

# MILDURA SPECIALIST SCHOOL

Newsletter No : 9

DATE: 15 June, 2023

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 23 June—End of Term 2 - early departure.

1.40pm Early Years and Upper Primary.

1.50pm Secondary and VPC.

Monday 10 July—Term 3 begins.

Monday 6 November—Pupil Free Day

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## Principal's Report



### Awards

Congratulations to our Award winners this past fortnight. We cancelled the assembly last week due to the rain. Thank you to Shirley and her class for running the assembly this week.

### Staffing

I would like to take this opportunity to recognise and thank Fiona Morgan for all her work at our school during the last 22 years. Fiona coordinated the library and resource section of the school for many years in addition to her teaching role. Fiona was a driving force behind a group of teachers who formed an AAction (AAC – Augmentative and Alternative Communication) group to promote communication. In 2022 Fiona organised the Smoothie Bike which promoted healthy eating and exercise for our students. Students had a lot of fun making the smoothies on the bike. Fiona was the Personal and Applied Learning Coordinator for several years and was instrumental in planning events and supporting students at graduations and debutante balls. I am sure all staff, students and members of the school community will join me in wishing Fiona all the best for the future.

Unfortunately, we have not been able to replace Fiona at this stage. We will continue to plan for a smooth start to term 3 with a teacher for the rest of the semester.



Tayla Kane is going on leave at the end of term. All the best to Tayla.

### Naidoc Week

Sunday July 2 – Sunday – July 9.

### Attendance

Thank you for calling in, emailing or sending Xuno messages about student absences.

As this term draws to a close I would like to thank parents and carers for your continued support and communication with teachers, including attendance at Student Support Group meetings. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers coming back onto school grounds for meetings. Student Support Group meetings will continue in term three. In term four, students will lead the meeting with a celebration of their year's work.

Lastly thank you to all our wonderful staff for your dedication to improve the learning and wellbeing outcomes for our students. Teachers have been putting in extra time to assess and report whilst planning for term three. There have been challenges this term with staff and student absences and staffing short-ages. Well done to everyone for maintaining the learning and the routines.

I hope everyone has a restful break.

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 4 - Ellara: for encouraging others to join in with dance activities.

Room 15 - Axel: for independently completing four laps of the courtyard in his walker.

Room 20 - Ra-Ra: for coming in of a morning and asking to complete her work from the previous day.

Room 20 - Josh: for working hard to progress his reading levels to become an independent reader.

Room 20 - Ra-Ra: for making fantastic learning choices and reminding her peers to do their work too.

Room 21 - Bailey: for discussion the contents of a book and independently reading the book to his friends during Circle Time.

Room 24 - Angus: for showing persistence and determination to ride a tricycle and excitedly achieving this goal.

## SWPBS Awards - being Safe

Room 4 - Hannah: by helping a peer to transition safely.

Room 20 - Kyle: by leading by example and showing maturity in the classroom and in the yard.

Room 20 - Bella: by using the rake appropriately whilst helping her friend to make a huge pile of leaves to play in.

Room 20 - Josh: by clearing up after himself in the kitchen on a daily basis.

Room 24 - Tyana: by listening to staff and cutting fruit safely during cooking program.

Room 24 - Tyana: by following staff direction and parking her walker in a safe place.

## Some of our Award winners.



## ART

### OPENING OF ADD IT UP EXHIBITION AT MILDURA ARTS CENTRE

Belinda Fox's exhibition, Add It Up, opened on Saturday, 3 June, 5:30pm at MAC. An impressive array of people showed up to celebrate her remarkable achievements. These included two impressive collage works that she had built up from cut out pieces of drawings contributed by students out of six local schools. Our VPC students in Rooms 18 and 19 were part of this contribution.

At the opening Benjamin from Room 18 was on hand to represent his peers from MSS. He enjoyed catching up with Belinda and incredulously was able to identify the pieces from his work that Belinda had added to the collage!

The exhibition is on view until 13 August.



## 'GIRLS ONLY' GROUP



Our 'Girls Only' Group has commenced and it's proving to be a lot of fun and will be a huge success. The group is a self-development program involving discussions, activities & topics of interest to girls.

## EARLY YEARS' NEWS

Students have had a wonderful week. We celebrated the King's Birthday Early, creating some Royal Crown artwork. We have welcomed some new students, and are sorry to farewell Xavier from room 16/17 at the end of this Term. It has been lovely to see students playing with the fallen leaves in the yard, enjoying their crunch and making it rain leaves. Developmental Play this term has aligned with our science topic of Living Things. We have enjoyed learning about plants, insects and animals and will finish off this term learning about the Body.



