

MILDURA SPECIALIST SCHOOL

Newsletter No : 8

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Striving for Independence

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 2

28 May 2021—Pupil Free Day—No school for students

14 June 2021—Public Holiday—No school

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



Congratulations to our award winners this past fortnight. Keep up the great work!



Education Support Staff

Last Sunday was Education Support Personnel Day. We celebrated the work of our wonderful Education Support Staff on Tuesday with teachers providing afternoon tea. Students made Helping Hands Thank You Cards and celebratory signs and balloons were placed around the school in recognition of their work. Thank you to all our Education Support staff.



Communication: Please see the important information within this newsletter about an SMS message which will be sent to parents and carers on Friday. This is to test our system so we can message all parents or sets of parents at once. Please contact the school or complete the slip provided in the newsletter to keep your details updated. With this system we can also communicate via email.



Reminders: Pupil Free Day: Friday 28 May is a Pupil Free Day. Teachers will be using this time to write reports and may also book Student Support Group Meetings. Students don't attend school on this day. There won't be any canteen next week.



Many students participated in the National Simultaneous Storytime reading of Give me some Space! There was a lot of anticipation leading up to this special event.

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.*



Text Message Announcement.

Tomorrow (Fri May 28) we will trial a bulk text messaging system from the school. Parents and Caregivers whose details are listed on the student enrolment forms will receive a test text message from the school. This will ensure we have a system ready in place for any urgent or important messages that can be sent out to parents should the need for immediate distribution arise.

The text message will be a 'Do not reply' message as any responses will be returned to a virtual inbox and will not be received as a standard text.

If you require to update your mobile phone number please contact the school directly on 03 50213311

Please let your classroom teacher or front office staff know if you do not receive this test message.

The planned time to send the test text message will be between 11am – 12 noon



Later this term Mildura Specialist School will begin the gradual roll out of XUNO as our parent portal. XUNO is an App designed as a powerful communications tool for schools with a host of features such as, live attendance and daily parent/teacher communication. Parents can access their child's Individual Learning Plan and Semester Reports. Further details on how to use XUNO will be released later this term.

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

NEWS AROUND THE SCHOOL

Principal Awards

- Room 5 - Oscar: for overcoming completing set tasks on the play equipment.
- Room 7 - Riley: for speaking to a teacher when he has a concern.
- Room 7 - Bailey: for interacting during Circle Time.
- Room 9 - Denzel: for participating in all routine and special activities.
- Room 9 - Khodie: for saying on tasks all week, despite change to routine.
- Room 9 - Vivien: for immediately following instructions to remove her hat when entering the Art room.
- Room 10 - Milan: for contributing to classroom discussions by responding to questions.
- Room 10 - Ashlyn: for following instructions to join in class activities.
- Room 11 - Patrick: for independently matching like objects in Literacy.
- Room 15 - Jonah: for having a positive attitude toward all tasks.
- Room 15 - Damo: for focussing when asked to use eye gaze to make choices.
- Room 17 - Xavier: for independently saying hello to staff, then following instructions to sit and wait for his teacher.
- Room 18 - Lacey: for demonstrating positive work ethics and teamwork during her first experience working in the Canteen.
- Room 20 - Kyle: for being nice to classmates by offering to put up their chairs at the end of the day.
- Room 20 - Johbi: for persisting with difficult tasks to increase his digital literacy.
- Room 21 - Ethan: for working hard to complete his Career Action plan.
- Room 21 - Mathew: for always completing work tasks on time.
- Room 21 - Harrison: for working hard to complete a writing piece about his weekend.
- Room 21 - Hugh: for working hard to complete two full pages of writing about his weekend.
- Room 22 - Cheyenne: for completing a work task and then assisting with sorting of the magazine in the Art room.
- Room 22 - Zack: for showing persistence and learning to balance, to accomplish his goal of riding a bicycle.
- Room 22 - Ethan: for showing courage to volunteer to be first at attempting a game in Circle Time.
- Room 23 - Mia: for trying her best and making great choices.
- Room 24 - Ashton: for participating in dance whilst standing in his Rabbit Walker.
- Room 25 - Xavier: for ordering and paying for a meal at Subway with minimal prompts.
- Room 25 - Sam: for great detail and depth in your list writing work.
- Darling Room - Nathan: for all round participation, and good role model.

SWPBS Awards

- Room 7 - Cosimo: by following instructions at all times when directed by teachers and Support Staff.
- Room 7 - Daki: by being respectful when given directions by a teacher.
- Room 10 - Lacie: by being kind by helping her classmates unpack their bags.
- Room 10 - Mirage: by using equipment safely during bike riding.
- Room 11 - Devrim: by safely transitioning from the yard to the Art room and then back to class.
- Room 15 - Axel: by using equipment safely in the school environment.
- Room 18 - Cassie: by listening and following instructions in the classroom, so that she will be safe while completing tasks.
- Room 20 - Jack: by returning to the classroom independently.
- Room 21 - Antwone: by asking to move seats in class when being distracted by others.
- Room 22 - Nash: by listening to staff and following instructions to ride his bike safely.
- Room 23 - Bella: by always returning her diary and bringing notes back quickly.
- Room 25 - Kira: by following teacher instructions during morning fitness circuit.
- Room 25 - Brandon: by following teacher instructions during fitness classes.
- Darling Room - Crystal: by consistency in working, managing emotions when there are disruptions in class.

