

# POSITIVE EDUCATION SCHOOL

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 Newsletter No. 16

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## DIARY DATES

### Term 2

Mon Jun 4 Education Week

Mon Jun 4 Book Fair Start

Fri Jun 8 Book Fair Finish

Mon Jun 11 Queens Birthday Public Holiday

Mon Jun 25 NAIDOC Week

### Term 3

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”**

### School Open Day

It has been wonderful to see so many families and friends come to school today to share some learning with their children. Thank you for taking the time out of your busy day so that the students could proudly have this experience with you. I hope the Positive Education Culture that we proudly live each day here

at Mildura South Primary was evident to our visitors today. Please feel most welcome to visit again.

### Book Fair

We are looking forward to a successful Book Fair this year. Thank you to Mrs Clifford for the many hours of hard work she has done to ensure our students have the opportunity to purchase the books they love. Thank you also to the staff who support Mrs Clifford at this busy time.

### Eisteddfod

Congratulations to our Grade 1/2 students and Grade 5 students who participated in verse speaking last Thursday. We were fortunate enough to hear our students perform at Assembly over the last couple of weeks, so we all know how terrific their performances were and we are all very proud. The Grade 1/2 students received an honourable mention and the Grade 5 students came first in their category. Thank you to Mrs Ough and Mrs Kingsley for their hard work and preparation. On Friday night Miss Harris accompanied our students supporting them in the Theatre Sports category. Thank you to Miss Harris.

This week is a busy week for: Miss Bicker, Mrs Bicker and Miss McGann, as our choirs perform. Again I would like to congratulate our students on their hard work and talent and I know they will enjoy all the positive emotions that occur when they are truly their best selves. Heartfelt thanks to the staff who have prepared and supported our students so that they can enjoy this experience.

### NAIDOC Week

In the final week of Term 2 we will be celebrating NAIDOC Week as a School Community. The week will be launched at 9am on Monday morning June 25.

# **Positive Emotions   Engagement   Relationships   Meaning Achievement**

Throughout the week students will be listening to Dreaming stories, collaborating on a mural with Aunty Kathy and Uncle Peter, creating specific craft that relates to the Koori culture, engaging in the 'yarning circle' and the senior students from Grades 4 – 6 will be visited by a Comedian on Thursday.

This is a wonderful way to celebrate our school community and complete term 2. All of us gathering together knowing who we are, stronger in the heart and so very proud of all that we have accomplished, smarter in the head.

## **Queen's Birthday Long Weekend**

This weekend is a long weekend so school will be closed on Monday June 11.

## **Book Club**

The final Book Club dates are:

**Monday June 18 at 9am** and  
**Wednesday June 27 at 7pm**

## **School Council Meeting**

Our next School Council Meeting is **Tuesday June 19**. The Finance Committee will meet at 6.45pm and this will be followed by the School Council Meeting at 7pm.

## **Positive Education Message**

'We can create a more peaceful world by striving for goodness in each moment, wherever we are'.  
Desmond Tutu

## **Positive Education at Home Tara Clark**

### **Use a growth mindset to try something new**

Stanford researcher Carol Dweck (2006) has found that people tend to maintain one of two mindsets. A fixed mindset corresponds with the belief that intelligences and talents are set in stone and that people are born with a set amount of intelligence. In contrast to this belief is the growth mindset; the belief that our basic qualities, such as intelligence, can be grown and developed via effort and practice. Those with a fixed mindset tend to invest much more time and energy in trying to prove themselves instead of being open to new challenges and experience.

If you have ever wondered what it would be like to try a boxing class, cook the delicious-looking dish in the latest glossy food magazine, finally try your hand at sewing or join your local community garden, just give it a go. A growth mindset allows people to value what they're doing regardless of the outcome (Dweck, 2006). Daily, we encourage our kids to try new things, to embrace failure as a necessary part of learning rather than fearing it and to take on worthwhile and meaningful risks and challenges. To be a good example, we should be modelling these behaviours and attitudes. Be optimistic and open-minded - you never know where it might take you.

## **Highlight WWW (What Went Well)**

Maybe you are high-fiving yourself for that great purchase whilst online shopping or investing time in immersing yourself in an engaging book or film. These seemingly little acts of self-care generate positive emotions which are important for your wellbeing. Things that have gone well do not necessarily have to be great achievements. Rather it is the practice of identifying these things, sharing them or writing them down that generates positivity.

'Panning for specks of gold' or recording positive events in a gratitude journal is something that children can engage in from a very young age. These rituals can help to balance out our inherent negativity bias; that is the tendency for people to focus on and remember negative experiences in our lives. As these rituals become habit, we become more proficient in "taking in the good" as Hansen (2011) calls it and consequently, more positive emotions will be experienced. Research has found that experiencing positive emotions has benefits for mental and physical health, social relationships, and academic outcomes (Lyubomirsky, King, & Diener, 2005). The sharing of WWW also connects people in a powerful way.

