

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

6 April—Last Day of Term 1. Early departure.
24 April—First Day of Term 2
25 April—ANZAC Day—Public Holiday—No School.
5 May—Pupil Free Day
8 May—Pupil Free Day



TERM 1



Principal's Report



Congratulations to our award winners this fortnight. It is lovely to see how proud the students are when they come forward to collect their awards. Well done to all recipients for trying hard with your school work and for being Responsible.



Thank you to Jodie Gibson for all your work coordinating the Lake Cullulleraine Activity Days. The students returned each day a bit weary but very pleased with themselves. We have been very fortunate with the weather this year. Thank you to families for sending your child to school ready to go and for coming for the late pick up at 3.45pm.



School Council

We have space left for two more parent members. If you would like a nomination form, please contact the office.

“Parent’ includes a guardian or person with parental responsibility for the student. A parent of a student at the school who is a Department of Education and Training employee but does not work at or for the school

is included in the parent electorate. These parents are classified on school council as ‘department employee parents’.



VAPING

We have had some instances of students Vaping at school. We will contact parents of students involved as this is illegal, poses a health risk to everyone and is banned in schools.

Please click the link below for further information.

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/PAL/smoking-vaping-advice-for-parents.docx>

Please see the attached flyer within this newsletter.

Thank you
Penny Hale

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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.

Principal Awards

Room 8 - Isaac: for enthusiastically completing his morning work pack each morning.

Room 18 - Ella: for completing her Hygiene unit for Retail Services.

Room 19 - Lachlan: for taking initiative, working with thoughtfulness to complete his profile task in one session.

Room 19 - Ethan: for assisting staff to ensure that students remained safe.

Room 19 - Isabella: for stepping up and trying out for a student leaders position at her new school. Very brave of her.

Room 20 - Denzel: for coming to school with a positive mindset.

Room 20 - Joshua: for persevering to undertake set work, especially when it's an unwanted task.

Room 21 - Cameron: for consistently attending school and engaging in his numeracy work.

Room 22 - Noah: for getting out his prompt sheet to begin his weekend recount without being reminded.

Room 23 - Lacie: for saying no, when others do things I don't like.

Room 24 - Zack - for demonstrating initiative to independently stay on task and support peers with their tasks.

Room 24 - Graham: for participating in Literacy session, naming letter and sound. Using communication device to recall words beginning with letter I.i.

SWPBS Awards - being Respectful

Room 18 - Mathew: by making the choice to complete another topic for a task he had already completed, without fuss.

Room 18 - Johbi: by offering encouragement and having a friendly chat with a student in the yard.

Room 18 - Mia: by working hard to concentrate and ignore distractions to complete her Literacy tasks.

Room 19 - Jorja: by maintaining a high standard of work ethic with all her tasks.

Room 19 - Sione: by making the choice to attempt the measurement tasks set, independently.

Room 20 - Bella: by taking ownership of her actions, and realising corrective action needed to be taken.

Room 20 - Neesha: by taking ownership of her actions and undertaking all set work to the best of her ability.

Room 21 - Cassie: by ensuring all her best work is immediately placed into her scrapbook, helping to maintain a clean locker.

Room 22 - Logan: by making the effort to read at home to improve his reading levels. It is working, well done Logan!

Room 24 - Enzo: by listening and participating in daily mindfulness activities.

Room 23 - Patrick: by always following the instructions of staff.

Some of our Award winners.





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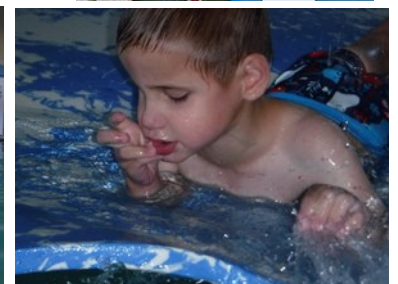
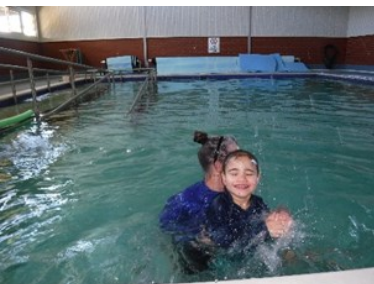
Harmony Week - Everyone Belongs

This week Australia celebrates Harmony Week. Harmony Day is about respect and belonging for all Australians. Below are examples of student's work from Rooms 6, 15, 16/17 and 25.