Early Years' News

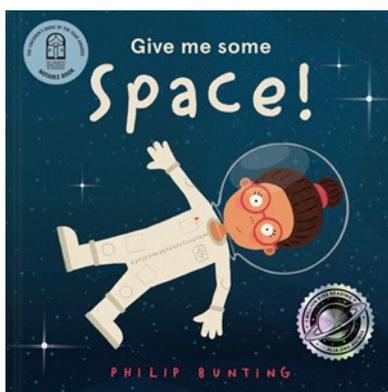
This term, Early Years' students have been engaging in developmental play sessions. Students have been cooperating to set up train tracks and taking turns to load and take trains to stations as they move around the track. Speech therapy staff have been engaging in communication with students increasing vocabulary and language skills. Students have also been setting up the tea set to share a picnic. They have been asking each other for plates, cups and afternoon tea food and setting them out between classmates. Groups have been constructing fences to put the farm animals into paddocks and taking turns to feed them. Occupational Therapy staff have been encouraging students' fine motor skills as they perform tasks during play. Last Wednesday Early Years' students joined students from throughout the school in their same house colours. They played Tunnel Ball, Duck, Duck Goose and Bobs and Statues. It was great to see them joining in and selecting older students to chase them during Duck, Duck, Goose.



UPPER PRIMARY YEARS' NEWS

On Wednesday students across the school participated in National Simultaneous Story Time, where the same picture story book 'Give me some Space!' was read simultaneously across the nation. National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Some classes watched the live feed on the official website. Students are now looking forward to completing activities related to the book.

Upper Primary classes are learning about space and weather this term. At the moment the autumn leaves are changing and offering a variety of beautiful colours. Students have enjoyed outdoor activities and exploring all the different types of leaves.



Secondary Personal Applied Learning NEWS

To the FANTASTIC support staff working in PAL. Thank you for everything you do to support our students. Hope you all had a great week for ES week.



Students in ILS making a card for Mother's Day.



SECONDARY PreCAL News

Students in Room 23 have been learning about Physical and Chemical changes for Science. This fortnight they have made Ice-cream in a Bag and Fizzy Lemon Drink.

Most of the students enjoyed eating their ice-cream, although it was quite messy to make, as the plastic bags of salt and ice kept breaking.

Fizzy Lemon Drink looked fantastic, but most would agree did not taste so good. We also made a Lemon Volcano to observe the chemical change between Lemon Juice and Bi-carbonate of Soda.

Everyone had a lot of fun.



Students in room 20 examined Physical and Chemical changes when comparing dissolving and stirring. Table salt, rock salt and coffee were compared along with jelly crystals. I wonder if you can guess which chemical reaction was the students' favourite?

MUSIC/ART NEWS

Art and Drama with Shana Term 2 2021

Students in Early Years created art works around the theme Plants. Students produced collage pictures and shadow images using sun sensitive paper. PreCal students generated art works around the themes ANZAC Day and Natural Disasters.

In drama students have been participating in activities concentrating on changing their voices to say expressions in other ways for example sad, frustrated and excited.

Room 3/4 have acted out stories and songs they have listened to.



MyTime groups are for parents and carers of a child with a disability, developmental delay or chronic medical condition.

A **FREE** service where you can socialise and share ideas with others who understand caring for a child with additional needs.

It's your time to catch up with other parents/carers in a relaxed setting. Play helpers are there to keep your children busy and active. Siblings under 6 are welcome.

What will you get out of my time?

Assistance

Community

Shared
Experiences

Friendship

Connections

Come along and see for yourself the benefit of being part of a group like this!

Tuesday or Wednesday from 10.00am

TERM DATES

LOCATION

MFC Play
Groups Venue

Twelfth
Street,
MILDURA 3500

Term 2

Tue 20 April and
Wed 21 April

until

Tue 22 June and
Wed 23 June

COVID-19 SAFE PLAN IN PLACE.

CONTACT

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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		
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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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◀ ▶ May 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4 Lunch orders due in.	5	6	7	8	9
10 School Council Meeting	11 Lunch orders due in.	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Lunch orders due in.	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Lunch orders due in.	26	27	28 Pupil Free Day.	29	30
31	1 Lunch orders due in.	2	3	4	5	6

◀ ▶ June 2021

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 No School	15 Lunch orders due in.	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Early departure from school	26 Term 2 Holidays	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
Term 2 Holidays						

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.

