

MILDURA SPECIALIST SCHOOL

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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

24 June— Last day of term 2. Early Departure.

1.40pm Early Years and Upper Primary. 1.50pm Secondary and VCAL.

11 July—Pupil Free Day

12 July—First day Term Three for students

31 October—Pupil Free Day— No students required at school.

1 November—Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday—No school

20 December—Last Day of Term 4.



TERM 2

Principal's Report



Awards

Congratulations to our Award winners this week. There aren't any photos this week as students were out of the school, unwell or reluctant to come up to the front. We are hoping for a return to wellness after the holidays.



Building Project

The first phase of the Building Project has been submitted to the region and Victorian School Building Authority. The first phase explains our context and opportunities for future teaching and learning.



Eisteddfod

Congratulations to all the students and staff involved in practising for and performing at the Eisteddfod. We have been invited to open the Eisteddfod Gala Concert on 24 June, which is very exciting and a credit to all. Thank you to Catherine Threlfall from Sunraysia Arts and Learning who works with our students every Wednesday.



Reports

We are currently finalising reports. These will be sent home during the last week of term and will also be available on Xuno. A highlight for me has been reading about the achievements of students and their continued access to events in the community and at school.



Footy and Soccer Clinics

The football and soccer clinics have been very popular with students. The students listened respectfully and watched as new skills were modelled, then practised their skills and encouraged each other. Well done to all. It was great to see students from across the school participating. Thank you to Ben Stevenson and the coordinators for organising these events.



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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.

With next week being the end of term, I hope everyone has a lovely break. We have been impacted by students and staff being away this term and look forward to everyone returning hopefully fit and well to start the term. Classes are finishing the term with the Talent Show which I am sure will be a highlight. Well done to the Primary SRC for your leadership and organisation. I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff and students for their enthusiasm to learn, have fun and importantly to try new things.

Penny Hale
Principal

Principal Awards

- Room 1 - Harrison: for making a great effort in writing his name.
- Room 9 - Isaac: for working hard to improve reading and maths skills.
- Room 11 - Patrick: for consistently using AAC communication device as well as verbalising to greet staff.
- Room 18 - Cody: for working towards and achieving good work ethics and using respectful manners.
- Room 19 - For fantastic PDS PowerPoint presentations within a supportive environment.
- Room 19 - Kat: for consistently working on tasks and asking for support.
- Room 20 - Quinn: for standing calmly in front of the senior choir to conduct the harmonies for Eisteddfod practise.
- Room 20 - Byron: for continuously maintaining a clean classroom and kitchenette area.
- Room 20 - Sonya: for reading with a positive attitude on a regular basis.
- Room 22 - Anthony: for listening to staff instructions and trying his best to achieve success during swimming.
- Room 22 - Joshua: for consistently using manners and being helpful.
- Room 22 - Neesha: for successfully working with different denominations of money to make up set amounts.

SWPBS Awards

- Room 1 - Levi: for being safe and keeping classmates safe in the classroom and playground by looking out for potential hazards.
- Room 8 - Bailey: for showing respect by using manners when asking for help.
- Room 11 - Benjamin: for using his Chat Book.
- Room 18 - Dale: for assisting with jobs to lighten the load. This helps to make our area tidy and safe.
- Room 19 - Jorja: for being safe by listening to instructions before demonstrating a defence skill at the Brazilian Jiu Jitsu session.
- Room 22 - Johbi: by completing his weekend recount independently.
- Room 22 - Kyle: by encouraging others to play fairly.

THE ARTS



The Eiffel Tower and the French Flag were the emphasis for art sessions last week. Using a variety of materials such as paddle pop sticks, straws, tissue paper, paint, crepe paper, wooden stamps and glue, the students created unique Eiffel Towers as well as the French flag.

Art Specialist Shana Morgan



PRIMARY SRC NEWS

We celebrated the start of Winter on Wednesday 1 June with a dress up and movie session. The Winter themed movies students were offered included Abominable, Balto, Happy Feet, Frozen, Ice Age, Home Alone, Snow Dogs and Snow Buddies. Students also got to select the snacks they wanted with an ice cream cone being most popular. The feedback we collected last week was mostly positive with students having choices being a reoccurring comment.

Our final event this term is a Talent Show on Wednesday 22 June. Early Years' and Upper Primary classes have been asked to prepare one entertaining item each to show off skills and have a laugh for end of term. We have singing, music, a recycled art exhibition, a play, dancing mindfulness and a circus performance. We will also have the Eisteddfod item make a guest appearance. We will be videoing the Talent Show.

EARLY YEARS' NEWS

During this term students have been participating in AFL and Soccer clinics. Students have been learning how to move a ball and the different shapes of the balls. Rooms 16 and 17 students have also been working on improving their spreading skills by making a sandwich. We are looking forward to the Primary SRC Talent Show next week.