EARLY YEARS' NEWS

Last week students enjoyed doing dot painting with Simone. Simone showed us how to paint with dots then we all had a turn at creating our own dot painting. Students were really engaged in the painting process. Room 16 / 17 students have started swimming and learning how to move in the water. Each student is developing their skills in getting wet and going under the water. Students have been enjoying music sessions with Catherine making sounds loud and quiet and moving fast and slow.



UPPER PRIMARY YEARS' NEWS

This week, students from Upper Primary attended the Lake Cullulleraine excursion where they engaged in lots of fun activities, including archery and kayaking.

Rooms 3 and 4 students have been working together to complete weekly Cooking and Physical Education sessions. During Cooking, students have made cheese and vegemite scrolls, frozen yogurt bark, smoothies and apple pies. We will continue to follow different recipes and try different foods throughout the year. During Physical Education sessions, students have been learning ball skills of throwing, catching, bouncing and kicking.

Swimming at the Waves starts next week for Rooms 6, 8 and 9. Don't forget your bathers!



Pictured above: Hannah trying her frozen yogurt bark, Ellara trying her fruit smoothie, Isaac putting the apple into the base of the apple pie and Mirage practising his bouncing skills.

PAL NEWS

Room 13 have been completing activities in recognition of Harmony Day. On Friday students' focus will be on bike safety awareness with 'Ride to School Day'.

Room 23 students have been revisiting initial letter sounds they worked on throughout this term. Students looked at St Patrick's Day through a PowerPoint and made Shamrocks.

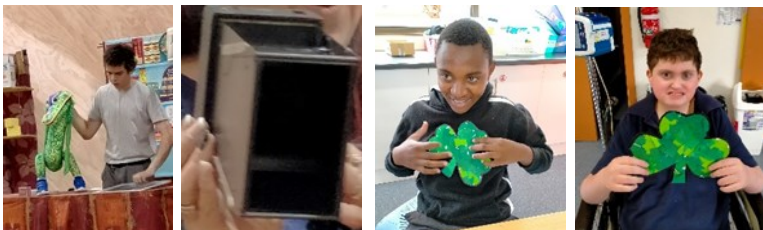
Room 24 students have been looking at the letter 'P' and completed activities centred around words and sounds. Students have also decorated little Leprechauns after reading and discussing the text 'How to catch a Leprechaun' for St. Patrick's Day.

Room 25 Students have worked with measurement in length and recount writing.

Thursday saw an incursion about technology changes over time. Students enjoyed looking at some old cameras and items from the past.

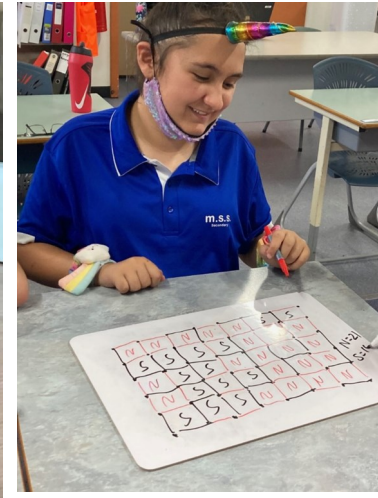
Lawn bowls practice finished up last Friday and our students will be participating in a morning carnival and sausage sizzle this coming Friday. Students have been Respectful, Responsible and Safe. They listened to the volunteer bowlers and have learnt many skills in how to bowl.

PAL Students in their last or second last year of schooling have had expression of interest note sent home in regards to the biannual Debutante Ball which will be held later this year. Please return the note as soon as possible. We will finalise at the end of this term.

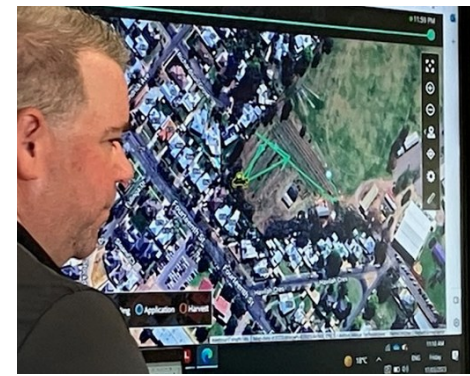


SECONDARY—VPC NEWS

Room 22 students have been enjoying PE sessions, learning basketball skills. The students are improving skills in dribbling, throwing catching shooting and defending skills each week.

