Well done Colbie, keep up your drawing!

Our Music/Dance award recipients from the past two weeks were Isaac from Room 16 for participating in all Music and Dance activities and Quinn and Jordan from Room 20 for assisting with dance activities in another room and being great role models. Well done Isaac, Quinn and Jordan!

## HEALTHY COMMUNITIES NEWS



Lawn bowling is a popular game across the world and is suitable for participants of all ages. The object of the game is to roll a ball, or bowl, closest to the target ball, a small white ball called a 'Jack'. The shape of the ball causes it to travel a curved path, or bias.

To play lawn bowls, you need to have strength in your arms and focus to aim your ball at the Jack.

Games of bowls can involve singles play or teams of two in pairs, three in triples or four in games.

On Thursday, we went and played at Mildura Bowls Club. We played in teams of four. My team mates were Isac, Skye and Ethan. I almost hit the

Jack (the white target ball) after two bowls.

I enjoyed playing lawn bowls, and would play it again.

By Riley.

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
<b>Cold Food Please Tick Your Preference</b>			
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	
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<b>Hot Food</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: Bolognese <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	
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	
<b>*Special Orders, Dietary Requirements:</b>			
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: .....



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1	2 Lunch orders due in.	3	4	5	6	7
8 Labour Day No School	9 Lunch orders due in.	10	11	12	13	14
15 School Council Meeting 5.30pm	16 Lunch orders due in. ..Lake Cullulleraine Outdoor Activity Days.....	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Lunch orders due in.	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1 Last day of Term 1— 1.45pm departure.	2 Term 1 Holidays Good Friday	3 Term 1 Holidays Day following Good Friday	4 Term 1 Holidays Easter Sunday

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5 Easter Monday	6	7	8	9 CASES21 V63.1	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Lunch orders due in.	21	22	23	24	25 Anzac Day
26	27 Lunch orders due in.	28	29	30	1	2

## **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.

