

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

Friday 15 September - Last Day of Term 3 - Early Departure
- Early Years and Upper Primary 1.40pm.
- Secondary 1.50pm.
Monday 2 October - First Day of Term 4.



TERM 3



Principal's Report



Congratulations to our Award winners this past fortnight. Congratulations to Stephen who performed an SWPBS song at the assembly last week. It was great to see the whole school singing and clapping along. This week Room 22 students talked about how they are responsible with Mrs Sedgmen.



Special Visitor

Last Friday, Minister Natalie Hutchins, visited the school to learn about the building project. We toured the school and visited the canteen and a few classes before the Minister addressed students and staff. It was wonderful to see our students using their communication skills to greet and talk with our visitors. Congratulations to Rebecca and Stephen, our School Captains who led the tour.



Swan Hill Sports Day: Over thirty students and several staff left early this morning for the Interschool Sports Day. We have just received a phone call to let us know that Mildura Specialist School won the morning and afternoon events so was the overall winner. Congratulations to all students!



On Monday we welcomed a new staff member to our team, Simone Burke. Simone is working in room 22.



On Tuesday at our end of term Celebration, we will be farewelling two staff members: Glenda and Hollie. Glenda and Hollie have worked at our school for many years and we wish them all the best for the future.



Real Schools:

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended the information session on Monday afternoon with Kirsty from Real Schools. Kirsty worked with students and staff on Tuesday and presented to all staff in the afternoon. Staff are developing their skills to interact with students to connect emotions with behaviours and to understand that actions affect others, which builds empathy. Teachers are explicitly teaching about emotions and thanking students for their positive actions.

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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.



Pupil Free and Professional Practice Day

Last term we were notified that we could hold a school wide Professional Practice Day in second semester. Following a survey of teachers, a recommendation for Wednesday 8 November was tabled at School Council. This was approved.

The Professional Practice Day follows the Melbourne Cup holiday and the approved Pupil Free Day on Monday 6 November.

Penny Hale
Principal

Principal Awards

Room 1 - Johnny: for walking to the Big Yard and playing in the sandpit.

Room 3 - Xavier: for completing learning activities with increased independence.

Room 18 - Cody: for taking initiative and asking if he could complete and deliver several late Breakfast Program orders.

Room 19 - Stephen: for willingly offering his support to staff and peers. He quietly offers his support in many different ways and always asks first if they would like help or not.

Room 23 - Matthew: for trying his best and competing in all events on Sports Day.

SWPBS Awards - being Responsible

Room 1 - Lincoln: by great listening and following classroom rules.

Room 18 - Byron: by regularly and independently cleaning and tidying the classroom benches, his desk and the sink area.

Room 19 - Rebecca: by using kind words and being supportive of her peers with positive and encouraging words.

Room 23 - Kera-Lee: by following instructions to participate in all events on Sports Day.

Some of our past award winners



GIRLS ONLY

This week's Girls Only group talked about 'Beauty', understandings of "what is beautiful?" and how one views their own body, an essential element of self-esteem. A great bunch of girls, all smart, creative, unique & beautiful!



ART

Frida Kahlo was known for her self-portraits and works inspired by nature and her homeland Mexico. Our students have demonstrated their creativity completing self-portraits and portraits of Frida set in a jungle background. Below are works drawn and painted by Ashton, Deshawn, Mahalia, Kye, Quinn and Bella.



Margaret Preston was an Australian painter and print maker who used Australian flowers and trees in her work. The students have painted, cut out and arranged vibrant flowers into vases. The artwork below is by Kyle, Ra-Ra, Mahalia, Tash, Gabrielle and Carter.



EARLY YEARS' NEWS

Room 2 students have had a busy but enjoyable Term. During Numeracy sessions, students have been learning about division and sharing. The students completed a variety of activities to showcase their understanding. One activity required the students to roll a particular amount of playdough into balls and place them evenly on two trees. Another activity required the students to use marshmallows and separate them evenly onto the provided plates. During Literacy sessions, the students have been completing letter and sound activities. During Cooking sessions, the students have been developing their independence by making their own fairy bread.



Harrison rolling playdough balls and placing them onto two trees to make even groups.



Keegan sharing marshmallows evenly between two plates so that they are the same.



Hayley completing the Letter W worksheet during morning Phonics work.



Bunya giving his fairy bread the tick of approval after independently making it.

UPPER PRIMARY YEARS' NEWS

Students have created some great imaginative narratives and engaging PowerPoints in recent weeks. After a big move, the students in Room 6, 8 and 9 have been adjusting well to our new classrooms. In last week's physical education session the students learnt about golf, while this week we had a fantastic game of rounders. Room 3 students have been learning about the first fleet and shapes while room 4 had a nice send off for a student, that included making fairy bread.



