

MILDURA SPECIALIST SCHOOL

Newsletter No : 10

DATE: 17 June, 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

TERM 2

25 June 2021—Last Day of Term (1.40pm Early Years and Upper Primary—1.50pm Secondary and VCAL)

1 November—Pupil Free Day—No school for students

17 December—Pupil Free Day—Last Day of Term.

Principal's Report



Dental Van: The Dental Van was going to visit from Monday next week and has had to postpone the date due to the recent lockdown. The Van will now be at school from the first day of Term 3 for five days.

Staffing: Shenae Francis will be going on Maternity Leave from the beginning of Term 3. We wish her all the best. Plans are underway to replace Shenae.

School Council: The next School Council Meeting will be held on Monday 21 June.

Footy Day: This will be held on the last day of term with a special lunch available from the canteen. Don't forget we have an eftpos machine now for payment. I'm looking forward to wearing my Dockers scarf along with the only other Dockers' supporter in the school!



Krispy Kreme Doughnuts: The doughnuts will be available for collection on Saturday morning from the Multipurpose Room from 9.30am. Thank you to everyone for your orders and to staff who are helping out on Saturday morning.

Xuno Sign In/Out Kiosk: We have an iPad in the Office area for students, staff, visitors and contractors to use when signing in/out. If your child arrives or leaves during the day they will use this and you will receive a message. Likewise if you sign in to see a staff member they will also receive a message.



Teaching and Learning: Visiting classes this week I observed students in the Secondary area solving maths problems using mini whiteboards to draw groups to find the answer to 'groups of' questions. Other students used concrete materials.

In Upper Primary students were using an interactive hundreds chart to count forwards and backwards from ten, twenty and by 10s to 100. In another class the students were learning about shapes by copying the modelled pictures. The students were all working on differentiated tasks and were very proud to show me their work.



Reports: Reports will be sent home next week. We are very pleased with the new format and the information it provides.

Kind Regards
Penny Hale

Principal

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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.*



NDIS Website Information

If you're new to the NDIS and want to find out more information, the NDIS website is a great place to start. Once you're on the website home page you can then navigate through three sections of the Getting Started process. The three sections outline, How the NDIS Works, Am I eligible, and How Do I Apply. Be mindful the website uses language that is not directed to parents/carers but rather to an individual with a disability. The Getting Started sections are broken up with video and animation clips making it easy to follow and understand. For additional support the best way is to contact 1800 800 110. The NDIS worker should be able to assist in guiding you through the process and making contacts with the local office. The website can be found at: <https://www.ndis.gov.au>. Local contact is Interreach Mildura 1300488226.

Darren Jones

Student Wellbeing Coordinator.

NEWS AROUND THE SCHOOL

Principal Awards

Room 1 - Xavier: for completing tasks to help staff during remote learning.

Room 1 - Amy: for independently using the toilet during hygiene.

Room 11 - Jayda: for participating in new learning tasks with an enthusiastic approach.

Room 18 - Skye: for demonstrating diligence and respectfulness while working in the school canteen for the first time.

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Room 23 - Byron: for volunteering to help around the class.

Room 25 - Clare: for practising rounding up when paying for goods.

ILS - SWPBS Awards

Room 1 - Juliet-Rose: by being kind to others during remote learning.

Room 1 - Willow for showing respect by looking after equipment.

Room 11 - Devrim: by being respectful by taking turns on outside play equipment.

Room 20 - Tywayne: by listening to the teacher's instructions during cooking and reminding his peers to do the same.

Room 23 - Mia: for negotiating with others in the yard.

Room 25 - Theo-Ioannis: by following instructions enthusiastically during fitness circuit.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY

The Primary SRC and VCAL Hospitality students will be running a Footy Colours Day on Friday 25 June.

Wear your footy colours to school.

Students can order a special footy day lunch from the canteen. Order forms have been sent home with your child and lunch orders need to be returned with money by Tuesday 22 June.

Early Years' News

As we approach the upcoming school holidays, Room Two wishes everyone a safe and happy school break.

Room Two has been busy this term learning about our term's focus, which is, Animal Classification. Room Two students made a collage of living things using pictures from magazines.

