

# MILDURA SPECIALIST SCHOOL

**Newsletter** No : 4

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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.

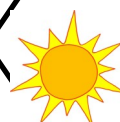


Striving for Independence

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

19-23 March—Cultural Diversity Week  
20 March—Harmony Day  
20 March—Multicultural Evening 5.30—7.30pm  
29 March—Last Day of Term 1- Early Departure at 1.30pm  
16 April—Start of Term 2.

**TERM 1**



**SUNSMART**



## **Principal's Report**

### **Lake Cullulleraine Outdoor Activity Days**

Students throughout Middle and Later Years are participating in team building skills this week at Lake Cullulleraine with the last day next Monday. Students will also experience canoeing and archery. For a number of students it will be their first time and for others an opportunity to build on their skills. It is a great opportunity to practise being safe, responsible and respectful. We appreciate the work of Liz Patterson in organising the excursions with Wildside Outdoors.

### **Whole School Picnic**

Cultural Diversity will be celebrated next Tuesday 20 March with an assembly where students showcase their work to each other and an evening for the school community to come together. Families or carers are invited to bring along a picnic tea, a chair or rug and enjoy some time in the school environment with their child.

The Student Representative Council, SRC, have worked with Ms L'Huillier to plan the event and classes will contribute their work in learning about cultures around the world. More information will be sent home with students.

### **Shave for a Cure**

Last Friday, the Student Representative Council, SRC, held a fundraiser for those living with cancer. Mr O'Brien donated his locks and Erica Credlin had the highest bid to shave his hair off, Bob Jankowski allowed Susan Alexander to shave off his beard. Students and staff donated to the cause with coloured hair. Thank you to all who participated.

Marg Curran  
Principal

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## **PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS**

Congratulations to all award winners this fortnight.



## **SWPBS—School Wide Positive Behaviour Support**

During our SWPBS Respectful lessons room 2 have been learning how to use kind words, an inside voice and being on time. The students have been practising asking another person to play with them. During last week's assembly the students in room 2 role played using kind words to ask another person to play, reminding others to use an inside voice and being on time to lessons after play.



### **Be Respectful Awards**

## **ART & MUSIC AWARDS**

Students from Lower Middle Years had a 'shining time' with Art Awards this fortnight!

Zack produced a great piece of work covering a sheet with a selection of oil pastel colours which he then coated with black paint. After that all dried he carefully scratched into the black surface to reveal the colours beneath making a bright textured pattern. Meanwhile Johbi carefully painted the colours of the German flag. This is in preparation for Multicultural Day. Well done to both students!



### **PRIVATE CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE**

If you transport your child to and from school by private car and reside over 4.8km from the school, you are entitled to apply for Conveyance Allowance. Applications for the first instalment close on 9 March 2017. Please call into the office to fill out a form.

### **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 par-ents are eligible to apply for CSEF. \$125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students, and \$225 per year 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 or contact your classroom teacher.

**IMMUNISATION** Year 7 (11-13 year old) & Year 10 (15-16 year old) will take place on 21 March at 9.15am and 24 October 2018.



# NEWS AROUND THE SCHOOL

Staff and students are looking forward to our Multicultural Evening next Tuesday. The country we have been learning about in room 15 is Australia. We have been learning about Australian animals and flowers, as well as painting the Australian flag. It would be lovely to see our families at this school event to celebrate the beginning of our school year and view the work the students have been completing.



The Early Years' students have been completing activities about different cultures in preparation for Cultural Diversity Week. Last Friday, some students donated \$2 to have some hair chalk put in their hair for the World's Greatest Shave. Students who participated did great work waiting for their turn and enjoyed choosing from all the bright colours available. Some classes have started the Kitchen Garden Program again. Room 3 have been exploring the garden, watering the plants and learning how to be respectful to all the creatures found in the

garden area.

Lower Middle Years' students have been eagerly learning about different countries readiness for Cultural Diversity Week.

Room 8 have been studying India and have enjoyed focusing on the animals and culture of the country. We have participated in yoga, made peacocks and henna hands in



craft and practised traditional dance. This week we enjoyed listening to our guest speakers teach us new words in the Punjabi language. We also sampled a traditional Indian curry with flat bread. It was delicious!

Just a reminder that this week we are attending our camp to Lake Cullulleraine. Students will need to bring their water bottles, a cut lunch, hats and a change of clothes. Bathers are always a good option to avoid clothing getting wet. Needless to say, we are all very excited to participate in the planned activities, especially canoeing and archery.