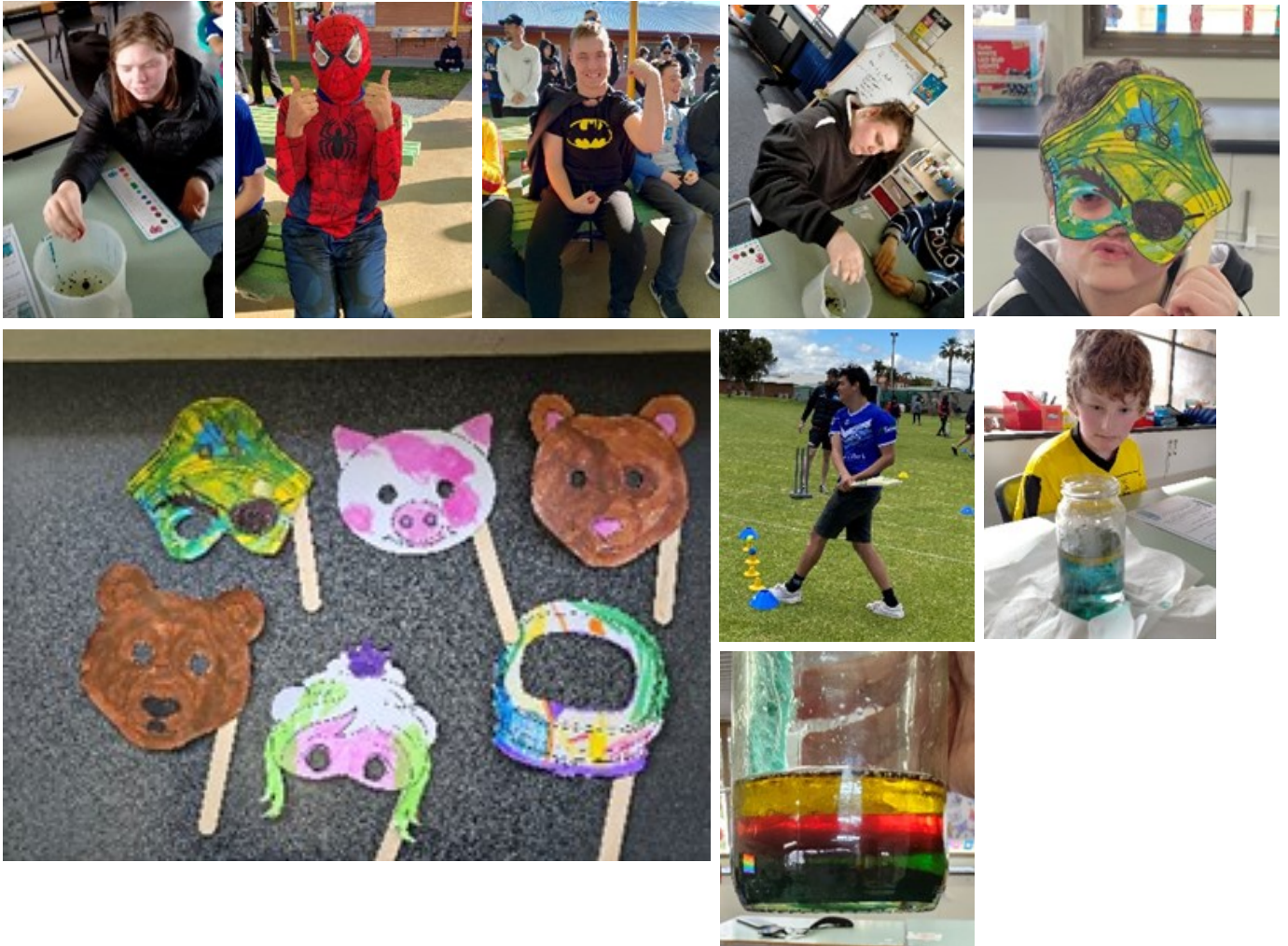
Personal and Applied Learning NEWS

Another fortnight has flown by and its hard to believe we are fast approaching the end of Term 3. Students in PAL have been very busy in the last fortnight, with Book Week activities last week and Science Week this week. We also had a visit from the local Renegades Cricket Club who conducted cricket clinics for interested students. Our students gave up their lunch play to participate and were engaged with some very exciting activities.

ILS and Room 23 students made curried sausages.

Room 23 students conducted an experiment to create a rainbow in a jar for Science Week. They visited Room 4 to complete a shared Book Week activity during Week 6. Students listened to The Book Week Bear and then completed a dress up mask from the parade in the story.

Room 24 students dressed up in Superhero costumes and read the story titled 'Where the Lyre Bird Lives'. They made tiny Lyre birds using pinecones. Students also watched a nature documentary about Lyre Birds. Room 24 students made lightning in jar for their Science Week experiment and watched the mixed colours fall through the oil into the water.



SECONDARY/VPC NEWS

Room 20 students took advantage of the warmer weather to undertake their learning outside. Pictured (below left), students are learning about volume and capacity. It has been fantastic to see students stepping out of their comfort zone during excursions to Limitless Dance Academy (below right).



Renegade Road Show visited our school on Tuesday 22 August.

A selection of PAL, PreVPC, VPC and Room 9 students joined representatives from the Renegade Road Show, practising cricket skills, during a workshop last week. Ella Hayward from the Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) and Ruwantha Kellapotha, from the Big Bash League (BBL) were on hand to help with the activities. Kadin was interviewed by the media crew. Bec just had to get a photo and autograph.



September

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1	2	3
4	5 Lunch orders due in.	6	7 Swan Hill Sports Day	8	9	10
11 SCHOOL COUNCIL	12 Lunch orders due in.	13	14	15 Last Day of Term 3	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
.....SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.....						
25	26	27	28	29	30	
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October

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

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.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL FEES OF \$160 PER STUDENT ARE NOW DUE.

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 VPC. 2.50—3.00PM

This is to help ease congestion on Deakin Ave and for safety of cars and students.

