**Very Hot Weather**
We are experiencing some extremely hot weather particularly today and tomorrow. We run a hot day timetable where students do not go outside if the temperature is 38 or above. There is air conditioning in every room and every attempt is made to keep the students comfortable. Please ensure that they have water bottles so they can stay hydrated.

**Early Arrival at School**
Students are not permitted to be at school before 8:15am. We have a duty of care to all of our students and prior to this time there is no staff supervision. The Out Of School Hours Program opens at 7:00am. I would encourage you to book your child in if you need them to be at school before 8:15am. Parents will be contacted if students are arriving too early in the morning and we will be asking them to make alternative arrangements. At the end of the day any students still in the yard after the 3:50pm bell are brought to the office as again the yard is not supervised and their safety is our priority.

**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 Friday.

**DIARY DATES**
- March 9 & 10: Earth Ed (Grade 3)
- March 13: Labour Day (Public Holiday)
- March 23: School Photos

**FOCUS: ORDERLY MOVEMENT**
This week the students have been working hard on moving between classes in a safe and orderly manner.

**Parent Payment Policy**
The Department’s parent payment policy is what we use to guide us in deciding what we will ask you to pay each year.

We review our own parent payment policy, in conjunction with our school council, on a yearly basis and notify you of any changes through our newsletter. You will find our Parent Payment Policy on our school website.

Our aim is to ensure our policy meets parents’ expectations, while also ensuring that all of our students are able to participate in the programs we offer.

Our policy also sets out what we ask parents to make voluntary contributions to, and where these funds will be directed (for example, to assist with new building and grounds works, or purchasing library, technology and sports equipment.)

As always, if you have any queries, or would like to discuss how the school can support you in financial matters, please feel free to contact me for an appointment.

Our school fees for 2017 are the same as last year $75:00 per child. We also invite you to make a $25:00 voluntary contributions. The voluntary contribution continues to support our technology programs.

Debbie Chandler
Principal

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S NEWS**

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Todays problem: Mr K’s Problem No 1
Create your own problem to equal 10.

Name:
Grade:

Mathletics Rewards
This year, students will receive a silver or gold certificate at Monday Morning Assembly (class teachers are asked to print off Bronze certificates). Certificates can be achieved by students if they earn at least 1 000 points for the week.

Five Bronze certificates = One Silver certificate
Four Silver certificates = One Gold certificate

Throughout the year, I will be selecting a student who does an outstanding job in Mathletics for the week. This student will be the ‘The Mathlete of the Week.’ Please ensure the trophy is returned to the office each Friday.

Mr Roger Kent
Assistant Principal

WORKERS OF THE WEEK

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SPORT AWARD
Alexander Snell 1M

PERFORMING ARTS AWARD
Shelby Brennan PO

ART AWARD
Joel Doherty 2N

AUSLAN AWARD
Riley Cox 2N
Kaelan Zielonka 2N

PARENTS CLUB
GENERAL MEETING
Our first general meeting and Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 13th February after assembly in the Parent’s Club room. Parents, carers and other family members are welcome.

Lyn Bozzi
Parents Club

FROM THE OFFICE

SCHOOL FEES
Family Statements will be sent home next week with the students. School fees for 2017 are $75.00 per student for the year which covers student essential education items such as stationery, art supplies, etc. A full copy of the Parent Payment Policy is on the school website. At Mildura South we like to offer our students the opportunity to use computer technology to enhance their learning. We invite parents to make a donation towards maintaining our computer technology requirements in the school.

Eftpos is available at the office with a $10.00 minimum per transaction. The fees can also be paid by BPAY with the BPAY code on the bottom of your Statement.

We are more than happy for school fees, excursions and camps to be paid by instalments throughout the year by BPay, Eftpos, cash or cheque.

Thank you to those families who have already paid.

STUDENT ABSENCES
Please call the office on 5023 2148 or send your email to attendance@msps.vic.edu.au before 10.00am, if your child is going to be absent from school for the day or longer.

LATE ARRIVALS AND EARLY DEPARTURES
If students are late to school or are leaving early, parents/guardians are required to attend the office to sign them in or out.

ILLNESS
If your child is showing signs of illness in the morning, please make the necessary arrangements to keep them at home to reduce the spreading of germs. We greatly appreciate your assistance in this matter.
**MEDICATIONS**
If your child requires medication to be given at school, an authority **MUST** be completed at the office. The school cannot give a student medication unless this authority is signed. Any medication must also be stored at the office and not in the student’s bag or classroom.

**CAMPS AND SCHOOL EXCURSION FUND (CSEF)**
Families who have a Health Care Card are entitled to the Camps and School Excursion Fund which is $125.00 per student. This money may be used for the swimming program, camps and any in school or out of school excursion. Parent/Carers need to complete the form **EACH YEAR** before this money can be processed into your child’s account. If you have not yet applied for this and you are entitled to it, please come into the office and complete the application as soon as possible.

**STUDENT BANKING**
**TUESDAY** is banking day for the School Banking Program. The school runs a Student Banking Program through the Commonwealth Bank. The program is available to all students. Students can take their Bankbooks with money to be banked to their classroom on Tuesday of each week and they will be sent to the office for processing. Students must have a Commonwealth Bank account to participate in this program. Bank Account applications are available from the office.

