

POSITIVE EDUCATION SCHOOL

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DIARY DATES

Term 3

Tues Sep 18 Grade 3 Camp
Tues Sept 18 Mildura District Gala Sports Day
Wed Sept 19 Prep Open Day (4.00pm to 5.30pm)
Fri Sep 21 Last Day of Term (2.30pm Finish)

Term 4

Mon Oct 8 First Day of Term



PRINCIPALS NEWS

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

Wow What a Term!!!

We have certainly had a busy and successful Term 3! Camps for Grades 2, 5 and 6 students all filled with many wonderful memories and enriching learning experiences. The 3-way Conferences, Prep Open Afternoon, Grandparents' Day and Book Week Parade, just to name a few special events that together as a

school community we celebrated. Students represented our school in the Mini-Olympics and The Beat and tomorrow Grade 5 and 6 students will be participating in a District Gala Day, playing: Tennis, Basketball, Volleyball and Softball.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of the staff at Mildura South Primary. They truly do 'choose to bring their best selves to school and love the work that they do'. I would also like to thank our families for the trust and support they show the staff each day. It is a privilege to educate your children and as a school community we value the relationships we have with each family. We cannot do our work without you. Sincere thanks for how hard you all work in supporting your children so they can also 'bring their best selves to school and love the work that they do'. Thank you!

Prep Open Afternoon

On Wednesday afternoon from 4.00pm-5.30pm our 2019 Preps and their families will be visiting school. The Prep teachers are looking forward to this time and the opportunity to get to know our new families and younger siblings of existing students.

Grade 3 Camp

Grade 3 students and their teachers will be heading off to Swan Hill tomorrow. The students and staff are all very excited. I will be attending this camp and while I am in Swan Hill, Mrs Kingsley will be Acting Principal on Tuesday and Mrs Hunt will be Acting Principal on Wednesday.

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Hats in Term 4

We are a Sun Smart School and students will be expected to wear their hats from Day 1 of Term 4. If students do not have a hat they will be asked to sit in the shade. Could you please ensure your child/children all have hats to begin Term 4. Thank you.

NAPLAN Results

The NAPLAN results inform our teaching and assist us in our commitment to teach all students at their point of need. They are one piece of information but not the only. Teachers are monitoring our students closely and results are considered in context of daily teaching and learning.

Students will be bringing home their NAPLAN results **today**. Please remember that the results are helpful but they are not the only measure of your child's success.

If you wish to speak to your teacher about your child's results please feel most welcome to make an appointment to clarify and discuss questions and goals. Mrs Newstead will be available at the beginning of Term 4 for anyone who would like to make an appointment.

Variety Night

On Thursday September 20th at 6:30pm, some of our students – both current and former – will be showcasing their vocal, musical and dramatic talents in a Variety Night. Our instrumental students have all been learning pieces to perform, with older students mentoring younger as well as some ensemble learning. The choirs have been joined by new singers and will be reprising some of their Eisteddfod songs. We also have some actors who have been rehearsing skits to share with us. We are also lucky enough to have some ex-Southies coming back to show us where their MSPS foundation has taken them. Please come along and enjoy the performances – all welcome.

Last Day of Term

PERMA – You are special because day.....

As a way of celebrating our Positive Education culture at the end of each term we will be having a PERMA

Day, coming to school with positive emotions and building relationships. Each PERMA Day will have its own theme. This term the theme is: You are special because.....

The staff and students can choose to come to school dressed as someone they believe is special to them. Please do not go and buy any costumes, anything that is in the cupboard will be perfect! They may come as their mum or dad, a grandparent, a person they look up to, a celebrity, a sports person, a teacher or a friend. We are going to take the opportunity on this day to tell people why they are special to us.

Mondays with Mrs Milani

Please don't forget that I am in the staff room each Monday morning from 9.00-9.30am with a coffee and some biscuits hoping that you will come in and have a chat. Please feel very welcome.

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 area and they have a Prep for 2019, please encourage them to make contact with the school.

Helping children who struggle with learning by Michael Grose

When your child has difficulty at school, your approach as a parent makes a huge difference to their self-esteem, the relationship with their teachers and their attitude to learning.

Here are some ideas to keep in mind if you are parenting a child for whom success at school, or in other high-status areas such as sport, just doesn't come naturally.

1. Avoid using other children as benchmarks

Benchmarking your child's progress against that of other children is not a wise parenting strategy. Inevitably it will lead to frustration as there will always be a child who performs better than your own on any scale you use.

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Each child has his or her own developmental clock which is nearly impossible to alter. There are slow bloomers, early developers, bright sparks and steady-as-you-go children in every classroom. It's the first group that can cause the most concern for parents who habitually compare the slow bloomer to siblings, friends' children and even themselves when they were in school.