Students in Upper Middle Years have been busy getting ready for the Multicultural Evening next week. We hope to see many families at school enjoying performances and looking at the fantastic work students have completed. Amy is pictured with her New Zealand flag, produced during Art. As part of the Technologies Unit of Work with Mrs Alexander students had to design and create a boat that could carry a passenger across a body of water from one side to the other. The criteria were as follows:

It had to float

It had to keep the passenger safe and dry

It had to move from one side of the water to the other.

Room 24 are pictured with their models. All had great success and lots of fun!



Students recently travelled to Sarah Oval to take part in an AFL Super Clinic. Players from the Hawthorn Football Club were present on the day. Students rotated around activities based on skills such as: accurate kicking, tackling (bag), handballing and marking. Students listened to players talk about their teammates, winning premierships and how well they believe their team might perform this year. Photographs and autographs were collected by the students.

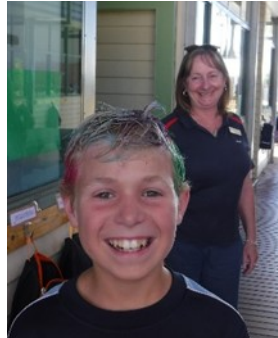
VCAL and VAL students in their final two years at school recently participated in Structured Workplace Learning Interviews.

Rodney Martin from Northern Mallee Local Learning Network (NMLLN) assisted in the process by asking students about their career aspirations and providing information on the NMLLN Portal and its use.



# ***STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL NEWS***

Last Friday 9 March we had the World's Greatest Shave at school. Mr. O'Brien had agreed to have his head shaved. The highest bid to shave his head was by Erica. She made a very funny spectacle leaving bits at the front and back. Bob had his beard shaved and Darren took on the dare for pink hair. He also got pink eyebrows. Miss Judi had a vote going 'to shave or not to shave' and raised \$155 not to shave and \$75 to shave. So she still has her hair. Students were very excited about having their hair coloured. Thank you May B for all the help colouring student and staff hair.



Remember to bring back your Skipping Sponsorship Forms. The Jump Off Celebrations will occur over the next couple of weeks. Please watch for a note from the teams regarding when your child's event will be held.

We are getting lots of vouchers for the Sports for Schools from Coles. Keep shopping. We have collected lots and this will add to our school sports and play equipment.

Cultural Diversity week is next week. We have a special Harmony Day Assembly on Tuesday 20 March at 9:15am and our school wide special evening starting at 5:30pm. Bring a picnic, watch the entertainment and meet the staff, students and other families in the Mildura Specialist School Community. Students have been learning about lots of countries and cultures and would love to share this with everybody.

SRC Committee.



## **SCHOOL REMINDERS**

### **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

### **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.

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### **MEDICAL**

At Mildura Specialist School we have children who have an anaphylactic reaction to **nuts, eggs, seafood and kiwi fruit** in the school. Please be mindful of this fact when preparing your child's lunch or snacks.

### **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.**

### **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.

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### **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.**

**Students process these orders: Tally money, give change, and place orders independently to meet their VCAL outcomes.**

**We are unable to process late orders.**

**Thanks for your co-operation**

**Paul Trevaskis**

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### **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.

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### **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.

There is a suggestion box in the front office if you wish to make use of this. All ideas are welcome.

# 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 absent from school could you please notify by one of the following means:

- Phone: 5021 3311
- Medical certificate
- Appointment notification
- A signed and dated note with student full name

## Be Healthy Be Active

### Ideas for healthy lunchboxes



Pikelet lunch with egg and veg

Pasta salad



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

INTERACTIVE - EDUCATIONAL - FUN

MUSIC - ART - SCIENCE - SPORT



**Wednesday April 11<sup>th</sup> 2018**  
**Sacred Heart Primary School**

**Purchase a ticket at**  
**[www.malleekidswonderfest.com.au](http://www.malleekidswonderfest.com.au)**

[amaze.org.au](http://amaze.org.au)



## Grandparents of Children with Autism Workshop

Wednesday 21st March 2018, 1.30-4.30pm  
Mallee Family Care, 122 Ninth Street, Mildura

Introduction to:

- What is Autism Spectrum Disorder?
- The impact of autism on your grandchild and the family
- Common feelings of grandparents when their grandchild is diagnosed
- Ideas for bonding and playing with your grandchild
- How grandparents can provide support



Tickets:

\$45.00 (incl. GST) per person  
\$40.00 (incl. GST) for 2 or more people

To book visit [www.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.eventbrite.com.au)  
and search by event name:

"Grandparents of Children with Autism"

