

POSITIVE EDUCATION SCHOOL

Monday 23rd July, 2018 Newsletter No. 21
(There is 1 insert in this week's Newsletter)

DIARY DATES

Term 3

Tues Jul 26	Gr 5 Ballarat Camp
Fri Jul 27	Gr 2 Mildura History Excursion
Thurs Aug 2	Pupil Free Day – 3 Way Conferences
Wed Aug 15	Sports Day



PRINCIPALS NEWS

“We choose to bring our best selves to school and love the work that we do”

Thank you

On behalf of all of the Mildura South School community I would like to say a very big heartfelt ‘Thank you!’ to Kevin Helms and his boys: Jack, Max and Tom for the new outdoor infant play area that we will be naming ‘Bozzi Park’ as an acknowledgement to the Bozzi family who have been active members of the Mildura South Primary School community for over 25 years (this being their last).

I would also like to thank the Parents’ Club for providing the financial support for the establishment of Bozzi Park. Many hours of fundraising have gone

into raising the money which was used for this very important project. This has been a result of our infant teachers collaborating with Parents on their vision in order to achieve a wonderful outcome for our students.

A great deal of enjoyment will be experienced by the students because of the tireless and generous spirit of Parents working with Staff. **Thank you!**

CASEA Forms

A reminder that the CASEA Parent forms are due to be returned to school by **this Wednesday July 25**. Please ensure that the questionnaire is complete and you signed the form giving Parent consent.

Athletics Carnival Meeting

Teachers will be meeting in the Learning Centre on **Wednesday July 25, 3.45pm** to discuss the format of the Athletics Carnival that will be held on Wednesday August 15. If you would like to contribute to this conversation, please feel welcome to join the meeting.

Mondays with Mrs Milani

Every Monday morning I will be in the staff room from **9.00am-9.30am** hoping to begin the week by having a **cuppa with Parents**. I will be there each and every Monday whether I am by myself, with a couple of people or with a crowd. Little children are welcome and it is just an informal way I can connect with our families. There will be nothing formal about the gathering, just a friendly catch-up. Please feel very welcome to come along and bring someone with you that you think might enjoy the experience – chocolate biscuits will be on the menu!

Sandpit and Shade Sails

Many of you would have noticed that our sandpit near the tennis courts has been upgraded and a brand new shade sail has been erected. Thank you to Mr Kent and Mr Harwood.

Chess Tournament

The next school Chess Tournament will be taking place on Thursday August 2nd at Henderson College. This is the same day as our three-way Conferences so the school will not be submitting a team. If Parents would like to take their children to this event on the day and supervise them, the school is very happy to register them and pay their entry fee. We would ask that students who choose to be involved please wear their school uniform as they will still be representing Mildura South Primary School. Please notify the school before **Friday July 27** if you would like the school to register your child for the tournament.

Congratulations

Well done to Wes Banyard-Coyte, Colby Marr and Durc Probert for being selected to play Baseball in the Sunraysia Baseball League. They will be playing in Mildura this weekend.

Three-way Conferences

OSHP will be available on this day

We are in the process of organising appointments for the three way conferences that take place on Thursday August 2nd. This is an opportunity for teachers to guide students in sharing their goals, successes and challenges in 2018 with their families. This day is a **pupil-free day** to facilitate appointments being scheduled from 8.30am to 6.00pm. It is important that **both student and parent/carer** attend the three way conference to ensure the success of the conference. The school will be providing child care for siblings to assist with the smooth running of the day. **It is important that if families would like an interview separate to the three way conferences that they make an appointment to see their child's classroom teacher.**

Prep Enrolments

Enrolments for 2019 have begun. If any of our families have Preps starting next year please contact the office

for an appointment. If you know families that live in our neighbourhood zone and they have a Prep for 2019, please encourage them to make contact with the school.

Compass

It is terrific that so many families are logging onto Compass, our school communication tool. This term I will be sharing more messages with families on Compass as a way of developing communication between home and school.

Singing Lessons

Singing lessons with Mrs Andrea Soebardi have begun and they take place each Thursday. If you are interested in your child receiving singing lessons, please pick up an expression of interest form from the front office.

Optimism

Michael Gross

Optimism is not about the glass being half full as is commonly believed. Optimism refers to your belief system about how successful you think your actions are, and how effectively you can impact on the world. Optimists do better academically, socially and have better health than pessimists so it makes sense to promote the skills of optimistic thinking to children. Optimists look at the flip side of negative events for some good, some hope and some reason to be positive. The basis for optimism is in the way that a person thinks about the causes of events, which is reflected in the way he or she explains events. Recent American research indicates that children learn optimism or pessimism from their experiences of success and through their interactions with parents, teachers and other significant adults. Parents and teachers model optimism and pessimism for children. Adults model an optimistic or pessimistic attitude by the way they react to both adverse and positive events that happen in their lives. Optimistic children may explain adverse events in the following ways:

- Adverse events are temporary. 'It takes time to find a friend' rather than 'No one likes me.'

- Situations or causes are specific, not global. 'I am not so good at soccer' rather than 'I am hopeless at sport.'
- Blame is rationalised rather than personalised 'I was grounded because I hit my sister' rather than 'I was grounded because I am a bad kid.'

Pessimists have a tendency to build mountains out of molehills and give up before trying. The trouble with pessimism is that it tends to be a self-fulfilling prophecy. "I told you, I wouldn't get a kick in the game. What was the point of me even turning up?" Such comments just reinforce pessimism and these feelings of hopelessness lead to helplessness.

Adults can help children and young people become optimistic thinkers with the use of modelling and also by directly teaching and drawing children's attention to the skills of optimistic thinking. In the next few Newsletters we will be looking at some skills that we can use to develop a sense of optimism in our children.