The trick is to focus on your child's improvement and effort and use their results as a benchmark of progress and development. *"Your spelling is better today than it was a little while ago"* is a better measure of progress than *"Your spelling is the best in the class!"*

2. Focus on your child's talents

Be mindful that many successful people including Bill Gates, Richard Branson and Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg struggled at school. Traditional learning wasn't for them. However they each had supportive adults in their lives who helped them find their interests and fostered their talents. Help your child see beyond any limits they put on themselves (*"I'm hopeless at school"*) to see the many other talents and strengths they have.

3. Develop a growth mindset

Recent research shows that people who believe they can increase their intelligence through effort and challenge actually do get smarter and do better in school, work and life over time. It's exciting to know that your child's talent and smarts aren't fixed. Their brain can always learn more, continue to grow and be stretched. Communicate a growth mindset to your children by focusing your praise more on their level of effort rather than on their natural abilities of talents. Praise the strategies they use and look for opportunities to stretch their capabilities.

4. Be your child's cheerleader

Children who have to work really hard to achieve need someone in their lives who is able to boost their self-confidence, particularly when they are struggling. Make a fuss over small successes so your child can puff up their chest every now and then. As much as humanly possible, comment favourably about your child's effort, contribution and improvement in all areas of life. You can do it!

5. Increase their time in activities where they experience success

As a young teacher I remember when a father banned his son from playing football as his school results were poor. I was incensed. This boy found school learning very difficult and football was one area where he was able to shine. I suggested to the father that his son should spend more time, not less, playing football, as this was the activity where he experienced the most success. Children who struggle at school benefit from spending more time in environments where they feel confident and capable, as those feelings can eventually transfer over to other areas – including the classroom.

6. Be mindful that persistence pays off

Children who have to work hard and persist learn an important life lesson: that success in most endeavours takes effort. Students who sail through their childhoods without raising a sweat can struggle when eventually they do have to work long and hard to succeed.

Parenting a child who struggles, or has to repeat a year level, requires you to develop a growth mindset, focus on children's strengths, be liberal with encouragement and have realistic but positive expectations for success.

Marie-Therese Milani
Principal



Prep – Clay Creations

Prep B
Amant Dhaliwal
Caleb Perry
Kira Fox

Prep H
Brayden Hand
Coco Petschel
Lilie Knee

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Prep/1 K
Tazma Grennan
Olivia Starikov
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This week's Message is



WORKERS OF THE WEEK

PB Cohen Thompson	4D Newara Campbell-McLean
PH Lilie Knee	4N Marley Williams-Mackay
P/1K T'Sharni Zielonka	4W Sega Williams
1J Oscar Bitmead	4Z Demika Raymond
1R Tureke King	5B MJ King
1/2O Makenzie Crump	5K Will Norton
2S Bailey Shipcott	5W Ethan Wild
2T Max McIver	5/6S Nathan Garner
3M Alessandra Scherger	6B On Camp
3N Rhylee Szabo	6H On Camp
3T Kayla Stone	6R On Camp
3/4R Tahlia Stone	6W On Camp



VARIETY NIGHT

You are invited to attend the Mildura South Primary School Variety Night!

WHEN: Thursday 20th September, 6.30-7.30pm

WHERE: MSPS Gym and Performing Arts Room

WHY: To celebrate and showcase the hard work of our performing arts students.

For a gold coin donation at the door you can enjoy a night of music, dance and drama! Hot and cold drinks and snacks will be available for purchase from the canteen. Share a table with your family and friends.

We would love to see you there!

PARENTS CLUB

Parents Club wish everyone a great holiday and look forward to seeing everyone in Term 4!! Stay safe & have fun.

Lyn Bozzi
Parents Club President

PERFORMING ARTS AWARD

Layla Adams 1R

ART AWARD

Sharlie Stewart Prep/1K

BAND AWARD

Jack Allen 6W

STRONGER SMARTER/POSITIVE EDUCATION

Each week a Stronger Smarter/Positive Education 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.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS

After School Care on the last day of term will commence at 2.30pm.

We only have a few spots available for the September/October school holiday program. Please contact the OSHC office to make a booking or for more information.

All outstanding before and after school care fees are due by Friday 21st September (last day of term), payments can be made over the phone with credit card (5018 6028) or in person with cash or Eftpos.

All children attending After School Care are required to wear a hat for outdoor play starting next term. Please pack a spare hat in your child's bag.

New Preps for 2019 are welcome to attend the January school holiday program. Please contact the OSHC office for an enrolment form.



BRAINTEASER

This week's Brainteaser:

What type of animal is the largest primate in the world?

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:

Answer: Joshua Szabo 6B