Implementing Positive Education practices at home can be easy and fun. Focus on what makes you happy, savour it, be grateful for it and share it, and you will be nourishing your wellbeing as well as helping to create a happier home.

**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 13**

What is the volume of a Television if the measurements are 50cm wide, 40cm high and 10 cm deep? 20,000cm<sup>3</sup>

Winner: Kyung Woo                      Grade: 2S

#### **Today's problem:- Mr K's Problem No 14**

If the volume of a prism is 80cm<sup>3</sup>, what could be the measurements?-

Length....., Width....., and Height.....

Name:

Grade:

### **Maths Awards**

MathsOnline Awards are presented at Assembly each week.

This week's winner is **Dhanya Lotia 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**

### **LATE ARRIVALS AND EARLY DEPARTURES**

A reminder to parents/guardians that students arriving late or leaving early from school **MUST** be signed in/out at the office using our portal system COMPASS. This is to ensure our duty of care is adhered to and also maintain student attendance records and without this these occurrences are marked as an unapproved absence.

### **ATTENDANCE EMAIL**

The School's attendance email of [attendance@msps.vic.edu.au](mailto:attendance@msps.vic.edu.au) is no longer in use.

**For any absences please telephone the office on 50232148 or alternatively use the School's new parent portal COMPASS. You will find further details of COMPASS in a separate article.**



**Compass** at Mildura South PS

We are very excited to introduce Compass to our school community in 2018.

Using Compass allows you to access up-to-date and meaningful information about our school and your child's progress. Compass includes many different features, including the ability to:

Monitor your child's attendance, and enter an explanation for absence or lateness

Communicate with your child's teachers, and update your family contact details

View your child's timetable and the school calendar

Monitor your child's homework and assessment tasks

Download and view your child's progress and

Book parent-teacher conferences

**Letters with your family Log In details are available at the office for collection. PLEASE CALL IN AND COLLECT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

**BOOK FAIR**

Book Fair will be on from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June. The library will be open from 8.30am-9am each morning and from 3.30-4pm each afternoon. The library will be open on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June until 6.00pm, with a special guest appearing between 4.00pm and 5.00pm. Eftpos and Direct Credit facilities are also available. A catalogue is included with this Newsletter.

**WOOL DONATION REQUEST**

I am seeking brightly coloured wool donations for finger knitting. Please check your craft supplies for bold coloured wool and drop in to me 1/2O. Thank you.

**Mrs Ough**

**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

You have only **FAILED**  
if you have **GIVEN UP.**

Until then it's called  
**LEARNING.**

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**WORKERS OF THE WEEK**

PB Kirah Fox	4D Ben Purnell
PH Patrick Murphy	4N Abby Tschirpig
P/1K Josephine Davy-Watts	4W Segal Williams
1J Charli Robson-Stewart	4Z Victoria Karallis
1R Lexie Marr	5B Miracle Sione
1/2O Bella Probert	5K Will Norton
2S Emma Kelly	5W Claudia Caminiti
2T Olivia Hibbard	5/6S Joshua Carli
3M Ruby Pegus	6B Polat Say
3N Tom Ough	6H Laynie Young
3T Sami Ross	6R Chloe Kenyon
3/4R Liam Foss	6W Theo Maybury

**SPORT AWARD**

Caden Johns 2T

**PERFORMING ARTS AWARD**

Mukhtar Jaffry Prep/1 K

**SCIENCE AWARD**

Liam Jones 6B

**BAND AWARD**

Josh Stephens 5W

**ART AWARD**

Tyson Garner 1R



**ART AWARDS**

1J  
Evelyn Bath-Johnson  
Jaxon Hardie  
Thomas Maynard

1R  
Layla Adams  
Omid Ataye  
Bonnie Fox  
Tyler Stewart

1/20  
Avery White  
Bella Probert  
Judd Russell  
Chad Babington

**PARENTS CLUB**

**COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER**



All of our Southie families should have a Cookie Dough order form. If you need one they can be collected at the office. Parents Club have been involved with the Billy G's Gourmet Cookie & Biscuit Dough fundraiser many times, with 10 gourmet flavours as well as "Doggie Dough " to spoil that precious pet !!! It's great to see the CHOCK CHUNK available in Gluten Free - looks like there's something for everyone!!!

**Forms and money are due back no later than 14th June and delivery will be during the last week of term with the date to be confirmed.**

**Lyn Bozzi  
President**

 **OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> July to the 13<sup>th</sup> July – 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 early to mid June.

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



**BRAINTEASER**

**This week's Brainteaser:**  
**Tired people need .....**?

**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: Kayla Stone 3T  
Answer: Sleepy, Happy, Snezy, Grumpy, Doc, Dopey, Bashful