

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

15 May—NDIS Information Sessions (see flyer)

22 May—Disability Expo

End of Term 2—29 June

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Principal's Report

Special Events coming up at school.

NDIS presentations: Tuesday 15 May. Please come along to one of the sessions to hear from our allied health staff about the scheme and how you can prepare for it. You can ask questions from staff who are working with your child and have insights into areas to consider.

There will be further presentations from AMAZE for students with Autism hosted by MRCC later in June. More information will be in the next newsletter.

Disability EXPO: Tuesday 22 May. You can visit a number of representatives of the various disability services and explore options available that may benefit both your child and your family or yourself as a carer. This event is held annually and feedback has been extremely positive from our parents.

New Staff:

We would like to welcome Anna Facey to our school staff. Anna will join our front office team to look after all student enquiries and support you in accessing school information.

Jamie Murray has joined our teaching team and is working across the school with various classes.

Building and Grounds:

We have a number of projects underway. You may have noticed painting at the front of the school and this will continue throughout the yards.

Shade sails are ready to be installed and we have engaged an architect to look at possible alternatives to our front entry and entry to rooms 12 and 13. The current gates provide safety for students but they don't particularly look welcoming.

The Upper Middles and Later Years' staff are looking at ground development for recreation and outdoor learning spaces. Students have had input into these ideas.

So far the Horticulture groups have installed some wonderful new edible garden areas, learning work skills and healthy eating concepts.

It is always exciting to look at new options and expand our facilities to be more inclusive and engaging for students.

School Council:

The next School Council meeting will be on Monday 14 May 5:30pm.

Marg Curran
Principal

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Principal's Award



Congratulations to all Award winners this fortnight.

SWPBS—School Wide Positive Behaviour Support



We are currently learning more about 'Being Safe' as our SWPBS focus this term. Room 7 decided to test the school on their knowledge about how to be safe in the classroom. During our assembly three students were quiz masters and asked the school some questions. These questions were:

- How do you use equipment safely in the classroom?
- How do you move around the classroom to stay safe?
- How much room do you need in your personal space bubble?

The remainder of the Room 7 students took turns to safely walk the microphone to students in the audience to answer. We are pleased to report that all the answers we received were correct, so we all know how to remain safe while in our classrooms!!



Art & Music Awards

Term 2 Paper Sculptures

Lower Middle Years' classes this term are working on 3D construction sculptures using paper in various ways. Art Award recipients this fortnight, Kai from Room 10 and Tyrone from Room 7 both showed how working independently and putting in the extra effort has helped them achieve paper sculptures with a more detailed finish to their appearance. Both students also demonstrated to their classmates that by remaining seated and focused on their work they were working safely.



NEWS AROUND THE SCHOOL

Early Years' students joined with house team members from different age groups throughout the school. They played a variety of games like Tunnel Ball and Duck, Duck Goose. This was to encourage team spirit for up coming sports events. In the classroom students have been looking at different ways of classifying animals. An example is sorting farm and zoo animals. We have also been creating Mother's Day surprises.



Lower Middle Years' are back into the hard work of Term 2. The cool weather is finally catching up with the seasons, so with our chilly mornings and mild afternoon weather, students are removing jumpers and jackets. To prevent losing items please name all uniforms so if they are lost, they can be returned quickly. The Lower Middles' team are starting a new program this year called The Duke of Edinburgh Award. The program has been running in the Upper Middles Years over previous years. The students will be learning many different skills over various subjects. The subjects we are currently focusing on are robotics, art and crafts, bike riding and safety, volunteering, cooking, and photography.

Photos: Ella reading to Piper, Brodi's photo of a polar bear, Aiden icing biscuits.



Last Wednesday students in Upper Middles Years went to the Mildura Arts Centre to see Circus Oz's 'Model Citizens'. There was great feedback about the performance. "Acrobats will back-flip off a giant vertical clothes peg, become tangled in an oversized cotton reel, balance on a house of oversized collapsing cards and fly high in an enormous pair of aerial undies! Exposing circus skills in unconventional ways, Model Citizens presented stunning group acrobatics with a twist." In PE, Upper Middle Years' students are developing their hitting, jumping and kicking skills. Students practise these skills in games and working as teams. In Design and Technology (Craft), students have worked on articles to commemorate Anzac Day and celebrate Mother's Day.



