

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

TERM 3



Principal's Report



Congratulations to our Award winners this week. It was pleasing to present awards for students' hard work to develop their writing skills using technology and pencil and paper. Well done to everyone.

Staffing

Welcome to two new Education Support staff to the Upper Primary team: Michelle Jones and Riana Lawn. Positions have been advertised for a teacher, education support and allied health staff.

Contacting the office

Please contact the office or your child's teacher if after school arrangements change as soon as possible before or on the day. This will ensure that bus and parent pick up lists are updated and students are in the right place.



Pie Drive

Please see the information within the newsletter about the upcoming Pie Drive.

We are looking forward to the Let's Stamp Out Bullying! incursion on Friday 4 August.

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

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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 3 - Keoni: Using the computer to complete a writing task.

Room 6 - Alexis: for complimenting other students on the work they shared.

Room 6 - Nathaniel: for a great effort in every learning task all last week.

Room 13 - Tywayne: for regularly attending Tutor Learning sessions, succeeding at Literacy activities and reading texts using a range of strategies.

Room 20 - Gabriel: ensuring he refers to the success criteria when undertaking his writing tasks. Gabriel uses time connectives and paragraphs in his writing. This week, Gabriel successfully created a comprehensive backstory for his characters in his narrative.

Room 20 - Mahalia: for ensuring she refers to the success criteria when undertaking writing tasks. Mahalia uses time connectives and writes detailed paragraphs when writing recounts and narratives.

Room 24 - Brandon: for confidently naming actions and activities that can sometimes cause us stress and anxiety and identifying some possible solutions.

Room 24 - Graham: for identifying and using actions to share an event that can cause him to be stressed.

ILS - Tyrell: for identifying numbers 11-20 on his Talker using visual aid.

SWPBS Awards - being Safe

Room 6 - Kayne: by working hard and keeping the room tidy.

Room 20 - Riley: by helping a friend to stay calm and focussed during an excursion.

Room 20 - Bella: by talking through her emotions.

Room 24 - Michael: by safely learning new dance steps with a person he had never met.

Some of our Award winners.



‘GIRLS ONLY’ focus group

Last week the ‘Girls Only’ group enjoyed a session on self-esteem and wrote poems about their identity and aspects of themselves that they’re proud of. We then framed the poem and shared it with the other girls in the group. A common thought amongst the girls was that it felt weird but also really good to talk about themselves in this way. Definitely a confidence booster!!

Here is a photo of the girls with their poems!



ART

Our Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC) students produced artwork for an exhibition at school, as part of their personal development skills. They chose what they wanted to create and how to make it. Luci Marcuzzo, Mrs. Hale and MSS students were invited to select their favourite piece. Izzy, Rebecca and Lacey were the recipients of these awards.



Women Artists

The first woman artist we are looking at this term is Georgia O’Keefe. Georgia is known for her flowers, New York buildings and Mexican landscapes. Deshawn, Anthony, Josh, Kyle and Hannah used water colours to paint flowers inspired by Georgia’s work.



Our second woman artist this fortnight is sculptor Louise Nevelson. She is known for her massive single coloured sculptures constructed from boxes containing various objects. Gabe, Amy, Ashton, Devone and Tyrell created sculptures in boxes after looking at examples of Louise’s work.



EARLY YEARS' NEWS

Room two students have had a very busy start to Term 3. Our integrated unit this term is 'How Things Move'. Students designed and built a car ramp. During our Developmental Play session, students constructed a Marble Run with a focus on pushing and pulling. In Numeracy, Room two students worked on their addition and subtraction knowledge. We used playing cards to work on addition facts, and had a game of bowling to work on our subtraction. We look forward to enjoying the rest of the Term.



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

Upper Primary students have been very sporty this term! Rooms six, eight and nine students have been practising different track and field sports in PE lessons to prepare for our upcoming Sports Day. Rooms three and four students have been focusing on dance in their PE lessons. The students have been learning dances that focus on body awareness. Next week they will be focusing on tempo changes.



Pictures: Keoni and Isaiah showing off their best dance moves. Lachlan is learning how to pedal a bike and Izwi does a lap of the track.

Personal and Applied Learning NEWS

PAL students enjoyed participating in the AFL clinic this week. Room 23 and ILS students also enjoyed our NAIDOC week activities and made cultural wreaths.

Every Wednesday afternoon, eight PAL students attend formal dance sessions in preparation for the Deb Ball.

