

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

Wednesday 23 August—Sports Day
Thursday 24 August—Pie Drive collection.
Friday 15 September—Last Day of Term 3—Early Departure
- Early Years and Upper Primary 1.40pm.
- Secondary 1.50pm.



TERM 3



Principal's Report



Congratulations to our Award winners this past fortnight. Fantastic work from our room 1 Prep students for talking into the microphone at assembly last week about being safe. This week room 4, students presented a video showing how they are safe making toast. Well done!



Student Support Group Meetings

Bookings are available on Xuno. Please contact the office to ensure your child's teacher is available if you would like to make a booking for the current day as teachers may make other arrangements. Office staff will call teachers for you to check as teachers may not read Xuno messages during the day due to teaching duties. This will also enable teachers are ready for the meeting.



Pie Drive

Reminder about the upcoming Pie Drive – great for these cooler nights.

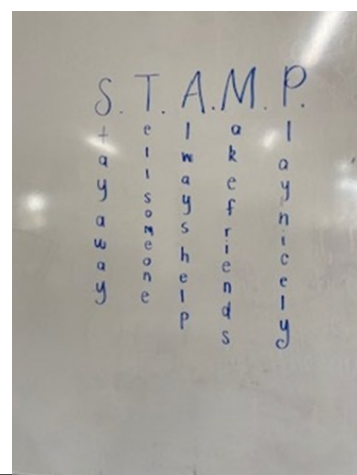
Stamp Out Bullying IncurSION

Last Friday we were entertained and educated about bullying with an incurSION, Stamp Out Bullying. The students interacted with the presenter and enjoyed the magic tricks. It was great to see our students volunteering to go up the front and answering



questions with such confidence. Importantly I could see that the messages were well received with classes following up during the day and capturing their learning.

Students learnt to:
Stay away, tell someone, always help, make friends and play nicely.



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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.



Social Media and Cyber Bullying

We are consistently working with students to resolve social media concerns, particularly on a Monday after the weekend. There's some useful information on the eSafety Commissioner website for parents. Please contact your child's teacher or team leader if you have concerns.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>



Building Project

The Building Project is progressing. Rooms 6, 8, 9 will start packing up soon to move to another area of the school with portables being relocated early September. We are planning to make this transition as smooth as possible for staff and students and will be preparing students in advance.



SunSmart

We're wearing hats in the yard again at lunchtime. Please see the flyer within this newsletter.

The SunSmart app provides a useful guide for times to use protection.

Penny Hale
Principal

Principal Awards

Room 3 - Izwi: for being caring towards a staff member.

Room 6 - Noah: for making good choices all last week.

Room 6 - Riley: for playing a wonderful game of chasey during lunch time play.

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Room 8 - Isaac: for always being ready to learn during class time.

Room 8 - Eli: for playing a wonderful game of chasey during lunch time play.

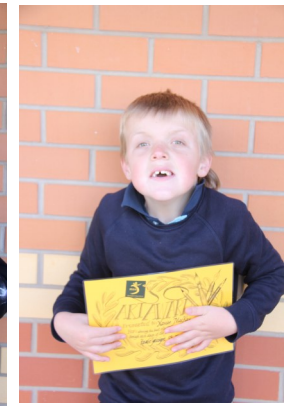
Room 8 - Riley: for working hard on his PowerPoint presentation.

SWPBS Awards - being Safe

Room 3 - Koray: for demonstrating being safe during cooking.

Room 6 - Dean: for walking calmly and safely to the car after school.

Some of our Award winners.



ART

Our third woman Artist is Artemisia Gentileschi. Students have looked at how she painted clothing. This week students used different textured fabrics to create a collage, a fabric bowl or added fabric to their drawing. Daniel and Judi are adding pieces of fabric to form a bowl shape. Riley and Anthony are gluing fabric onto their drawings. Deshawn and Tyrell are making a collage with a variety of textured fabrics.