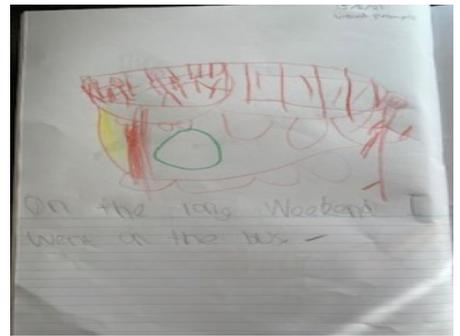
Last week, Room Two learnt about the letter 'f'. The students decorated a paper fish using coloured paper and cellophane. The students looked at pictures and videos of fish on the interactive Television as a class. We have also continued our learning about recounts. The students wrote a recount about what they did during the long weekend.



Room Two Living Thing Collage.



An example of a very colourful fish.



Kayne's recount: "On the long weekend I went on a bus."

UPPER PRIMARY YEARS' NEWS

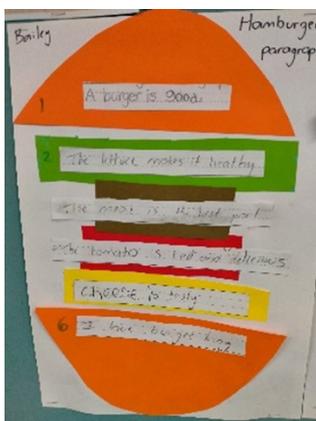
The Upper Primary rooms have been exploring the weather in different seasons through science experiments, craft activities and graphs.

Students have settled back into classroom routines after a four day period of remote learning activities.

Room 5 students have been engaging in various activities in the Sensory Room to use their senses.

Students in Room 9 have been working on paragraphing, making a hamburger to show the different parts.

To follow on from the Upper Primary Waves Swimming Program, I would like to make parents and carers aware of a government funded program to support eligible children to participate in organised sport including Swimming sessions at the Mildura Waves. For more information regarding this program, please see attached flyer in the newsletter.



SECONDARY PreCAL News

Room 23 has been learning about plants and how to care for them. Students have assisted to plant up some vegetable garden beds, using both seeds and seedlings. We hope to do some cooking with our vegetables once they mature.

We also adopted three small indoor plants to watch grow. We have researched how to care for them and students will take turns in watering them. We have named our plants Snappy (Venus Flytrap), Jim (Dwarf Fiddle Leaf Fig), and Luna (Peace Lilly).



Room 20 has been focusing on following instructions. Last week, we followed instructions to make Banana Bread. It was absolutely delicious and simple to make, and the class discovered that it was a great way to use up old bananas instead of throwing them away. You can find the recipe attached.

Another way that we demonstrated that we could follow instructions was to draw a cartoon sloth using step by step directions. Everyone really enjoyed the activity. The sloth looked so good after we had completed the finishing touches and coloured him in carefully.



Banana Bread

Ingredients

- 2 cups self-raising flour
- 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 2/3 cup caster sugar
- 2 bananas (mashed)
- 1 tsp vanilla essence
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup light milk
- 1 tbs light olive oil

Method

Preheat oven to 180°C (160°C fan-forced).

Mix flour, bicarbonate of soda and sugar in a bowl with mashed banana, vanilla, eggs, milk and oil.

Spoon into a loaf tin and bake for 50-60 minutes or until a skewer inserted in centre comes out clean.



SECONDARY—PAL News

With the new restrictions in place, the creativity streak in Room 12 and 13 has sky rocketed! Students have been exploring various ways to create artwork by flicking rubber bands wrapped around a box to flick paint onto black paper. Students have been busy with construction and have been matching visuals to cleaning items around the classroom.



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PARENT/CARER UPDATED INFORMATION

Each Term we will attach this tear off/return slip for all families who have changed their contact details. If you could please fill out any new information and send to school to be updated.

Student Name:

Parent/Carer A Mobile email:

Parent/Carer B Mobile email:

Emergency Contacts: Name and number

SECONDARY—VCAL AND VAL News

Just before our last remote learning period, Dale from the Northern Mallee Local Learning and Employment Network (NMLLEN), visited the school with Renee from Bunnings. Renee spoke VCAL students about working at Bunnings. She explained their work culture, expectations and gave advice on employability. Students enjoyed the discussion, with several expressing an interest in seeking employment at Bunnings in the future. We hope to have more guest speakers of this nature, when restrictions ease.



STUDENT ART EXHIBITION

End of Term 2 is approaching and across the school Art works from all students are being gathered, sorted and readied for the eagerly anticipated second Student Art Exhibition.

