

# MILDURA SPECIALIST SCHOOL

Newsletter No : 13

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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

Thursday 7 September \_ Swan Hill Sports Day.  
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



### Awards

Congratulations to our Award winners this past fortnight.

Fantastic work from our room 20 students last week with your confidence in speaking into the microphone. We did not have a formal assembly this week due to Sports Day.

### Student Support Group Meetings

Thank you to parents, carers and agency personnel who have visited the school or phoned in for Student Support Group Meetings so far.

### Pie Drive

Pies will be delivered to school on Thursday 24 August and will be available for pick up in the early afternoon.



### 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 eSafetyCommissioner website for parents. Please contact your child's teacher or team leader if you have concerns.

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

### Building Project

What are wonderful job staff and students from rooms 6, 8, and 9 have done in moving to their new spaces in the school. Earlier this week we hosted the members of the Building Project team for an onsite visit. Over the course of the two days, we consulted with traditional owners and neighbours. We refined our specific needs in consultation with teachers and met with students. I was really impressed with the quality of the questions from the students.

On Friday, 1 September we will be hosting a visit from the Minister for Education, Natalie Hutchins MP, who will be touring the school and discussing the upcoming current capital works project. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our school captains Stephen and Rebecca to display their leadership skills. We are very proud to be involved in this special visit to Mildura.

### Sports Day

What beautiful weather we had on Wednesday after the rain and windy conditions the day before. Congratulations to all our students for your fantastic sportsmanship. It was wonderful to see everyone enjoying themselves and trying their best during the rotational events. There was some expected nervousness in anticipation of the running races and some good natured competitiveness. Once again the Lions Club barbecue was welcomed after all the physical activity.

Well done to everyone and a big thank you to Ben, Jodie and Gabby for your organisation leading up to and on the day. Undoubtedly there were some very tired students and staff after school. Thank you to the parents and carers who came along to cheer and provide support.

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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.

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*Special invitation – Parents and carers*

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## Restorative Practices

Monday 4 September

5pm-6pm

Multipurpose Room

Light refreshments provided

Presenter: Kirsty Lush – Real Schools

RSVP – 5021 3311

Penny Hale  
Principal

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### Principal Awards

Room 1 - Maleah: for amazing listening and achieving your daily reward of 3 green stars on the first day. Well done.

Room 4 - Isaac: for following staff instructions to share the swing and trampoline with others and waiting for his turn.

Room 8 - Tyrell: for following all instructions and helping the teacher during Bike Riding.

Room 21 - Cassie: for continuously putting extra effort into her weekend recounts, by writing larger paragraphs and expanding her sentences with as much details as possible. Well done!

Room 23 - Kera-Lee: for independently using her communication device to make a request.

Room 23 - Matthew: for improved focus when completing classroom activities.

ILS - Kye: for blending sounds together to make words in his daily Literacy review activities.

### SWPBS Awards - being Safe

Room 4 - Alexys: by following instructions to complete work before going to the tent for a rest.

Room 21 - Wyhatt: for completing his PowerPoint on his favourite school subjects to the best of his ability.

Room 21 - Lucas: by completing his PowerPoint in class to the highest degree with expanded sentences and images.

Room 21 - Charlie: by taking ownership of his actions and assisting staff with a great outcome.

Room 23 - Antony: by correctly using the musical instruments during drumming and music session.

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### ART

Our fourth woman artist is Rosalie Gascoigne. She used words printed on used drink crates and old signs and assembled these into large sculptures. Ashton, Harry, Deshawn and Aiden arranged words cut from newspaper headlines to form collages. Bella is cutting out words to paste on triangle and rectangle shapes so she can assemble these to form her art work.



# HOUSE SPORTS MEDALISTS

Congratulations to all of our ribbon and medal winners and to the Red House.



## HOUSE SPORTS

Well Done to all students for their participation in the Sports Day. We were very lucky to have the sunny weather on our side to help with motivation. It was fantastic to see the efforts people went to on the track, field and also with their amazing costumes and colours! Thanks to all of the families and friends who were able to come along to cheer us on, and to all of the staff who helped organise and set up such a successful day! It was especially delightful to hear the encouragement students were giving to their classmates and younger team members.





## EARLY YEARS' NEWS

Students have continued the science topic on How Things Move creating some amazing marble runs and ramps out of recycled materials. We have begun looking at magnets and magnetic fields.

Room one students have been focusing on writing names using magnetic letters on a whiteboard. Students searched for the letters in names and then wrote the name underneath, we also made the letters of our names out of playdoh.

Our letter of the week was letter A and we made A out of train tracks. During numeracy sessions we used dinosaur toys and created sums of 5.

Gabby was pulling fish out of the bowl after catching them with a magnet. Riddik and Alivia were enjoying being pushed on the swing. Karen and Maddix were shaking the cream with ice to create ice cream. Harry and Riah were singing 'row row row your boat' pushing and pulling to move through the water.

Book week saw some fantastic dressing up with some parents getting very creative. Alivia was Angelina Ballerina, Shana was Willbee the bumblebee, Dhelila was a wonderful Spot the dog, Maleah was a fantastic Very Hungry Caterpillar and Izzy and Xavier worked hard during their buddy reading session.



## UPPER PRIMARY YEARS' NEWS

Upper Primary students have been very busy this term learning about Indigenous History, Dental Hygiene and how to make 'Friendship Soup'. 'Uncle Will' came to the school and gave us an interesting and interactive talk/demonstration about Indigenous History. The students engaged in playing the didgeridoo, touching and feeling the different types of artefacts. Rooms 6, 8, and 9 students have been practising athletic skills for our upcoming sports day. We also enjoyed Book Week.