## UPPER PRIMARY YEARS' NEWS

During Health, Upper Primary students identified how to be safe in our school and community. One focus has been practising safe and kind behaviour in the playground. We have also been writing information reports. Students have selected topics of their choice to research and write facts about. We have been typing our reports in Microsoft Word using laptop computers during Digital Technology. We can even change the font style and size for our headings. In Physical Education, we are learning how to serve and return the shuttlecock over the net during badminton. We have also been practising bouncing the shuttlecock on the racquet. Room 9 students have been learning about the moon. Room 15 students have been exploring the things we can buy with money. Room 3 students learnt about temperature in Science, as part of our weather topic. We explored the concept of hot and cold. The students used warm water to melt ice and rescue toys that had been frozen into ice cubes.



## PAL NEWS

Room 25 students have been making ham, cheese and tomato toasties during cooking. Students watched an instructional step by step video on how to make them. They were delicious.



Room 24 students discussed everyday social problems that could occur and identified possible solutions, during social and emotional learning sessions. We made fruit salad which included washing and slicing a variety of fruits to make a healthy fruit salad. Students also made microwave muffin pizzas, while practising cutting and spreading skills. Oscar tried out his new bike during our bike riding session.



Last week students in Room 23 looked at the letter sound E. Our book for the week was Elmer by David McKee. Students completed learning activities and created some colourful artwork as part of their learning. This week we are looking at the letter H.



ILS students made pancakes with a variety of toppings to choose from. Students looked at the letter M and sound 'th' in Literacy. Students have also started skip counting with 2s, 3s and 4s and measuring with different units of measurement.

## SECONDARY—VPC NEWS

Students in Pre-VPC have been participating in an elective of Boxing, for their Physical Education learning. Students have been taught how to warm up effectively, how to position their body during boxing moves, and have participated in overall fitness enhancing skills. Safety has been of utmost importance, and students' confidence levels have risen as new skills have been achieved.



Room 20 students have taken part in a special learning journey. Leonie is a participant of the Victorian wide Teaching Excellence Program, focusing on Humanities. Students assisted Leonie to complete a mini practitioner inquiry about how student voices can be used to create assessment tools. Students each had a choice of how they were going to show their learning this term, about The Stolen Generation and National Sorry Day. Students created a range of assessment pieces including PowerPoint documents, Word documents, and art pieces. Students all participated in creating assessment rubrics so they could monitor and assess their own learning. The feedback from students regarding this process was very positive. Students said they felt, "in control of their learning", and they "wanted to try their best". The final assessment pieces were full of powerful imagery and rich language that showed how much the students had learnt, and enjoyed the topic.



PreVPC Student Generated Rubric for PowerPoint documents based on The Stolen Generation.

	Needs Improvement	Nice Try	Good Job	Excellent!!
Punctuation:	Has not used Spellcheck	Has lots of spelling mistakes	Has 1 or 2 mistakes	Perfect Spellcheck
Written mostly in your own words:	Is all copy and paste	Has tried to use own words	Used a medium amount of words copied from Google	Is all in own words
Has explained what The Stolen Generation is: Who, what, where, when, why.	Has only 1 slide with no explanation	Has 3 slides with some explanations	Has 4+ slides with a lot of ideas explained, including Who, what, where, when, why.	Has 5+ slides with as many ideas explained as possible, including their own opinion.
Has included a glossary:	Has 3 words explained	Has 4 words explained	Has 6 words explained	Has 10 words with good explanations

Written by Kyle, Quinn and Anthony 2/5/23



## Canteen News

Students completing units from the Certificate II in Cookery meet outcomes by running the Canteen each Friday. The program provides valuable work and life skills through menu tallying, counting money and calculating change. Students then order supplies using the phone, practicing their communication skills. They shop for fresh produce at the supermarket and practice food safety through stock rotation, cleaning and personal hygiene.

On Fridays students prepare hot and cold lunches for staff and students, before delivering these to classrooms. During Term Two, students offered a weekly staff special as either a lunch or takeaway option. Some of these options included, Cottage Pie, Butter chicken with Basmati Rice and French style Chicken Casserole.

A friendly reminder that lunch orders must in, before 9am Tuesdays.



# FREE YOUTH SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



REGISTER ONLINE AT  
[WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM.AU](http://WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM.AU)

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE FULLY SUPERVISED  
BY OUR FRIENDLY TRAINED STAFF



YOUTH ENGAGEMENT SERVICES

## WEEK ONE ACTIVITIES

**Monday 26 June 2023 – 9.30am to 1.30pm**  
**First Aid Training – Mildura First Aid**  
**Workingman's Club 100-110 Deakin Avenue**  
**Ages: 14 to 25**

To kick off the school holiday program, Mildura First Aid will be facilitating a Provide First Aid – HLTAID011 training course. Being trained in first aid is handy to know in case of an emergency, and it looks great on a resume! Snacks provided.

**Tuesday 27 June 2023 - 11am to 1pm**  
**Painting with Studio De Vin**  
**Ouyen Community Hall, Fuller Street**  
**Ages: 12 to 17**

We are headed to Ouyen with Studio De Vin where we will be guided by a local artist to support participants to paint The Eiffel Tower. Snacks provided.