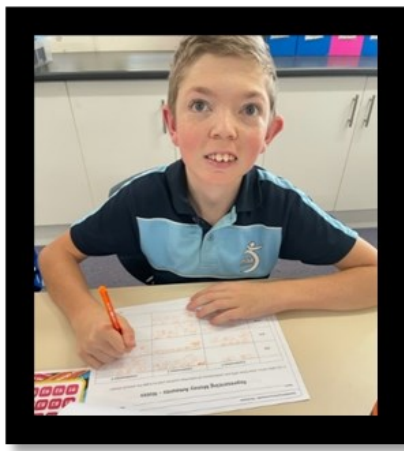
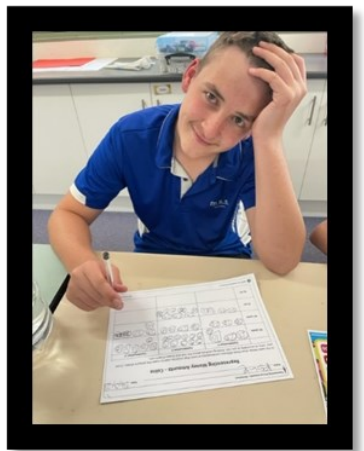
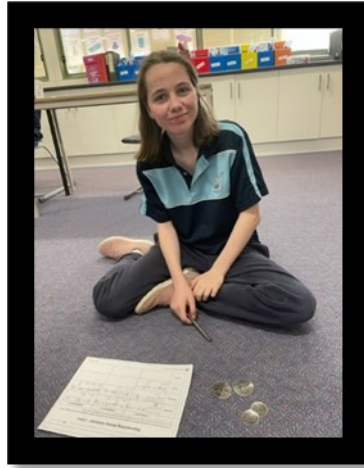


Narni is pictured winning a game of ‘Paddocks’ and she is obviously making the most of her win. These games teach and reinforce strategy and problem solving skills as well as social skills such as being inclusive, taking turns, following rules and accepting defeat gracefully. It is great to see students prefer to play board games or other activities with others rather than play on a device in their choice time.



On Friday, during the Northern Mallee Horticulture Immersion project (NMHI), Bec and Ethan were lucky enough to be chosen to ride in the All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) –Gator. This was part of a presentation from guest speakers from the Haeusler’s Group. The rest of the group watched the screen inside as the mapping technology showed us lots of information about the path of the Gator and lots of other information. We are learning a lot about the importance of both digital and design technologies in the horticulture industry.

Students in Room 20 have been working on their money skills. Students were required to make differing amounts of money, in multiple ways. This was a differentiated task, as students had the choice of working with concrete materials such as replica money, or using mental computation to calculate the amounts.



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**BENETOOK GENERAL STORE
MARKET CELEBRATION**

**COME JOIN US for some market day
FAMILY FUN!**

Saturday 25th of March

10am—2pm

@ Benetook Farm

Get the facts about smoking and vaping

What are your kids breathing in?

E-cigarettes and vapes are not safer than cigarettes



There are no quality or safety standards for e-cigarettes or vapes



Vaping liquids contain nicotine, heavy metals and cancer-causing chemicals



What it does to your body:

Vaping can cause vomiting, nausea, coughing, shortness of breath, mouth irritation and asthma



Long term use can cause lung damage, heart disease and cancers



Nicotine harms the brain development of children and teenagers



Young people who vape are more than three times more likely to move onto smoking cigarettes



Talk to your kids about the risks of smoking and vaping

- Contact Quit at www.quit.org.au or phone 13 78 48
- Visit the Royal Children's Hospital website www.rch.org.au and search 'vaping'

- Scan the QR code for more information



www.quit.org.au/articles/teenvaping/

March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	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 School Photos	18
19	20	21 Lunch orders due in.	22	23	24 Bad Hair Day	25
26	27	28 Lunch orders due in.	29	30	31	

April

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6 Last Day of Term 1	7EASTER.....	8
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..... SCHOOL HOLIDAYS						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
..... SCHOOL HOLIDAYS						
23	24 First Day of Term 2	25 ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	26	27	28	29
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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 VCAL. 2.50—3.00PM

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