EARLY YEARS' NEWS

Students designed and built a car ramp during our How Things Move unit in Developmental Play, students constructed a Marble Run with a focus on pushing and pulling. In Numeracy, students have been learning about addition and subtraction. We used playing cards to work on addition facts, and had a game of bowling to work on our subtraction.



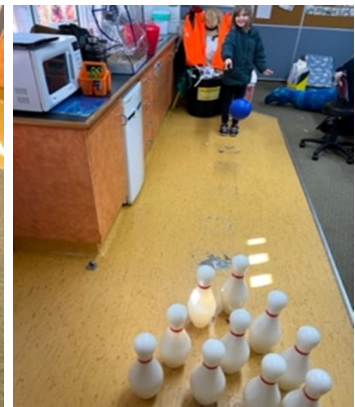
Bunya showcasing his car ramp creation.



Ashton giving his Marble Run the thumb of approval.



Levi using playing cards to write and solve addition problems.



Amy getting ready to bowl and subtract her knocked down pins from 10.

UPPER PRIMARY YEARS' NEWS

Last week Upper Primary students participated in an incursion about Stamping Out Bullying. The students said they found this interesting and learnt what to do if they were being bullied. The students also participated in a football clinic, this was fun and helped to develop different skills. This week is Dental Hygiene Week. At school this term we have been learning about caring for our teeth.



We have set up a display in room 10 that is linked to part of our History topic Indigenous Australia. The display is very engaging and allows the students the opportunity to learn more about our First Nations Culture. This week we had a visit from 'Uncle Wil' to talk about Indigenous culture.

Room 15 students have been discussing and learning about their strengths in our Respectful Relationship Lessons. We helped make a display about our strengths.



Personal and Applied Learning NEWS

Last week PAL students participated in an incursion aimed at stopping bullying. The students' laughter indicated that it was well received. Some PAL students assisted with a magic trick.

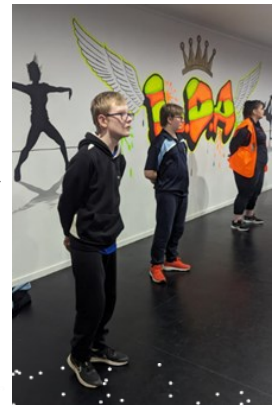
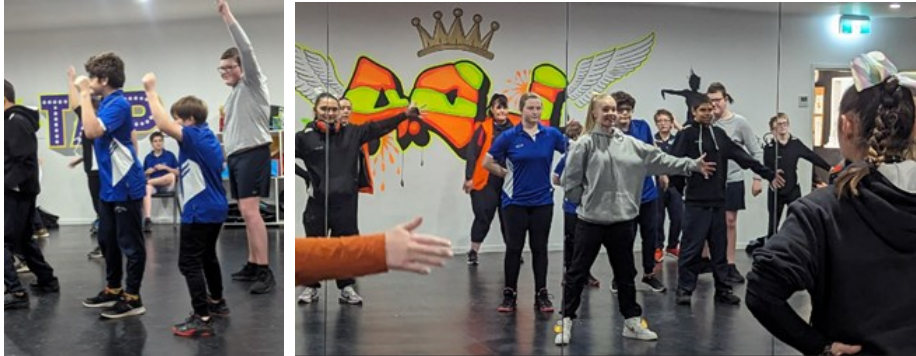
Last week we celebrated library week, students learned about libraries, the services they offer and how to care for books. This was followed up with making personalised book marks. Room 23 read 'A Library Book for Bear' by Bonnie Becker before constructing some paper bears for a Library Week display.

Cooking continues in most classes. Last week students prepared Macaroni and Cheese. This week we are making Hot Chocolate.



SECONDARY/VPC NEWS

The PreVPC students are at it again with a new adventure, thanks to the Active Schools Grant. This term, our students get to shimmy and shake from head to toe, as we have Emily at Limitless Dance Academy endeavor to teach us – including staff – the funkiest of moves designed to wow the crowd. Emily, who used to work at Mildura Specialist School, remains a much-loved figure with our students. She brought back some familiar dances, such as Fight Song and Cha-Cha Slide.



