

# 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

Friday 28 June – Last day of Term 2 – early departure – 1.30pm.

Monday 15 July – Start of Term 3



**TERM 2**



## Principal's Report



Congratulations to our award winners this past fortnight. It was a pleasure to hand out the certificate, pen, bookmark and badge to our Early Years and Upper Primary **Aussie of the Semester** recipients, Harrison and Kayne. Please see the photos on page 3.

### Staffing

This week we are farewelling Ben Watson who has been teaching in room 5 and to Tamara Neal from room 1. We wish you both all the best for the future. Thank you for your positive contribution to student learning and for your teamwork.

We are working to recruit two teachers for the beginning of Term 3.



Staff celebrated the end of term with an afternoon tea on Tuesday afternoon. We used this opportunity to record a student learning or wellbeing highlight for the semester. I would like to take this opportunity to thank teachers and education support staff for their hard work this semester, supported by admin staff, wellbeing, leadership, technology, maintenance, casual and cleaning staff. Thank you all.



Speaking of achievements, here's a photo of Matthew alongside a famous Paris landmark, the Eiffel Tower which he made out of lego at home. Well done Matthew!

Thank you to Kadin for helping out in an Upper Primary class this week. Your leadership and peer support is appreciated.

### Our Vision

Mildura Specialist School aims to provide a safe, respectful and inclusive learning environment, with a focus on developing individual responsibility and student social and academic growth.

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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.

## Northern Mallee Horticulture Immersion Program

Two students from our school, Ella and Kyle participated in the six-month program based at Chaffey Secondary College. Last week Mrs Milner and I were honoured to be invited to the Graduation. The students, all from local secondary schools, presented slides about their work at Chaffey Farm and explained their learning from local industry visits. Another benefit from the program was the friendships made between the students. The industry partners were acknowledged for giving up their time to provide these exciting opportunities. Congratulations Ella and Kyle. A highlight for me was seeing Ella enjoying a taste of the juice used to make sour lollies and to see Kyle interacting with his friends from the course.



Last Friday marked the first day of our partnership to have Anthony Tipungwuti working in classes to support the teaching of Aboriginal perspectives. Anthony visited several classes across the school and interacted with students during break times and kicked the footy with some students.

Anthony was very popular with the students. In the afternoon, he spoke with the senior students about resilience and his life experiences. Anthony will be back in Term 3 every Friday.



Last Wednesday we were treated to a presentation from the choir. Thank you to Catherine and all the students. Well done!

### Reports

Reports will be released on Xuno this week. Student Support Group minutes will be sent home in bags. Please see the flyer within this newsletter if you require support accessing Xuno.

### Holiday Work

Students and staff are relocating items from rooms 1 and 2 in readiness for new carpet / lino and painting over the holidays.

### Holidays

Best wishes to everyone for a lovely break. It has been a long term for students with interruptions at times with illness. Thank you for your ongoing support keeping your child home if unwell. We look forward to seeing everyone on the 15 July to start Term 3.

## Principal Awards

Room 5 – Dustyn - For showing great kindness and comforting a friend in their time of sadness.

Darling Room – Xavier - For showing great kindness and comforting a friend in their time of sadness.

Room 15 – Zehwaya - Choosing to use his manners when interacting with staff at morning teatime.

Room 17 – James - Participating in calisthenics session.

Room 18 – Riley - Demonstrating consist work ethics for applied learning skills and theory in Retail.

Room 19 – Kadin - For consistently assisting Belinda in the setting up of the Senior Assembly.

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Room 19 – Antwone - Keeping a young student safe when she gets out of the taxi.

Room 19 – Mathew - For consistently assisting Belinda in the setting up of the Senior Assembly.

Room 20 – Ashlyn - For clearly and confidently voicing her vote at the recent SWPBS meeting without the use of a visual.

Room 22 – Lincoln - Improved accuracy in addition for Maths and improved accuracy in throwing the bean bag to get the scores to add.

Room 22 – Josh - Great answers about rainforests in Geography.

Room 22 – Cassie - Improved accuracy in addition for Maths and improved accuracy in throwing the bean bag to get the scores to add.

Room 22 – Aden – Working through the past, present and future framework calmly and thoughtfully.

Room 22 – Paige - Working diligently on her Careers Action Plan.

Room 22 – Nate - Participated with enthusiasm in the Maths activities.

Room 25 – Benjamin - Packing away cards when requested.

## SWPBS Awards - Respectful

Room 15 –Zehwaya - Responding to staff instructions and using instruments gently.

Room 17 – Dhelila - for listening and joining in music by drumming.

Room 18 – Bella - Participates in respectful discussions to problem solve issues with peers.