VCAL students are attending Riverside Trade Training Centre for Taster Programs in Hospitality, Hair and Beauty. The program provides an opportunity for students to gain experience in a commercial setting to learn about industry techniques, equipment and procedures.

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.

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.

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

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.

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 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 you classroom teacher.

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

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<https://gethealthyu.com/45-fun-and-healthy-activities-to-do-with-your-kids-this-summer/>



FUN THINGS TO DO AS A FAMILY

All of these ideas are designed to encourage your kids to learn what you already know: Active is healthy. Exercise is good for you. Eating clean tastes good and feel great. Be that healthy role model for your kids this year. Here are some ideas to start off your healthy to do list.

Make smoothies. Little ones find it fascinating to blend things up. Let them help you put fruit, almond milk and veggies into your smoothie maker or blender. I've got tons of smoothie recipes your kids will enjoy. Let them see that veggies are even yummy to drink. You could dare your kids to drink something green! Buy some crazy straws and your smoothies are guaranteed to please.

Take a day trip. Mixing up the routine prevents boredom. Head to a neighboring town and try something new. Take a dip in a lake, head out for a hike on a new trail or let your kids enjoy an all-new playground. Let your kids appreciate a little change of scenery and schedule.

Go to the gym. Does your gym have childcare? Let your kids see that you prioritize exercise and they will too. Give yourself an hour of me-time while they play with other kids at your local gym. Don't forget to explain why mommy is going for a workout.

Plant a garden. Herbs, veggies or flowers? Pick your favorite and dig in the dirt with your kids to let them see that they can grow things with their two little hands. Then you can show them how to make good use of what you grow.

Cook together. Nothing is better than making something healthy for your kids and watching them eat it up, sans whining. Try a recipe I love for healthier macaroni and cheese or experiment with a healthier dinner recipe.

Go to the playground. Swings, slides, sandboxes and tunnels are easy breezy active fun for your kids. While you keep one eye on the kiddos, you can do your own playground workout.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Disability Expo



**Mildura Specialist School
(Multi-Purpose Room)**

Tuesday 22 May 2018

10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

and

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Further Information Contact:

Kathryn John
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Mildura Specialist School
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*Providing an over
view of disability
support services
and employment
options for people
with a disability*

- Mallee District Aboriginal Services (MDAS)
- Christie Centre Inc.
- Mildura Chocolate Company
- ArtRageUs
- Life Skills
- Aroundagain
- Christie's Emporium
- My Choice
- growAbility
- Enhanced Living
- SuniTAFE
- Sunraysia Residential Services (SRS)
- Benetook Farm
- Mallee Accommodation and Support Program (MASP)
- Annecto
- Mildura Rural City Council
- Mallee Sports Assembly
- Intereach
- Trio Support Services
- Sunraysia Community Health Services
- SOLVE Disability Solutions
- Headspace
- Mallee Family Care
- Carers Victoria
- Rights Information and Advocacy Centre Inc. (RIAC)
- Interchange Loddon
- Mallee Region Inc.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Parent information sessions

Introduction to the NDIS
Mildura Specialist School
(Multi-Purpose Room)

Tuesday 15th May 2018

9.30 – 10.15am

1.30 – 2.15pm

Parents are encouraged to come to one of our information sessions, regarding the new NDIS, and what it will mean for your child.

Please RSVP to the front office with session that you plan to attend by Wednesday 9th May.

Further Information Contact:

Front Office
Mildura Specialist School
50 213311



MILDURA THEATRE COMPANY INC
PRESENTS

Disney Peter Pan JR

Book and Lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire
Music by Jeanine Tesori

Music and Lyrics by Sammy Cahn, Sammy Fain, Michelle Tumes, Xavier Atencio, George Bruns, Jack Lawrence, Frank Churchill, Winston Hibler, Ted Sears, Oliver Wallace and Ray Kelley

Music Adapted & Arranged and Additional Lyrics by Eric Svejcar

Book and Additional Lyrics by David Zellnik
Based on the play by J.M. Barrie and the 1953 Disney Film

May
Fri 18th @ 7pm,
Sat 19th @ 2pm,
Sun 20th @ 11am & 2pm

For tickets and info visit us at
(03)50188322 www.milduraartscentre.com.au **(03)50188330**

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- * Enhance social skills
- * Provide positive role
- * modelling
- * Implement behaviour modification strategies
- * Provide respite and support for parents and carers.



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