

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

Friday 15 September—Last Day of Term 3—Early Departure

TERM 2

Principal's Report



Awards

With the start of the term, there were not any Principal or School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Awards to give out. I am looking forward to having several certificates to present next week. It has been great to see the students settling into their routines, getting down to work and enjoying seeing their friends again.

Art Awards were presented to Isabella, Rebecca and Lacey following the art exhibition held in the last week of term. Congratulations to our award winners and to all the students for their hard work.

Staffing

We were very pleased to welcome Clara, a casual relief teacher who is joining us for five weeks. Clara will replace staff on leave and provide extra support to classes.

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.

Northern Mallee Horticultural Immersion Project

On the last day of term I was invited to the graduation of the second cohort of students involved in the Northern Mallee Horticultural Immersion Project. Congratulations to Kyle, Ella, Hugh, Byron, Antwone and Riley. I was very proud of the students on the day and also to see their confidence in getting up in front of the audience to talk about the project. Thank you to Heidi Milner for your work with the students.

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 18 - Ella: for showing commitment when participating in the Northern Mallee Horticultural Immersion Project by attending on a student free day, safely completing all activities and volunteering to speak at the graduation.

Room 18 - Hugh: for showing commitment when participating in the Northern Mallee Horticultural Immersion Project by attending on a student free day and representing the school in a positive way.

Room 18 - Byron: for showing commitment when participating in the Northern Mallee Horticultural Immersion Project by attending on a student free day, listening respectfully, answering questions and safely completing all activities.

Room 18 - Antwone: for showing commitment when participating in the Northern Mallee Horticultural Immersion Project by attending on a student free day, contributing thoughtful questions and answers and volunteering, on two occasions, to thanks the industry hosts.

Room 19 - Riley: for showing commitment when participating in the Northern Mallee Horticultural Immersion Project by attending on a student free day, safely completing all activities and representing our school in a positive way.

Room 20 - Kyle: for showing commitment when participating in the Northern Mallee Horticultural Project by attending on a student free day, listening respectfully to hosts and visitors and safely completing all activities.

Room 22 - Lakota: for her great reading in class using expression.

SWPBS Awards - being Safe

Room 22 - Narni: by taking turns on the swing with other students.

Some of our Award winners.



ART

Welcome to Term Three. In art this term we are looking at the work of talented women artists. Students will use a variety of techniques to produce artwork inspired by each of these artists. NAIDOC week has just concluded. Prior to the school holidays Room 20 students worked on their dot painting artworks.



EARLY YEARS' NEWS

Welcome back to Term Three. Early Years Room 17 would like to welcome Yash to our classroom. This term our topic is 'How things move'. The classes will be learning about forces and motion, pulleys, gears, solar power and magnets. We're sure there will be a lot of investigations and a lot of fun.



Gabby is pressing the playdough. Maddix is counting and pushing the cars, Riah is pushing the ball for the staff to collect.

UPPER PRIMARY YEARS' NEWS

Welcome back to Term Three. We hope everyone had a lovely, relaxing two week holiday. Students in the Upper Primary section are settling back into school routines and have gotten straight back into learning. This week, classes have been completing NAIDOC activities, learning about Aboriginal traditions and customs. This term, Upper Primary students are learning about oral health. Room Four have been engaging in daily hygiene activities.



Pictured above: Hannah completing teeth brushing sequencing, Devone brushing her hair, Mirage brushing his teeth and Alexys rinsing her mouth.

PAL NEWS

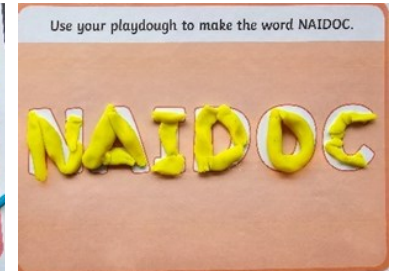
At the end of Term two, some Pal students attended Park for Play. This was a great opportunity for students to get out into the community and practise following instructions for safe play.



PAL classes have been involved in a range of activities to celebrate Naidoc week.

Room 13 has been looking at different Indigenous symbols and recreating these symbols on boomerangs. They have threaded yellow, red and black coloured pasta to create necklaces.

Room 23 are reading Somebody's Land by Adam Goodes and Ellie Laing as part of their Naidoc celebrations. They are completing a variety of activities to reflect an understanding of Traditional Aboriginal culture.



SECONDARY—VPC NEWS

Hip-hip hooray, it's a new term! The PreVPC welcomed back our students this week with the continuation of our boxing sessions at the Boxing Cartel with Nick Wakefield. Nick has been busily working with students to demonstrate correct techniques and a variety of exercises to maintain a healthy, active lifestyle. Students have really engaged in these activities and have highly benefited from the challenges by discovering new interpersonal strengths. The highlight of boxing this week, was our students playing a few rounds of Tug-of-War, whilst working to increase their teamwork skills.



Room 22 have enjoyed doing Art on Wednesday mornings. They really enjoyed painting Uluru and it was amazing to see the range of individual creativity shown.



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
	Lunch orders due in.					
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Lunch orders due in.					
28	29	30	31			
	Lunch orders due in.					

V.P.C Store

OPENING 15 TO 23 JUNE.

Stay tuned for order forms and posters to come home.

For sale we have:



LANYARDS

POT PLANTS

KEY RINGS

COASTERS

PROTEIN BALLS

TOMATO RELISH

SMALL ARTWORKS

ASSORTED CARDS



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.