Marie-Therese Milani
Principal



ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS NEWS

Problem Solving in Maths

In order to encourage further problem solving at home, I will include a weekly problem in the newsletter. Each week a correct entry will win a fantastic prize.

Just write the answer on a piece of paper with your name and grade and drop it into Mr Kent's office each Wednesday.

Answer:- Mr K's Problem No 17

A DOT painting had 800 dots on one fifth of the painting. If the painting was covered in dots, how many dots could be on the painting?

Winner: Segal Williams

Grade: 4W

Today's problem:- Mr K's Problem No 18

A mobile number has 10 digits. What could be a mobile number that starts with 04 and the total of the digits add up to 20?

Name:

Grade:

Maths Awards

MathsOnline Awards are presented at Assembly each week.

The winners this week are **Suamya Lotia 1R** and **Cameron Blake 6B**.

MathsOnline provides over 1400 tutorials that last around 4-9 minutes. The tutorials present maths concepts, step-by-step, with synchronised audio and animation. This **harnesses both audio and visual learning styles**. MathsOnline lessons can be studied at home or at school, on all devices.

Students from Grade 1 to Grade 6 have their own unique password for access at home. Please see your child's teacher. Go to-

<https://mathsonline.com.au/>

Roger Kent
Assistant Principal

2018 PARENT OPINION SURVEY WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the Survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

Approximately 30 per cent of parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from Monday 23rd July to Sunday 26th August.

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The Survey will be conducted online, only takes 10-15 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Greek, Turkish, Somali and Punjabi.

The Survey will be distributed to random families today so please check your child's bag in case you have been selected. You can speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.



Compass at Mildura South PS

All parents should have received a Compass log-in letter with their child's report. If you haven't received your letter please contact the office.

STRONGER SMARTER

Each week a Stronger Smarter message will be in the newsletter. Students and teachers will be focusing on the quote in their classrooms. It will be based on positive learning and building high expectation relationships.

This week's Stronger Smarter Message



WORKERS OF THE WEEK

PB Motasir Najafi	4D Aathan Jeyakanthan
PH Xavier Murphy	4N Abby Tschirpig
P/1K Aleeyah Szabo	4W Callista Vanek-Gadd
1J Sam Dhillon	4Z Chloe Tumes
1R Kenzie Stevens	5B Ali Azizi
1/2O Alisha Bernard	5K Tyeisha Byron
2S Belinda Paul	5W Connor Gane
2T Phoebe Englefield	5/6S Lana Brown
3M Bailey Stewart	6B Jayden Garner
3N Cameron Stephen	6H Sonay Karakas
3T Bailey Crawley	6R Alexi Karallis
3/4R Ushwin Rozario	6W Milla Tierney

SPORT AWARD

Victor Collins 3M

PERFORMING ARTS AWARD

Ava Almond 2S

ART AWARD

Fletcher White 1/2O

BAND AWARD

Jack Allen 6W



PARENTS CLUB

Fathers Day Raffle

Parents Club are starting to organise the Fathers Day Raffle and we are looking forward to seeing donations coming in to make up some great prizes.

New area

WOW !!!! It was great to see our project next to the Parents Club Room/Prep Area coming together. We look forward to seeing it being transformed into a great area for our students to enjoy. These projects are possible due to all of our Southie families supporting our fundraising events throughout the year.

Lyn Bozzi

Parents Club President

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OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

The Out of School Hours Care service is run by the school council and has a number of qualified staff to offer the following programs:

Before School Care: Our morning program opens at 6.45am each school day with a variety of breakfast available. Children enjoy quiet activities, board games, craft, sporting activities and TV games throughout the morning session. The children then leave at 8.45am for class. The cost of Before School Care is \$14.50 and this fee can be reduced using Child Care assistance if eligible.

After School Care: The afternoon session starts at 3.30pm and finishes at 6.00pm. A snack including fruit is provided upon arrival. Children and staff suggest snack ideas weekly such as sandwiches, soup, pasta, cheese and kabana, rice crackers, nachos and sausages in bread. During the afternoon session, the children play a range of group games both indoors and outdoors, craft, board games, TV games, Lego, Basketball, badminton and table tennis. We also have homework tables set up with netbooks. The cost of After School Care is \$20 (\$23 on the last day of term), which can also be reduced using Child Care assistance.

Vacation Care/Student Free Day: We operate from 8am until 6pm on scheduled days throughout the year. The cost is \$45 plus any in/excursion costs, e.g. Putt Putt Golf, Hogs Breath, Ten Pin Bowling, Cinema, Woodsies and Benetook Farm just to name a few. The fee can also be reduced if using child care assistance. We also have planned activities such as painting, minute to win it games, sporting activities and story telling. The next vacation care program will be from the 24th September to 5th October – bookings can be made at any time. However it does get booked out quite quickly, so if you know the days that you need care, please let us know as soon as possible. The program plan will be available approximately late August/early September.

There will be a student free day on Tuesday 2nd August, we will be holding a program in the school gymnasium between 8am to 6pm. The full fee is \$45 per child, if you receive Child Care Assistance from Centrelink, you can use this to reduce the fee which

can be as little as \$8.66 per child. Please contact the OSHC office to make a booking.

The 2018 OSHC enrolment form is to be on file for children to attend any of the above sessions.



BRAINTEASER

This week's Brainteaser:

What is the capital of Hawaii?

Your answer:.....

Your Name:.....

Your Grade:.....

Cut out this box with your answer, name and grade and place it in the brainteaser box at the front office. Each week, one lucky entrant will win a prize! ☺

Last Week's Winner: Chase Gibson 4W

Answer: Giraffe