**LOST AND FOUND**
In the first week of school we have had two pairs of children’s glasses handed in to the office. If your child is missing a pair of glasses please come into the office to check if they belong to you.

*Chris, Sharyn and Karen*

**DROP AND STRIDE ZONES**
**Have your say!**
Mildura South Primary School is asking for parent feedback and input on potential DROP and STRIDE/RIDE and STRIDE zones to be installed for use in term 2, 2017.

**What are they?**
DROP and STRIDE zones are a place away from the school where parents can safely drop their children. Children will then walk or ride a short distance to school together with other students also using the zone.

RIDE and STRIDE zones are similar and would involve students walking/riding together to a safe pick up point at the end of the school day.

**Note:** We do not encourage unsupervised riding for children under 10 years of age.

**Why are we trialling these zones?**
- To improve student safety by reducing traffic congestion in school zones.
- To promote increased physical activity for children and families.

**Please help us develop this initiative by filling out our Survey (inserted in this newsletter). Surveys are due back to the school office by Monday 13th February 2017.**

Any and all feedback is welcome!

*Nicki Rivett*
*Coordinator*

**OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS**
We have places available every day for Before and After School Care.

Before School Care operates from 6.45am to 8.45am each school morning. Breakfast is on offer to all children attending. We have a variety of breakfast to choose from: Every morning there is toast, raisin toast, weet bix and nutrigrain or eggs. Wednesdays - Pancakes and Hash Browns, Fridays - Bacon, eggs, sausages, hash browns. We remain in the gymnasium throughout the morning session with many supervised activities.

After School Care operates from 3.30pm to 6.00pm each school day. Snack is available upon arrival with a variety of fun supervised activities both indoor and outdoor during the afternoon. All children attending After School Care are to bring a hat for outdoor play during Terms 1 and 4. Snacks at After School Care include Nachos, Sandwiches, Shapes, Cheese and Kabana, Pasta and muffins. We have a different snack each day, served with fruit. Activities include: basketball, boardgames, Lego, PlayStation, Xbox, Wii, jigsaw puzzles, art and craft, badminton and dolls.
If you would like more information regarding our service, please call in to see us in the gymnasium or contact us on 5018 6028.

Barb Rayson
Out Of School Hours Coordinator

COMMUNITY NOTICES

RECONCILIATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST PROGRAM 2017
SACRED HEART PARISH, MILDURA

If you have a child in Grade 4 or above and would like them to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Eucharist in 2017, a Parent Information Evening will be held on Wednesday 22nd February at 7pm in the Sacred Heart Church. Please contact the Parish Office for an Information Brochure on 5021 2872 Tuesday – Friday 9am – 4pm.

POSITIVE PARTNERSHIPS – FREE WORKSHOP

Free 1 and 2 day workshops for parents and carers of school aged students on the autism spectrum.
When: Tuesday 14th March - 9.15am to 3pm
Venue: Quality Hotel Mildura Grand
Seventh Street, Mildura
(Morning tea & lunch provided)

Register online: www.positivepartnerships.com.au
Any questions, please contact the Infoline: 1300 881 971 or email parentcarer@autismspectrum.org.au

HOT SHOTS TENNIS – RED CLIFFS LAWN TENNIS CLUB

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Hot Shots Tennis: Monday 4-5pm, Tuesday 4-5pm,
Wednesday 4.15-5.15pm for children 5-12yrs. Racquets available and free Hot Shots T-shirt. $10 per session.

Thursdays 4-5pm-Coaching for children that are beginning to play sets. P10 per session.

Wed-4.45-5.15pm. All abilities tennis (Children with a disability aged 5-18yrs @$5 per session)

Mums/Ladies in tennis- Tuesdays 5-6pm Racquets available @$10

Other small groups of coaching for more advanced juniors available.

Please contact Community Play Coordinator: Lisa Hill, for all enquiries or to enrol: rick_lisa@bigpond.com 0400 726 824

DENTAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

Low cost dental services for all children free if you have a Centrelink concession card.
The Child Oral Health Program is available to all children aged 0-12 years through Sunraysia Community Health Services. To make an appointment contact SCHS, 137 Thirteenth Street Mildura OR phone 50210944

HOOK IN 2 HOCKEY 2017

Would you like to be a part of our very successful Hookin2Hockey program?

Last year, we had over 140 local children come and try hockey, many for the very first time.

This is an eight week skill development program, will be run at the Sunraysia Hockey Turf, Eleventh St, Mildura, and costs $85 per child. This fee includes a terrific pack which includes a stick, ball, shinguards, and playing singlet.

The 2017 program will be starting soon in February! For more information please contact Jodie Morvell 0409 835470 jmorvell@bigpond.com Sunraysia Hockey www.sunraysiahockey.com

GIRL GUIDES have resumed meetings for 2017, and have vacancies for girls aged 5 – 18 years. Guiding offers activities designed to meet personal challenges, to learn team building and leadership skills, and to make new friends.

For more information of units in your area contact Region Manager Narelle Tomlinson 0414 431 998 or mallee@guidesvic.org.au

BRAINTEASER

This week’s Brainteaser: Name four days of the week that start with the letter ‘T’.

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 answer: Venus & Serena Williams

Winner: Kai Fell 4O