Room 20 – Olivia -For being kind and patient when working as an effective team member to research data, over consecutive days.

Room 25 – Nash - Speaking to all staff with respect.

## Here are some of recent award winners



## AUSSIE OF THE SEMESTER

Harrison: for showing great leadership qualities, encouraging others to do the right thing and saying hello to students others may ignore.

Kayne Morrison: for always doing the right thing and for being helpful.



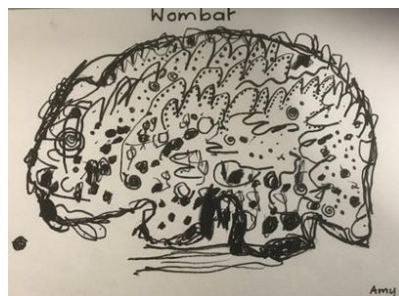
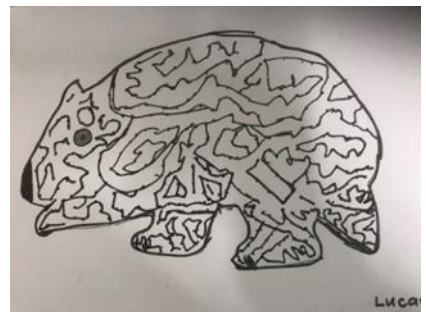
We are celebrating NAIDOC week during week 1 on the Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> July. We will be doing a book activity, drawing activity and some games.

## Art

During the last fortnight students around the school have continued to learn about Indigenous Dot Painting using different size dot sticks, sponges and coloured paints. Students have used a variety of earthy colours and black dots and lines.

Our theme for Term 3 is, 'Life in Paris' including Paris Icons, French Artists and the Paris Olympics.

Please see students' Artwork below from Rooms 20, 24, Darling Room and the Music Room.

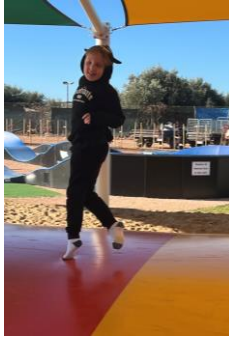


## EARLY YEARS' NEWS

The Early Years Team extends warm wishes for a safe and enjoyable holiday to everyone. We hope you take this time to recharge and enjoy the final week of school. As the term concludes, we are excited to share some highlights of our learning journey.

This term, our Humanities topic focused on sustainability, water catchments, and climate change through our Inquiry Unit, 'Ground to Plate'.

To wrap up our studies, the Early Years section visited Benetook Farms on Wednesday.



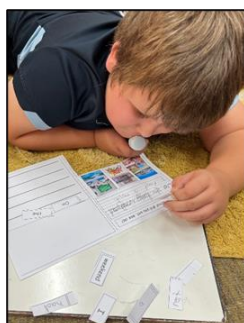
Throughout the term, we have engaged in various cooking activities. The students enjoyed making ANZAC biscuits, damper, fairy bread, wraps, sandwiches, and cupcakes.

In Room Two, students continued their learning through the Target Approach to Phonics (TAP) program. They participated in activities designed to enhance their understanding of syllables, rhyming, and alliteration.

Our Numeracy curriculum covered a range of topics, including counting, addition, subtraction, shapes, patterns, probability, chance, data, and graphing.

Below, we have displayed some examples of the students' learning from throughout the term.

We wish everyone a wonderful holiday and look forward to seeing you refreshed in the next term.



## UPPER PRIMARY NEWS

Students in Upper Primary have completed their learning about Food and Fibre. We have looked at many aspects of where we get our food from and how fibres can be made into different materials. We would like to thank Ben Watson for teaching in our section this Semester and wish him all the best for his future plans.

Room 15 students have enjoyed community walks to Henderson Park and Central. Last week when we were in Central we found things that started with the letter f as that was our letter of the week. We have also been enjoying time in the Sensory Room.



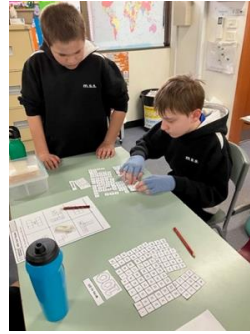
## SECONDARY NEWS

Four students from Room 23 completed a colouring competition sheet for the Christie Centre's Big Balloon Bash.

We were very excited to receive a bag of Lego for our classroom. Well done to those students. Below are two of our entries and our prize.



## SECONDARY NEWS



Room 22 students produced some amazing work this past fortnight showing their skill in using patterns and counting in place value. They then used their revised and new knowledge, along with a lot of persistence, to expand their thinking to find a variety of solutions to an open-ended task.