This week in Numeracy, Room 21 students have been exploring what having a ‘budget’ means. As part of our Monday lessons, students will explore various aspects of money. Below, students worked in teams and were given a budget of \$50, to spend on anything they wanted. They relied on team work, planning ahead and use of calculators to ensure they did not go over their budget. In the photos below, Lucas and Cassie were making decisions about what to spend the last few dollars of their budget on. Bailey and Noah were discussing their options, on how to save money.



24 JULY 2023
Mildura Specialist School

Pie Drive

REMINDER

We are holding our annual Pie Drive this term, there is a wide selection to choose from and the **cost of Pies and pasties are \$8.50**

Enclosed is an order form, which will need to be returned to the school **by Wednesday 16 August**, with the correct money. Please when completing the order form ensure that you include your name and phone number.

Pies will be available for collection on **Thursday 24 August from 2pm to 4.00pm from the Multi-Purpose room.**

We sincerely thank you for your continued support.

Cathie Toma

Fundraising Co-ordinator



We are SunSmart - a note for families

Too much of the sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation can cause sunburn, skin and eye damage and skin cancer.

UV damage accumulated during childhood and adolescence is associated with an increased risk of skin cancer later in life. Skin cancer is the most common cancer in Australia. It is also one of the most preventable cancers.

You can't see or feel the sun's UV. Whatever the weather, if the UV levels are three or more, it's important to *Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide!*

Sun protection times

Don't just wait for hot and sunny days to use sun protection. Check the sun protection times each day so your family can be protected when they need to be.

Daily local sun protection times and weather details are available from the SunSmart widget on our school website, in the weather section of the newspaper, on the SunSmart website at sunsmart.com.au and as a free SunSmart app. Sun protection times can also be found at the Bureau of Meteorology website and live UV levels are available from ARPANSA.



SunSmart membership

Our school is a registered member of Cancer Council Victoria's SunSmart Schools Program. We aim to protect children and staff from too much UV.

Sun protection and skin cancer prevention is a shared responsibility. Please help support our SunSmart membership and sun protection efforts by ensuring your child follows the SunSmart measures included in our policy at school and at home.

During the daily local sun protection times (usually from mid-August to the end of April), **use these 5 SunSmart steps – even if it's cool and cloudy.**

1. **SLIP** on covering clothing

For free dress days, ensure your child wears clothing that covers as much skin as possible (e.g. elbow length tops with a higher neckline or collar and longer style shorts or skirts). Densely woven fabrics are best.



2. **SLOP** on SPF30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen

Apply a generous amount of sunscreen at the start of the day and make sure children have sunscreen in their bag ready to reapply throughout the day. Sunscreen should be reapplied every two hours. Please ensure children get plenty of sunscreen application practice at home so they'll be all set when they are at school. Under supervision, ask children to put a dot of sunscreen on each cheek, nose and chin and rub it in (avoiding the eye area) and sunscreen squiggles or dots on the back of the neck, arms and legs to cover these areas.

3. **SLAP** on a hat that protects the face, neck and ears

Choose a wide-brimmed, legionnaire or bucket hat. Peak caps and visors do not offer enough UV protection so please leave them at home. Please help your child remember to bring and wear their approved **school hat**. Please keep this at school so they will always be ready for outdoor activities, outdoor learning and play during school days. For the walk to and from school and weekends, please have an extra **home hat** to help keep children protected at home.

4. **SEEK** shade

Choose shady spots for learning and play whenever possible.

5. **SLIDE** on wrap-around AS1067 sunglasses

When appropriate and practical, help protect the eyes with sunglasses.

Need information in another language? Call 13 14 50 and ask to be connected to Cancer Council Victoria in your language

August

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

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	12 Lunch orders due in.	13	14	15 Last Day of Term 3	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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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.

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.

