

MILDURA SPECIALIST SCHOOL

Newsletter No : 6

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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

Friday 5 May—Pupil Free Day
Monday 8 May—Pupil Free Day
Friday 23 June—End of Term 2 - early departure.



TERM 2



Principal's Report



Awards

Congratulations to our Award winners this week. Mr Leslie led the assembly this week. Last week students watched a video about Anzac Day which was made by the senior students. Thank you to Susan and Belinda for your work with the students to produce this presentation. Well done to all!



School Council

We still have two parent places available on School Council. Please consider joining our group which meets eight times a year. Our next school council meeting is on Monday 8 May, from 5.30pm.



Staffing: This term we welcomed three new education support staff members:

Ben Lavery, Room 6,
Jodie Ray, Early Years
Jennette Felton, Early Years
Alycia Alderton, Administration

Fiona Morgan returned from leave this term and is teaching in room 8, Monday – Wednesday. Bob Janowski will be the teacher on Thursday and Friday. The Department is working with me to try to find a replacement teacher for James Paterson, at least in the short term until we can fill the position, which has been advertised again. Unfortunately there is a shortage of teachers at the moment.



Pupil Free Days – Four pupil free days are provided by the Department each year with the first day of school always being the first one.

At the end of 2022, school council approved the following dates for pupil free days:

Friday 5 May 2023
Monday 8 May 2023
Monday 6 November, 2023



Happy Mother's Day to all the mums and grandmothers for May 14!

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 20 - Riley: for assisting a student in the morning.

Room 21 - Lincoln: for expanding his sentences during morning writing tasks, to from whole paragraphs. Well done Lincoln.

Room 22 - Corey: for learning how to deal with conflict in a mature way that allows everyone to walk away with dignity.

Room 25 - Eboni: for counting various amounts of Australian money.

Room 25 - Eboni: for having a positive mindset and attempting new skills during swimming.

SWPBS Awards - being Responsible

Room 8 - Paige: by being so brave during a recent injury.

Room 18 - Mia: by asking work-appropriate questions, and ensuring all set tasks were completed to a high quality

Room 18 - Mathew: by using work ready language and ensuring all set tasks were completed to a high quality standard.

Room 21 - Lucas: by working with staff to correct conflict between peers.

Room 22 - Kane: by completing extra Maths activities to improve his skills.

Room 25 - Harrison: by looking after his won belongings at Mildura Waves during swimming lessons.

Room 25 - Zane: by marking the class footy tips and keeping a record of how many people got correct.

Room 25 - Zane: by asking work appropriate questions and ensuring all set tasks were completed to a high-quality standard.

Room ILS - Kye: for using visuals to help sounds in words and then reading the word.

Some of our Award winners.



ART

Students have returned to school after ANZAC Day and are eager to get stuck into a new Visual Arts program being offered by the Arts Specialist team.

This term teachers and students are embarking on the theme of Australiana, everything from Uluru to the Sydney Opera House with flags and state emblems, road signs and Melbourne trams through to pioneer shanties and Indigenous dot paintings being considered, looked at and studied to appreciate what we have on our doorstep and around this island continent that we live on!

To get the ball rolling, students are looking at the various Australian flags that we see flown in public places, studying the state emblems used in governance and trying their take on redesigning some of these familiar images. This is Room 24's efforts, tackling their versions of the Australian flag as shown by Tahlia, Michael, Jayda, Brandon, Harley and Graham.



EARLY YEARS' NEWS

On Monday Room 1 students made an ANZAC Wreath and learnt about the story of the poppies. The students used paint, colouring pencils and textas to make beautiful red poppies. Room 2 read ANZAC Ted and coloured in wreaths. Room 16 and 17 enjoyed Swimming in the Hydrotherapy pool. Room 1 students also enjoyed throwing, catching, rolling and bouncing the big beach ball.