This fortnight marked the end of the Northern Mallee Horticulture Immersion Project at Chaffey Farm, for Ella and Kyle. Mrs Hale and Mrs Milner attended to watch the presentation made and delivered by all participants summarising the Semester's work, and to see the students receive their awards.



Finally, a big thank you to Luke and his team at Mildura Brazilian Jiu Jitsu for supporting our students this term. Everyone has thoroughly enjoyed learning about and practising the skills and challenges involved!





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Dear Parents/Carers

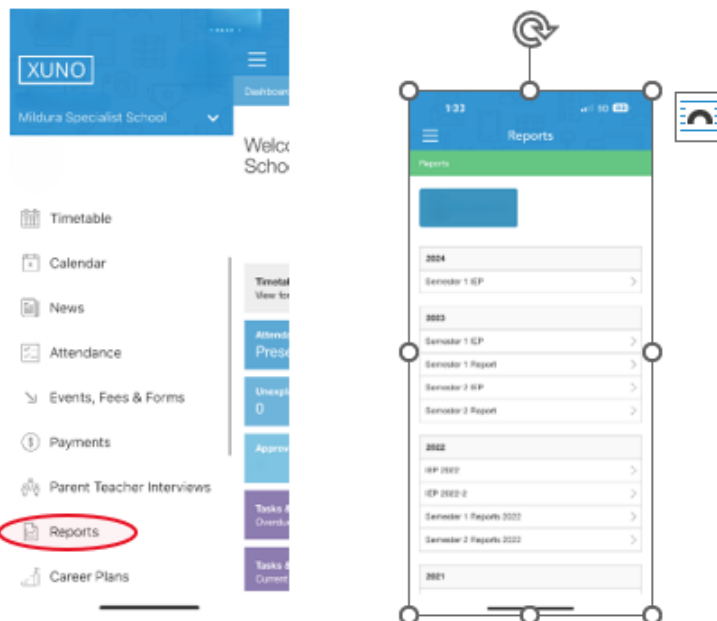
Semester One reports will be available at the end of the week via the Xuno App. If you require access to Xuno please instructions below or contact the front office for support.

If you require a printed copy please also contact the school

Thanks

Matthew Leslie

### Where to locate your child's reports on Xuno

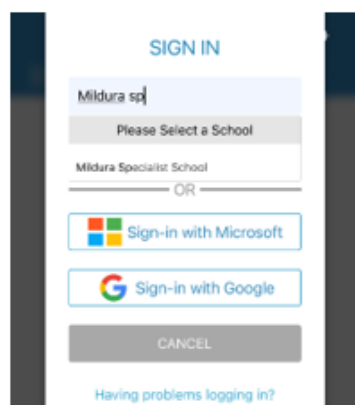


### Xuno sign up for Families

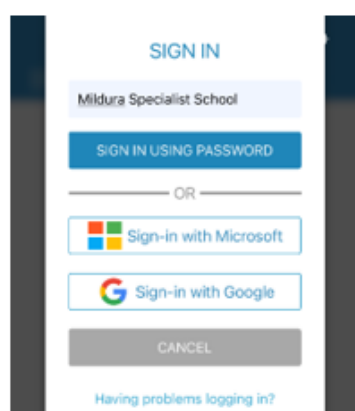
Download the Xuno Family app from the App store or Play Store

Once downloaded open the app, and type Mildura spec into the find my school field.





Click on Mildura Specialist School from the list of schools that appears.



Click either Sign-in with Microsoft to use your @live, @hotmail or @outlook email account, or Sign-in with google to use your @gmail account. This is the email address you provided to the school on enrolment of your child.

# July

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

# August

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



# healthy headspace skills workshops

**We'd like to share some info and teach you some skills that are designed to help improve your general mental health and wellbeing. The session will cover topics such as sleeping well, relaxation & mindfulness, mood management, confidence building, keeping your cool, and confident communication.**

**when**

Wednesday 3rd of July and Wednesday 10th of July. 2pm-4pm. Young people are encouraged to attend both sessions due to each covering different content.

**where**

In our centre at 2/125 Pine Avenue, Mildura.

**contact**

Call 5021 2400 or email [my.headspace@headspacemildura.com.au](mailto:my.headspace@headspacemildura.com.au) to register your interest. Young people must be aged 12-25 and do not need to be a client of headspace.

## **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.

CSEF applications forms are available at the front office.

### **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 paperwork 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 Hip Pocket Workwear and are available from 13-15 Tenth Street, Mildura. Contact person is Andrea Mercieca. Phone number is (03) 50214506. 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.