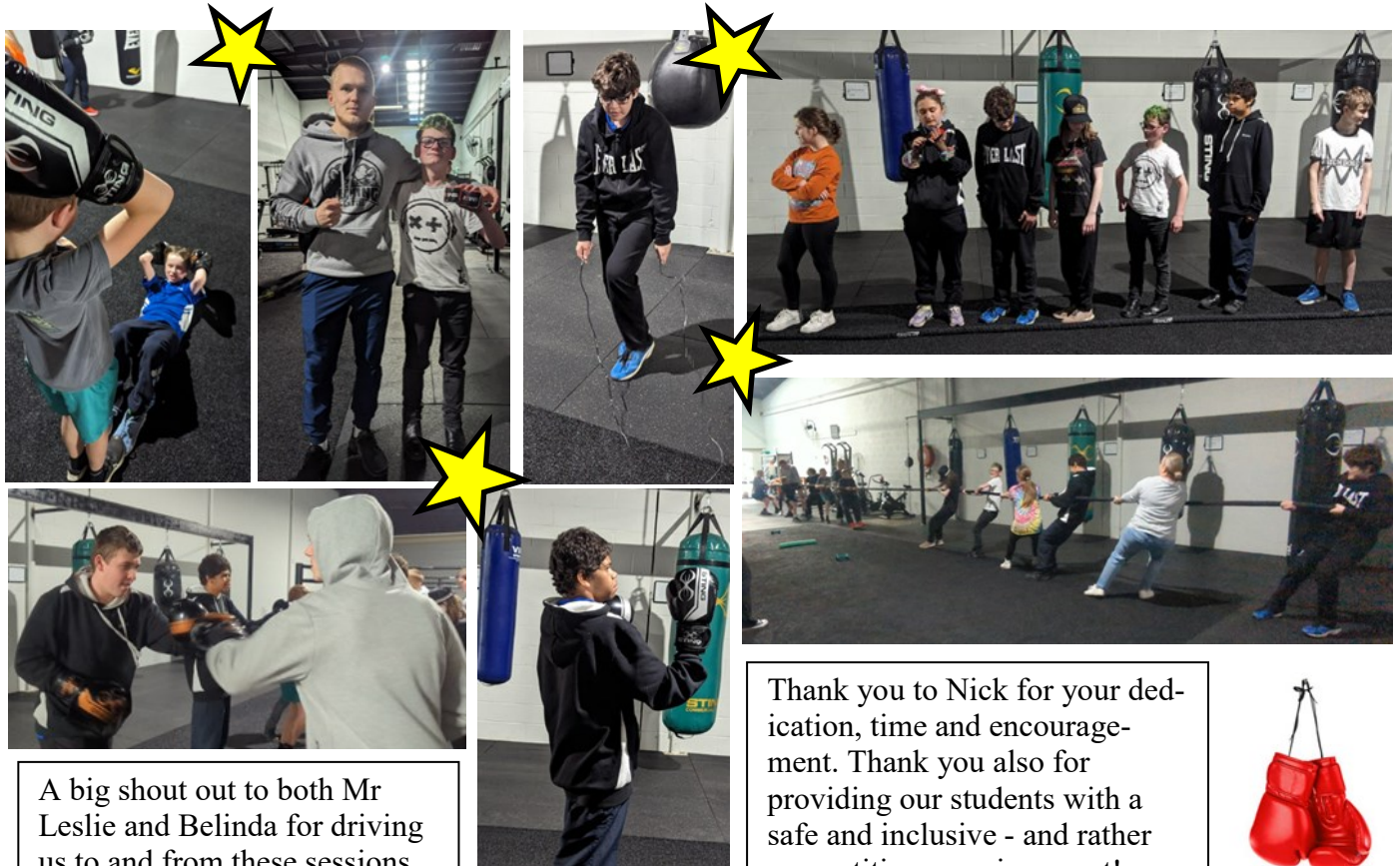
Some classes made vanilla cakes last week as part of the PAL cooking program.

Room 23 students have been learning through money maths games, and matching coin activities.



SECONDARY

The PreVPC section said our farewells to Nick Wakefield, as we left The Boxing Cartel for the final time this term. Students were enthusiastic to participate, and today left feeling energized, motivated and inspired. A very huge well done to all of our students who truly gave it their all and discovered the meaning of persistence. Well done to Gabe for winning the planking competition.



