

MILDURA SPECIALIST SCHOOL

Newsletter No : 10

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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

27 July Sports Day

31 October—Pupil Free Day— No students required at school.

1 November—Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday—No school

20 December—Last Day of Term 4.

TERM 3

Principal's Report



Welcome back to term 3. It was wonderful to see the students arriving on Tuesday, smiling and ready to catch up and learn with staff and friends. On Monday teachers and education support staff engaged in learning about:

- Responding to Disclosures
- Disability Inclusion Profile
- Students reflecting on their work
- Anaphylaxis Refresher
- Teachers presented their learning from the Maths
- ROCC (Roadmap of Communicative Assessment) with Zorica, speech pathologist
- The report writing process

The Disability Inclusion Profile replaces the current funding model and is a strengths based approach. We will make contact with you when your child will start this new process.



Awards

Congratulations to our Award winners from last term.



Eisteddfod

On the last day of term at 7.30pm our drumming group comprising Harley, Joshua, Theo-Ioannis, Ashton and Graham, Kyle, opened the Eisteddfod Gala. Congratulations to everyone involved.



Staffing: This term we welcome Anne Page who has joined the VCAL team, replacing Kylie who is on leave.

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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 1 - Willow: for making a great effort with her reading.

Room 1 - Bunya: for making a great effort with his reading.

Room 1 - Braxton: for copying his name all by himself.

Room 18 - Isac: for demonstrating sportsmanship and your participation in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu sessions.

Room 19 - Amy: for demonstrating sportsmanship and your participation in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu sessions.

Room 22 - Kane: for consistently starting work without prompting and completing it independently.

Room 25 - Chloe: for voluntarily helping peers by packing away the drums.

Room 25 - Kira: for voluntarily helping peers by packing away the drums.

SWPBS Awards

Room 18 - Zack: by independently asking clarifying questions to ensure his understanding of a task.

Room 19 - Jackson: by being respectful towards his teachers.

Room 22 - Mia: by playing tennis with others and improving her skills.

Room 25 - Sam: by always following instructions while at school.

Some of our award recipients this week.

THE ARTS

As students make their way back to school for the start of another term of Art Adventures the team here of Judi, Shana, Sedge and Bob are gearing up to set them off exploring the theme of Emotions and Feelings! We will visit some familiar emotions and associate them with colours, tackling them with a range of techniques and exciting activities. Make sure you're here each week to catch the boat of discovery that'll take you on a journey of wonder and amazement!

Can you recognise and link these emotions of jealousy, sadness, happiness, anger, confidence and friendliness with the following emojis?



Allied Health News

Welcome back to Term Three, our team has changed!

We would like to extend a huge welcome back Stephanie Riordan (Speech Pathologist) who has been on maternity leave for the last 12 months.

The Allied Health team at MSS consists of and we can be contacted on the following days of work:

Zorica Killeen (school-based Speech Pathologist and Allied Health Team Leader): Monday - Wednesday

Stephanie Riordan (school-based Speech Pathologist): Tuesday and Friday

Rowena Keenan (consulting Physiotherapist): Monday

Jodie Gibson (Allied Health Education Support Staff): Monday – Friday

Cathie Toma (Allied Health Education Support Staff): Monday – Friday

Rachelle Walsh (Allied Health Education Support Staff): Monday – Wednesday

We look forward to continuing to support the students in their learning, over the next semester

MSS Allied Health Team

EARLY YEARS' NEWS



Room 1 students got dressed up as Pete the Cat for our performance of Pete's Groovy Buttons song during our end of term talent show.

Early years' students have been doing some great art works with the theme of around the world, during Art on Mondays with Mrs Sedgman.



Last Term we enjoyed the Soccer and Football clinics. We learnt lots of ball skills and had great fun.



UPPER PRIMARY YEARS' NEWS

Welcome back. We hope you had a safe and restful holiday. Last term, Upper Primary students enjoyed learning about food and fibre production. The students made a variety of things from different fibres and participated in making and tasting a few foods after learning where they came from.

This term, our section will be learning about Body Systems, Life Cycles, Habitats and Adaptations. We look forward to a very busy and exciting term.



SECONDARY PreCAL NEWS

PreCAL students finished off Term Two on a positive note. Each participant of the Lawn Bowls' tournament was presented with a special morning tea of fresh fruit and a certificate of participation.

Our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) votes were tallied for the term. This showed which student from each class received the highest amount of peer nominations for displaying Safe, Responsible or Respectful behaviours. Mathew from room 20, Abbie from room 22 and Ethan from room 22, were the successful winners. Congratulations to all.

This term we are looking forward to a Badminton tournament, a Science focus and more engaging hands on activities, to support learning across the curriculum.

Here is Lachlan using the interactive whiteboard to show his skills in telling time.



SECONDARY—PAL NEWS

Welcome back. We hope you had a relaxing holiday and ready for another busy term at school.

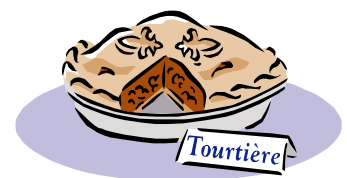
PAL students will be swimming at The Waves in Weeks 4 and 6 or at the school Hydrotherapy pool each Friday. Please ensure all relevant paperwork has been sent back to the classroom teachers. If you are unsure, please check with your child's teacher.

This term, the PAL section will be undertaking Drug Education. A letter explaining the content will be sent home next week.

Stay safe and stay warm.

SECONDARY—VCAL AND VAL NEWS

It has been great to see the enthusiasm of the staff and students this week. At the end of last term, VCAL students started manufacturing items for our 2022 VCAL Store. This year, we have a new selection of goodies. Pictured, Cody is preparing material for sewing and Lacey and Indi are measuring and cutting fabric in readiness to create some of the products. Stay tuned for upcoming advertisements about our store and products.



Pie Drive Reminder

Just a reminder that all pie orders need to be returned to the front office by **next Monday 18 July**. Orders cannot not be processed after this date.

Payments can be made by cash, direct debit into school account or eftpos at the office.

Pies will be delivered on **Thursday 28 July**, and ready for collection from approximately 2pm from the Multi-purpose room.

Thanking you

Cathie Toma
Fundraising Coordinator



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
.....School Holidays.....						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
.....School Holidays.....						
10	First Day of Term 3 For staff. Pupil free day.	11	12	13	14	15
		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.	Sports Day			

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AUGUST₂₀₂₂

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Lunch orders due in.				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	School Council	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.				



BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS



Please save your bread tags – they will be recycled to fund wheelchairs, mainly in South Africa.



We collect bread tags Australia-wide, and recycle these in Robe, SA. All funds raised through recycling are used to supply wheelchairs.



Re-made in Robe!



What can I do?

It's easy save your bread tags for a while and then drop them off at one of our collection points. Ask your family, friends, school and local café to help.



Visit our website for signage, to find your nearest collection point, or to host a collection point.

 aussiebreadtags@gmail.com



ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au



[@aussiebreadtags](https://www.facebook.com/aussiebreadtags)

Local Contact: PAL Section

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.

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.