## 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 participated 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.

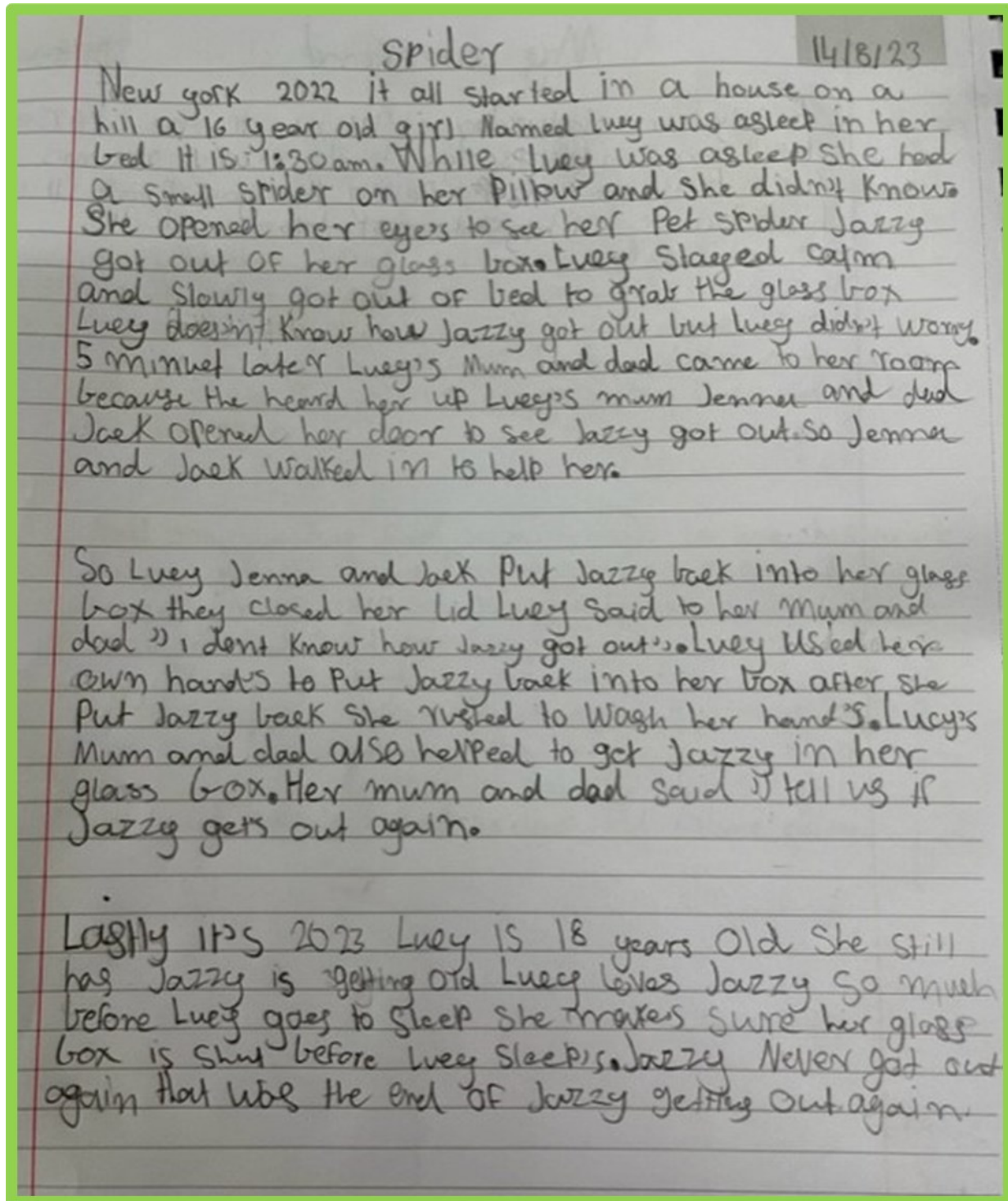
Room 24 dressed up in Superhero costumes and read the story titled 'Where the Lyre Bird Lives'. They made tiny Lyre birds using pinecones. Students also watched a nature documentary about Lyre Birds. Buddy activity was held over until this week, due to weather. For Science week room 24 students made lightning in a jar and watched the mixed colours fall through the oil into the water.



## SECONDARY/VPC NEWS

Mahalia from Room 20 demonstrated her neat handwriting and use of paragraphs during her narrative writing this week. The students were given a visual prompt and the brainstormed possible ideas of what to include in their text.

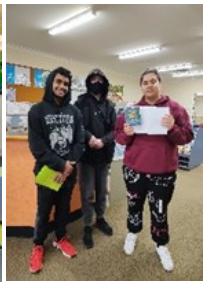
### Spider, by Mahalia







Room 18 and 19 students ran The Amazing Race Challenge - a book treasure hunt for four Mildura Senior College students last Thursday morning. Our visitors Cody, Haley, Alex and Danika, each took on the challenge of reading and following clues hidden around the school. Using a map they decoded clues, completed tasks, and looked high and low for the clues.



Even though it was cold our students and the visitors all had fun. Thanks to Matt Elliott (Senior College teacher), Leonie Tamala and Susan Alexander for organizing the event For Book Week 2023, Room 21 students had the pleasure of doing some buddy reading with Room 8 students. Room 21 made an outstanding effort to dress up in their favourite characters which certainly put a lot of smiles on their buddies faces. Room 18 and 19 VPC Students buddied with Students from room 9 to do a craft activity for book week. Students made Grasshoppers from pegs and pipe cleaners. Below, students are buddy reading, solving Wordfind problems and doing craft related to their reading



# 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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25	26	27	28	29	30	
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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.