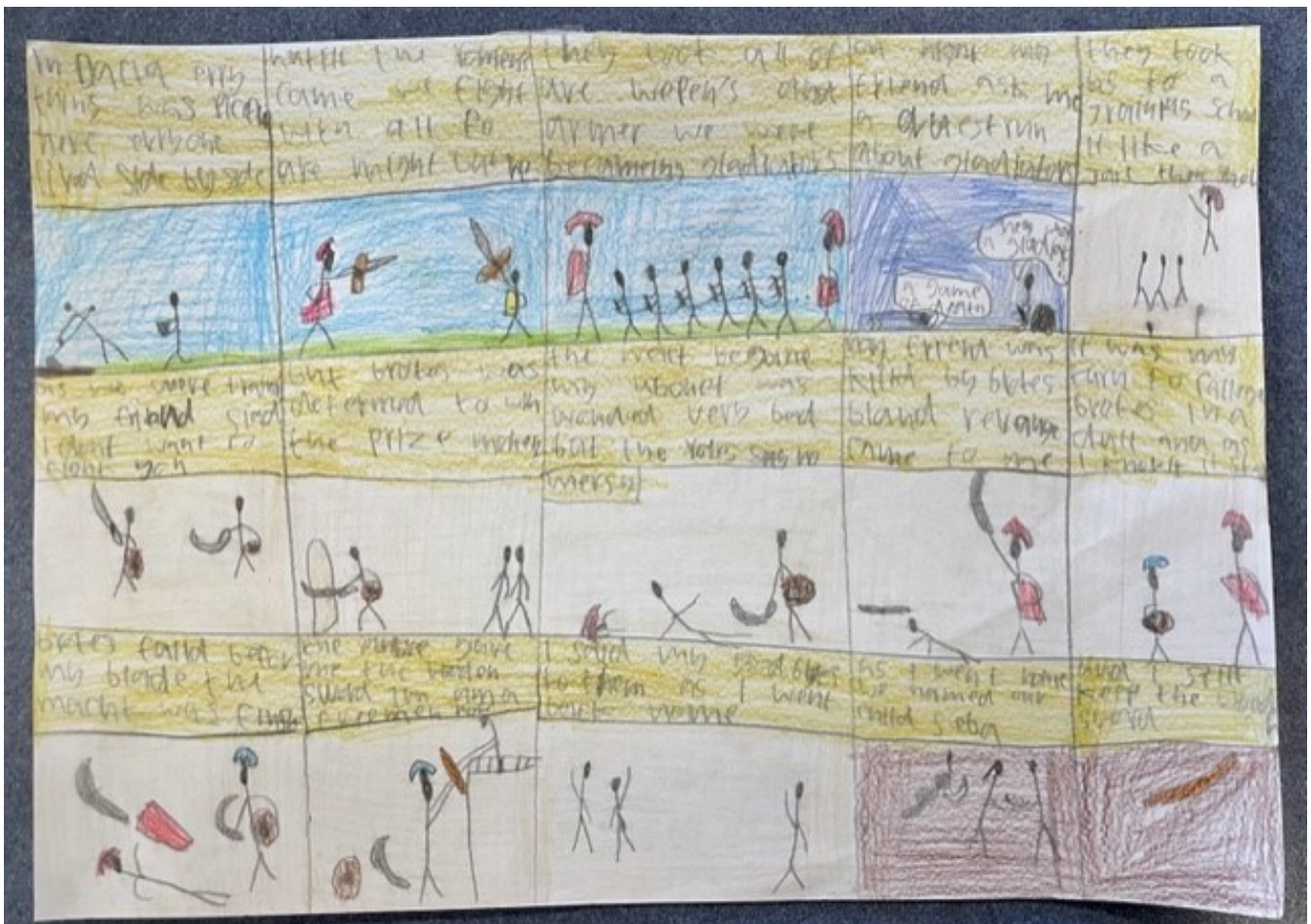
A big shout out to both Mr Leslie and Belinda for driving us to and from these sessions. Thank you for your flexibility!

Thank you to Nick for your dedication, time and encouragement. Thank you also for providing our students with a safe and inclusive - and rather competitive – environment!

The Gladiator

by Bella Hensgen- Room 20

1. In Dracia, everything was peaceful and everyone lived side by side.
2. Until the Romans came. We fought with all of our might. But no.
3. They took all of our weapons and armour. We were becoming gladiators.
4. One night my friend asked me a question about Gladiators. "What's a Gladiator?" "A game of death".
5. They took us to a training school. It was more like a jail than a school.
6. As we were training, my friend said that "I don't want to fight you".
7. But Brutus was determined to win the prize money.
8. The match began. My opponent was wounded very badly. But the rules say 'no mercy'.



9. My friend was killed by Brutus's blade. Revenge came to me.
10. It was my turn to challenge Brutus in a duel. And as I knew it, it started.
11. Brutus fell before my blade. The match was finished.
12. The emperor gave me a wooden sword. "I am a free man now".
13. I said my goodbyes to them as I went back home.
14. And then I went home, and I named my child Seba.
15. And I still keep the wooden sword.

VPC NEWS

Congratulations to all students who graduated in group two of the Northern Mallee Horticultural Immersion project. Ella, Kyle and Hugh presented on the activities of the group over the term.



24 JULY 2023
Mildura Specialist School

Pie Drive

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

July

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

August

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

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.