This was initially instigated last year during COVID lockdown times when it became apparent the Mildura Show was to be cancelled. Students at the school have always been eager to display Art work at that event and as a way of reducing disappointment, the Student Art Exhibition was held instead.

Every student enters one piece of work they have made to date and each class is then displayed within the Multi-Purpose Room for two days. Students from each room and their teaching staff come at allocated times to view something that everyone has made this year.

Students are encouraged to vote for their favourite piece and early next term it will be announced who received the most votes at a little ceremony during Assembly time. The main attraction about this is that everyone participates and that's what makes this so special – everyone is celebrated for taking part!



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
31	1 Lunch orders due in.	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Lunch orders due in.	9	10	11	12	13
14 Queen's Birthday	15 Lunch orders due in.	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Footy Colours Day. Early departure from school	26-27 School Holidays	
28-30 School Holidays						

July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				School Holidays		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
School Holidays						
11	12 Term 3 starts	13 Lunch orders due in.	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Lunch orders due in.	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Lunch orders due in.	28	29	30	31

Name: _____ Room: _____ Date: _____

 MSS Canteen Menu Canteen Day Friday <small>*All orders and money must be in and paid for by TUESDAY* 9AM</small>				
Item	Qty	\$ ea	\$ Tally	
Cold Food - Please tick your preference				
Chicken & Salad Wrap: Plain <input type="checkbox"/> Sweet Chilli <input type="checkbox"/>		\$5.00		
Tuna & Salad Wrap: 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 Roll: Plain <input type="checkbox"/> Mayo <input type="checkbox"/>		\$5.00		
Hot Food				
Tick				
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: Bolognaise <input type="checkbox"/> Lasagne <input type="checkbox"/>		\$5.00		
Drinks				
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 Noodles		\$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		
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Dietary Requirements:				
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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.



KIDS VOUCHER PROGRAM

This government is funding a program to support eligible children to participate in organised sport. The instructors at the Waves drew my attention to the program as it includes support for swimming lessons. You can find out further information online at the address below or by contacting the Waves.

<https://www.getactive.vic.gov.au> > vouchers ▾

[Kids voucher program | Get Active Victoria](#)

26 Feb 2021 — The **Get Active Kids Voucher** Program helps eligible families get their kids involved in organised sport and recreation activities by reimbursing ...

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Due to the achievements made by the students during their water safety and familiarisation program, you may be interested in this opportunity.



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KIDS VOUCHER PROGRAM

Helping eligible families cover the cost of getting their kids involved in organised sport and recreation.

[Find out more](#)

The Get Active Kids Voucher Program helps eligible families get their kids involved in organised sport and recreation activities by reimbursing the cost of membership and registration fees, uniforms and equipment. Eligible children may be able to receive up to \$200 each.



Wallis Sensory
FRIENDLY MOVIES

Screening for families with special needs!
RETURNING JUNE 20TH | HELD MONTHLY ON SUNDAY

 SPIRIT UNTAMED <small>R17+ PG-13</small> JUNE 20 TH	 CRANSTON ACADEMY: MONSTER ZONE <small>R17+ PG-13</small> JULY 18 TH	 SPACE JAM: A NEW LEGACY <small>R17+ PG-13</small> AUGUST 15 TH
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\$10 Tickets

For families living with autism and other sensory needs. Enjoy a movie in an understanding and comfortable environment with lowered sound and dim lighting. See our website for upcoming movies.



Sibling Social Group Kids

Being part of a family who care for a person with a disability can be tough.

We want to give you with the opportunity to meet kids your age and take part in some community activities.



**Make new friends
and have fun!**

Our Sibling Social Groups are held monthly in Mildura on a Friday between 5pm and 7pm.

Concession: \$3.00 per hour
Standard: \$4.50 per hour.



Tell us what you are into!

- Outdoor games
- Cooking
- Shopping
- Bowling and more!

Now taking expressions of interest

For more information, please contact Tara Coppola on 03 44182150 or email tara.coppola@interchangelm.org.au





Sibling Social Group Teens



Are you a teenager?
 Do you live with someone who has a disability?
 Would you like to meet other teens in a similar situation?

Being part of a family who care for a person with a disability can be tough.

Now you can catch up with other teens who face similar challenges each month and make friends who understand what you're going through.

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Tell us what you're into!

- Bowling
- Eating out
- Shopping
- Movies

And more!



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