

# MILDURA SPECIALIST SCHOOL

Newsletter No : 5

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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



Last Friday I was privileged to receive an invitation, along with families to the graduation Ceremony for the first group of students to participate in the Northern Mallee Horticulture Immersion (NMHI) Project. This has been a nine week course based at Chaffey Secondary College. Five senior students attended every Friday with Mrs Milner. Over the course of the program students attended industry sites to learn how technology is used in agricultural settings. Our students worked with others from Chaffey and Red Cliffs Secondary Colleges. The project is in partnership with the Northern Mallee Local Learning and Employment Network (NMLLEN) and is supported by Sunraysia TAFE and various local business. The program will continue each term this year. Congratulations to Ethan C, Stephen, Rebecca, Ethan W and Zack.

**Awards** Congratulations to our Award winners this week. It was great to have so many rewards this week. 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.



Individual Education Plans will be available today on Xuno. Paper copies will be sent home with students for families still not using Xuno. Student Support Group Minutes will be sent home in an envelope today as well.

**NDIS** Please find the frequently asked questions within the newsletter about NDIS. Unfortunately, we are not able to accommodate therapy sessions on site due to space and staffing constraints. Therapists are however welcome to attend student support group meetings and to observe students at school. We value being able to work together to support students. Requests to observe at school can be made through the school email or directly to myself.



### Team Leaders

#### From term 2 we are changing the team leaders for some classes:

Early Years and Upper Primary (rooms 3, 4) and Multisensory – Kate Tyson  
Personal and Applied Learning and Upper Primary (rooms 6, 8, 9) Matthew Leslie  
Pre VPC (Victorian Pathways Certificate) and VPC– Heidi Milner

### Thank you to staff

I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff for all their work this term. It has been a productive term with an incursion, Lawn Bowls, Lake Cul- lulleraine Activity Days and the Northern Mallee Horticulture Immersion Pro-

ject. Thank you for the energy you all bring to school each day to improve learning and wellbeing outcomes for all students.

### Staffing

All the best to Sam Portors who is going on family leave from today. Wishing you all the best Sam. James Paterson has advised that he will not be returning after the holidays and we wish him all the best also. The position will be advertised.

Happy Easter to all our families and congratulations to our Easter Raffle prize winners. Thank you to families for donating to the hampers and for selling and purchasing raffle tickets.

Best wishes to everyone for a very happy and safe break.  
I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday April 24.  
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 3 - Izwi: for a great start at his new school.

Room 3 - Braxton: for participating in the Lake Excursion activities.

Room 4 - Ellara: for participating in the Lake Excursion activities.

Room 4 - Hannah: for participating in the Lake Excursion activities.

Room 4 - Mirage: for participating in the Lake Excursion activities.

Room 8—Paige: for completing an amazing saber-tooth tiger in class and being so brave during a recent injury.

Room 15 - Jonah: for participating in all learning with a positive attitude.

Room 18 - Zac: for actively listening and asking relevant questions during a guest speaker's session while attending the Northern Mallee Horticulture Immersion Project.

Room 18 - Jordan: for voicing his concerns respectfully during problem-solving discussions.

Room 19 - Ethan: for giving detailed verbal reflections and explanations, from his visit to Select Harvests - Carina West during the Northern Mallee Horticulture Immersion Project.

Room 19 - Ethan: for actively listening and asking relevant questions during a guest speaker's session while attending the Northern Mallee Horticulture Immersion Project.

Room 19 - Ethan: for demonstrating maturity by seeking help and discussing his concerns with an adult.

Room 20 - Anthony: for reminding his peers to remain safe, respectful and responsible on a regular basis.

Room 20 - Riley: for grasping the opportunity to create a personalised mind map of the three tiers of Australian Government. Also assisting a student in the morning.

Room 21 - Charlie: for verbally identifying contractions in Literacy tasks, and selecting readers to read to staff, with minimal amount of prompting. Well done Charlie!

Room 22 - Narni: for always arriving at class in the morning smiling and ready to start work.

Room 25 - Harrison: for following the class schedule and moving onto required tasks independently.

## SWPBS Awards - being Responsible

Room 3 - Koray: by showing responsibility by following Circle Time expectations.

Room 8—Ashlyn: for listening at all times during swimming activities.

Room 15 - Axel: by following the directions of his teachers when using his walker.

Room 18 - Mathew: by creating a compelling PowerPoint presentation about the Vietnam War and asking to extend the task once it was completed.

Room 18 - Byron: by focusing on work tasks even with distractions in the classroom.

Room 19 - Lachlan: by seeking clarification for instructions during lessons.

Room 20 - Mahalia: by working to her highest ability to complete all set tasks. Keep up the fantastic work Mahalia.

Room 21 - Bailey: by listening quietly and maintaining personal boundaries, during reading activities.

Room 22 - Abbie: by working hard to improve her computer skills.

Room 25 - Jack: by recognising when a mistake was made and trying to rectify it.

## Some of our Award winners.



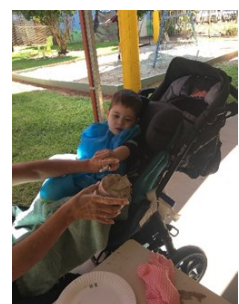
## ART

Rooms 6, 15, 16/17 and 25 completed numerous art works around the theme Nature and using various art materials and styles.