**Wednesday 28 June 2023 - 9am to 1.30pm**  
**Accredited Food Handlers Course**  
**SunTAFE 453 Benetook Avenue**  
**Ages: 16 to 25**

This course is designed to provide an opportunity for participants to get a qualification to gain employment in the hospitality industry. It also looks fantastic on your resume. Morning Tea provided.

**Thursday 29 June 2023 - 10am to midday & 2pm to 4pm**  
**Soap making with Paint Imperfect Pieces**  
**240 Tenth Street (Ampol Petrol Station)**  
**Ages: 12 to 17**

Come and join us for a couple of hours designing and creating your own soaps to take home for yourself or a gift for someone special. We have two sessions. Please book one session so others can enjoy the opportunity. Snacks provided.

**Friday 30 June 2023 - 10.30am to midday**  
**Wallis Cinema Mildura 93 Deakin Avenue**  
**Ages: 12 to 17**

Spend a morning with your mates watching the Disney & Pixar film 'Elementals'. Bring some money to buy your own drinks and snacks from the Snack Bar.



Arrive 15 minutes prior to the event starting.



Bring a water bottle to each activity.



Extra snacks can be purchased at most activities.

## WEEK TWO ACTIVITIES

**Monday 3 July and Tuesday 4 July 2023 - 9am-4pm**  
**Pool Lifeguard Training**  
**Waves Mildura, 180-190 Deakin Avenue**  
**Ages: 16 to 25**

Are you interested in a job as a Pool Lifeguard at one of our community pools? We are offering a FREE 2-day training course to become a qualified Pool Lifeguard. It is recommended that participants are 16 in the calendar year to undertake the course. Lunch & snacks provided.

**Wednesday 5 July 2023 – 11am to 1pm**  
**Self-defence Mildura Brazilian Jiu Jitsu**  
**47-49 Seventh Street**  
**Ages: 12 to 17**

Learn some Brazilian Jiu Jitsu self-defence martial art disciplines and techniques. Learn how to stand up for yourself in a sticky situation. BJJ is great to work on your confidence, strength and resilience. Snacks provided.

**Thursday 6 July 2023 – 1pm-3pm**  
**Ceramic Tile Workshop**  
**The Studio, 37-39 Jacaranda Street, Red Cliffs**  
**Ages: 12 to 17**

Create an individual painted tile with artist Renae. Bring along a picture of your house or pet and customise your tile. You can even create your own design using loads of texture and interesting patterns. Snacks provided.

**Friday 7 July 2023 – 11am-1pm**  
**Fun Sports Day**  
**Mildura Sporting Precinct 684 Deakin Avenue**  
**Ages: 12 to 17**

Have you wanted to try a new sport with local sports coaches. We are providing three come and try sporting opportunities for soccer, volleyball and basketball. We will have mini comps, prize giveaways all while having a whole lot of fun on the courts. Come along and give it a go. Lunch & snacks provided.

**SUN SAFETY**     

Council encourage the use of protective clothing, hats and sunscreen. 30+ sunscreen is provided, however young people can bring their own.

**For more information:**  
Mariah or Dawn  
03 5018 8100 or  
[youthservices@mildura.vic.gov.au](mailto:youthservices@mildura.vic.gov.au)

**YOUTH**  
ENGAGEMENT SERVICES

**VICTORIA**  
State Government

 Mildura Rural City Council

# June

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Lunch orders due in.	7	8	9	10	11
12 Public Holiday	13 Lunch orders due in.	14	15	16	17	18
19 SCHOOL COUNCIL	20	21	22	23	24	25
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS COMMENCE EARLY DEPARTURE. 1.20pm Early Years & Upper Primary. 1.50pm Secondary.						
26	27	28	29	30		
.....SCHOOL HOLIDAYS .....						

# July

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

OPENING 15 TO 23 JUNE.

**Stay tuned for order forms and posters to come home.**

*For sale we have:*



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POT PLANTS

KEY RINGS

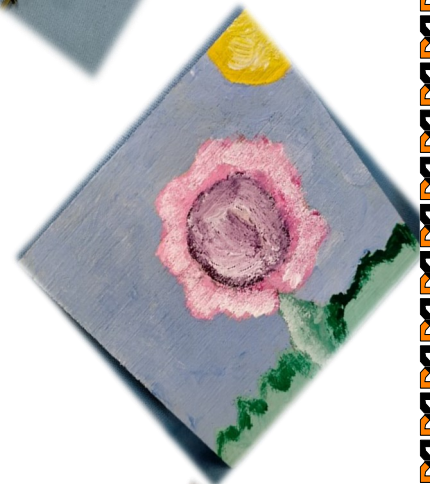
COASTERS

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.