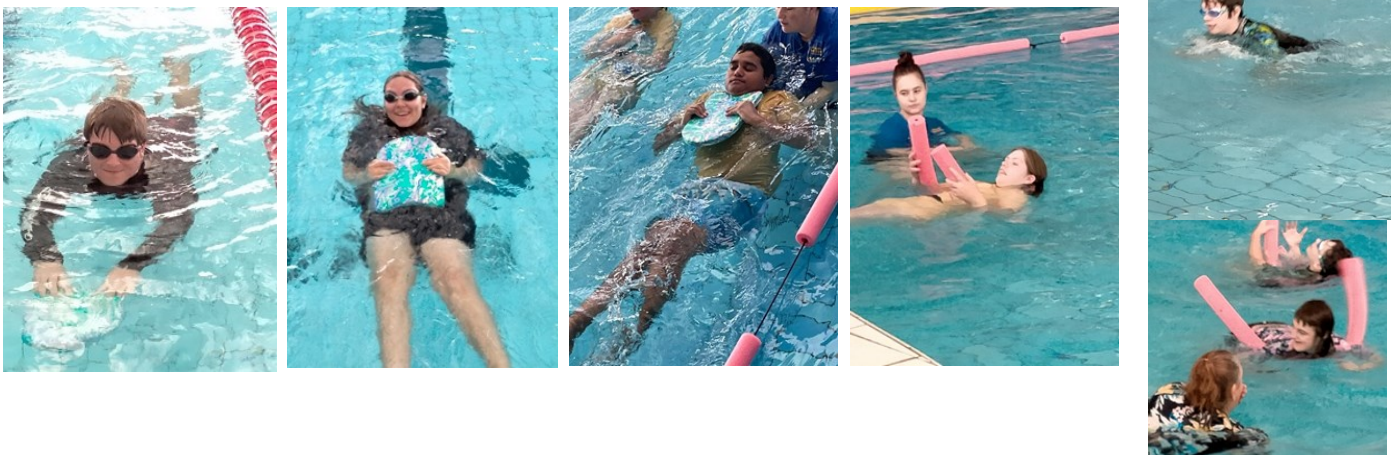
UPPER PRIMARY YEARS' NEWS

Welcome back to Term 2. It was great to see the students back and ready for learning. It was a very busy end of Term 1 with some classes attending swimming at the Waves. So many students increased their confidence during these sessions, practising skills such as floating, putting their head under water, practising their kicking and freestyle stroke. Students also had the opportunity to experience how life jackets work and keep them afloat. This Term Upper Primary are looking at weather, space and natural disasters for our integrated topic. Our PE focus for this term is batting skills. We will be looking at tennis, cricket and badminton.



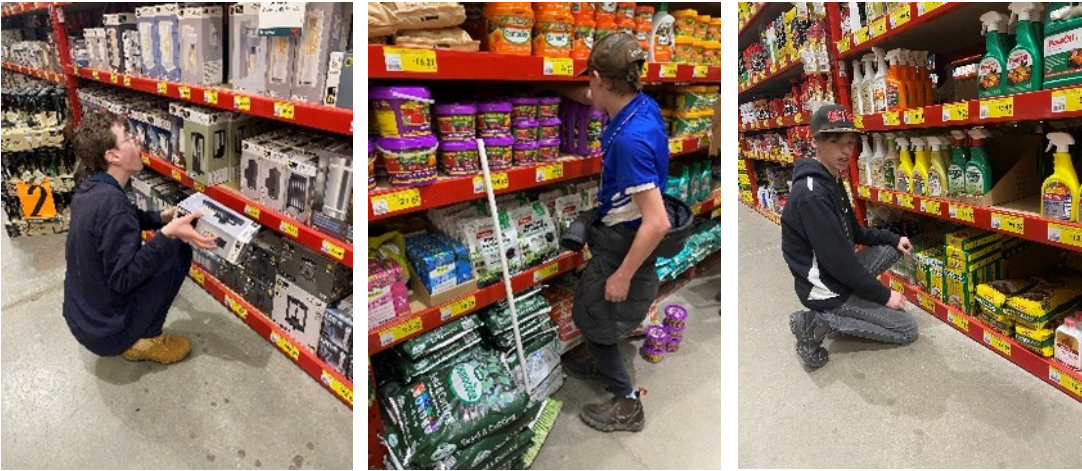
PAL NEWS

We completed our 2 weeks of swimming this Thursday at Mildura Waves, with a focus on developing water safety skills. For those students who didn't attend Waves, information on our school based water familiarisation program will be sent home shortly. Next week we have a four day Lawn Bowls incursion at school. There will be an excursion to the Mildura Field Day on May 19 for a combined group of students. This term in the Cooking program in ILS, room 23 and 25 will be focusing on breakfast foods.



SECONDARY—VPC NEWS

VPC Retail students have begun a group Structured Work Placement at Bunnings, Mildura. They are learning to apply knowledge gained through classroom theory lessons. This assists in building work skills and meeting outcomes for the Certificate II in Retail Services. Pictured are Benjamin, Mathew and Zack in action.



PreVPC students have been Swimming every day this week at Mildura Waves. Visits to the gym will be starting in a few weeks and a trip to the Sunraysia Field days is being organised. Students in Room 22 have been improving their skills at telling the time and reading in pairs to gain confidence.



May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5 PUPIL FREE DAY—NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL	6
7	8 School Council	9 Lunch orders due in.	10	11	12	13
14	15 PUPIL FREE DAY—NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL	16 Lunch orders due in.	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Lunch orders due in.	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Lunch orders due in.	31			

June

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Lunch orders due in.	7	8	9	10
11	12 Public Holiday	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 SCHOOL COUNCIL	20 Lunch orders due in.	21	22	23	24 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS COMMENCE EARLY DEPARTURE
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 VCAL. 2.50—3.00PM

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