## EARLY YEARS' NEWS

We have had another busy fortnight in Early Years. We have continued to work on our Dreamtime Story topic and some classes are starting to create paperbark Easter nests. The Senior College Students organised an Easter egg hunt for us on Wednesday 29 March. The students were all very excited to run around and find a basket with their name on it. Rooms 1 and 2 also had the Community Police come in to talk about Stranger Danger and Road Safety. The students and staff were so very engaged in listening to Gavin that we didn't get any photos to share!



## UPPER PRIMARY YEARS' NEWS

Over the past week, Upper Primary students from Rooms 6, 8 and 9 have been involved in swimming activities at the Wave pool. The students have been having lots of fun and have learnt many new skills. Rooms 3 and 4 students have been learning about time in Maths. The students made some wonderful day and night artworks.

Upper Primary students had lots of fun celebrating Bad Hair Day. Students enjoyed having Miss Judi come to colour their hair. There were some great hairstyles seen around the school.



## PAL NEWS

PAL classes participated in a Lawn Bowl's Carnival. They learnt how to play lawn bowls, then competed against each other in a competition. Ty won and Graham came runner up. Below are photos of Harry and Brodi participating in the lawn bowls competition. Deshawn is showing everyone his Participation certificate.

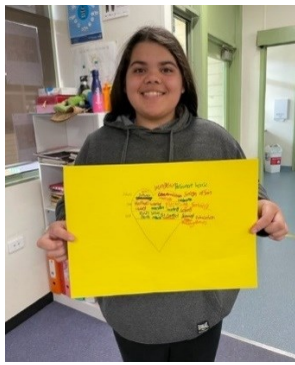
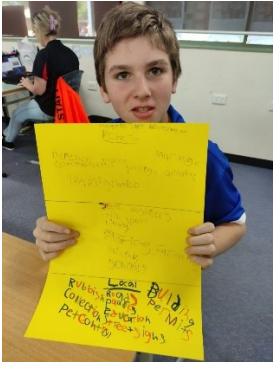


All classes have been completing Easter work over the past two weeks in preparation for Easter this weekend. Below are Daniel and Alex painting Happy Easter signs. Kera-Lee is modelling her Easter Bonnet. Patrick and Antony's decorated Easter Eggs are on display.



## SECONDARY—VPC NEWS

The students from Room 22 have been very responsive and responsible by creating posters when learning about the three tiers of Australian Government. The students were given the choice of how to set out their information, and were quite proud of their finished products.



The theme of the three tiers of Australian Government was then embedded in a further activity when students created a triarama showing the roles of each tier.



Students from Room 20 have enjoyed creating music which assists in promoting a positive mindset. Students have been given a choice between playing drums, guitars, ukuleles, piano and keyboard. The staff then keep beat with maracas!



On Friday, our Northern Mallee Horticulture Immersion project participants graduated from this program. Their day consisted of a morning doing final measurements and observations of their tomato plants, followed by a presentation on work readiness. At 12pm, family members, school staff and partner business were invited to lunch at Chaffey Farm. Following this was a presentation which included; a Welcome to Country by a program participant from Chaffey Secondary College, a description of the programs aims and activities by Rod from Northern Mallee Local Learning and Employment Network (NMLLEN) and an address from Graeme Forrester who is the principal of Chaffey Secondary College. The students were then presented with framed certificates of graduation, from this project and schools and project partners were presented with framed certificates of appreciation for their contributions.



# April

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
				Last Day of Term 1	.....EASTER.....	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
.....EASTER.....		..... SCHOOL HOLIDAYS .....				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
..... SCHOOL HOLIDAYS .....						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	First Day of Term 2	ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY				

# May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
					PUPIL FREE DAY—NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL	
7	PUPIL FREE DAY—NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL	8	9	10	11	12
		Lunch orders due in.				13
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			
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# NOMINATE US TODAY

## AS PART OF THE RITCHIES COMMUNITY BENEFIT PROGRAM

and help us generate extra funds.

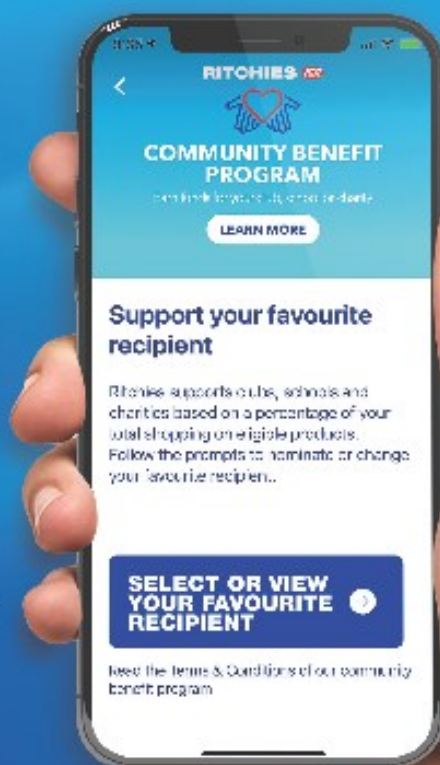


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## SCHOOL REMINDERS

### 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.