Xavier, Rhyan and Lachlan practising their footy skills.

Alivia and Xavier working on improving their spreading skills.

UPPER PRIMARY YEARS' NEWS

This fortnight the Upper Primary classes have been taking part in AFL football clinics. It was lots of fun and the students learnt lots of new skills including handballing, kicking and marking.

Room 6 and 8 students have been learning about food and fibre production. We have made lemonade using freshly squeezed lemons from the Kitchen Garden. The product was a bit sour, but very thirst quenching.



SECONDARY PreCAL NEWS

This fortnight the PreCAL students have been extremely busy playing sports and attending events in the local community. The highlight for last week was the Senior Choir performing at the Eisteddfod which earned high praise from the adjudicators. Swimming, Lawn Bowls and the AFL clinic have been a hit too. In the classrooms, there has been a strong focus on financial Maths. There have been numerous activities and games for the students to participate in so that learning is enjoyed by all.



SECONDARY—PAL NEWS

PAL Students have been participating in an AFL Footy and Soccer clinics over the last fortnight. They were practising many different skills with the oval ball and round ball. Students have been engaged throughout these sessions. Photos below show some of our students learning how to kick the football and soccer ball.



Room 11 students have been working on recognising many different signs in our community. They have played the Stop and Go game, road safety matching and bingo road sign games.

PAL students from 23, 24 and 25 participated in Drumming and Choir at this year's annual Eisteddfod. All students who participated represented our school well.

Room 23 is learning about a special day celebrated across the world each week. Last week we created a special poster to celebrate World Environment Day. We reused scrap and old wrapping paper to create the poster. The students discussed why we have World Environment Day and then wrote sentences to show how we can help the environment.

Room 10 students are learning about special events on our calendar. Last week they focused on Oceans Day and completed activities linked to this special event. The Community Police visited a group of PAL students last week for a presentation about bullying and best cyber safe practices.

Well done to all students on a fantastic TERM 2.



SECONDARY—VCAL AND VAL NEWS

VCAL students were visited by guest speakers Rachael, Jake and Joe from Mildura Community Police. Students learned about e-Safety - social media, cyber-bullying and online safety. Students asked questions shared comments and learnt new information regarding these issues. We are grateful to Mildura Police for facilitating this program.



Mildura Specialist School Pie Drive

We are again running our annual Minter's Pie Drive. Order forms will go home this week and delivery of pies will be 28 July 2022.

More information will be included on the order forms.

Thank you
Cathie Toma
Fundraising team



June 2022

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
			1	2 Pupil Free Day	3 Pupil Free Day	4
5	6	7 Lunch orders due in.	8	9	10	11
12	13 Public Holiday— No school	14 Lunch orders due in.	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Last Day of Term 2 - Early departure.	25
26	27	28	29	30		
.....School Holidays.....						



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
.....School Holidays.....						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
.....School Holidays.....						
10	11 First Day of Term 3 For staff. Pupil free day.	12 Lunch orders due in.	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Lunch orders due in.	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Pie Drive delivery.	29	30
31						



BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS



Please save your bread tags – they will be recycled to fund wheelchairs, mainly in South Africa.



We collect bread tags Australia-wide, and recycle these in Robe, SA. All funds raised through recycling are used to supply wheelchairs.



Re-made in Robe!



What can I do?

It's easy save your bread tags for a while and then drop them off at one of our collection points. Ask your family, friends, school and local café to help.



Visit our website for signage, to find your nearest collection point, or to host a collection point.

 aussiebreadtags@gmail.com



ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au



[@aussiebreadtags](https://www.facebook.com/aussiebreadtags)

Local Contact: PAL Section



**SOUTH MILDURA SPORTING CLUB
AND MALLEE SPORTS ASSEMBLY
PRESENT**



ALL ABILITIES FOOTBALL

FRIDAYS MAY 6TH - JUNE 24TH, 4:30-5:30PM

@MILDURA SOUTH SPORTING PRECINCT

RSVP: 03 5021 3464 OR

LACHLAN@MALLEESPORTSASSEMBLY.ORG.AU



**FOOTBALL FEDERATION SUNRAYSIA
AND MALLEE SPORTS ASSEMBLY**

PRESENT



**FOOTBALL FEDERATION
SUNRAYSIA**



Mallee Sports Assembly

SOCCER FOR ALL

WHEN: WEDNESDAYS 27TH APRIL TO 22ND JUNE

WHERE: SOCCER PARK- CNR FLORA AVE AND 11TH STREET

TIME: 5.30-6.30 PM

RSVP: CALL 03 5021 3464 OR EMAIL

LACHLAN@MALLEESPORTSASSEMBLY.ORG.AU



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, eggs, lactose and seafood** 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.

