

POSITIVE EDUCATION SCHOOL

Monday 19th November, 2018 Newsletter No. 36
(There are 2 inserts in this week's Newsletter)

DIARY DATES

Term 4

Wed Nov 28 to Fri Nov 30	Grade 4 Camp
Thur Dec 6	School Disco
Tue Dec 11	Grade 6 Orientation Day Prep Orientation Day
Wed Dec 12	Grade 6 Orientation Day School Concert
Fri Dec 14	Grade 6 Awards Night
Mon Dec 17	Grade 6 Dinner – Pizza Cafe



PRINCIPALS NEWS

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

Prep Orientation

Last Wednesday we will be had our first Prep Orientation for the children coming to Mildura South as Prep students in 2019. It was terrific to meet our new students, some from current families and some new families. Our next Prep Orientation will be taking

place on December the 11 from 9.30am-12.30pm and I look forward to seeing everyone again as well as some people who couldn't make it last Wednesday.

2019 Classes

Teachers are currently spending many hours planning the classes for 2019. Teachers collaborate on what they see and hear at school and build on the understanding they have gained from communicating with families throughout the year. A great deal of thought goes into the planning of each class, where all students' individual needs are considered.

I would like to thank you for the trust you place in the staff at MSPS to know your children and where they need to be and who will best help them flourish.

If your children will not be with us next year could you please contact the office and inform us of your plans.

Transition Process for 2019

This year we will be beginning the transition into new classes earlier. In weeks 9, 10 and 11 there will be one hour each week when the students will spend time with their 2019 teacher and class.

Mildura Calisthenics Club

On Saturday November 24, at 12.30pm and 7pm a number of our students will be 'showcasing their passion and dedication for Calisthenics' at the Mildura Arts Centre. The performances will range from Rods, Clubs, March, Free-arm, Ballet like Aesthetics and Song and Dance routines. If you would like to go and support our students and be entertained tickets are available at Mildura Arts Centre or online at:

<http://www.milduraartscentre.com.au/Whats-on/SHOWS/Mildura-Calisthenics-Concert-2018.aspx>

Harley Ackerley

Two weeks ago Harley went to Tamworth to compete in a State Motor Bike competition where he was declared the 9th fastest in Victoria. Last Saturday and Sunday Harley then went to Albury to compete in a National Motor Bike competition where he was named the 8th fastest in Australia. Congratulations Harley on your achievements!

Visitors

On Friday November 9, author Phil Kettle came to MSPS and spoke to our Grade 5 and 6 students, sharing stories of growing up in Cardross and inspiring our students to explore their interests when reading and their passion when writing.

On this same day our Grade 3 and 4 students met Wilbur the Labrador a police dog who helps the police serve our community. The students were congratulated on the brilliant questions they asked when learning about Wilbur and what he does.

Cricket

A number of students from Grades 3-6 participated in the T20 Blast that took place for girls and boys early in November. This Thursday, November 20 we have a grade 5/6 team heading off to Donald to compete in the Regional T20 Blast. We wish them well and know they will have fun and represent our school proudly.

STEM Excursion to Melbourne

This Wednesday, November 21 the girls enrolled to attend Chaffey Secondary College next year have been given the opportunity to go to Melbourne and visit Luna Park on a Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) Excursion. This is an initiative of RMIT and Chaffey Secondary College. Mrs Humphris will be the teacher accompanying the students. We look forward to hearing about this wonderful experience.

Somers Camp

Twenty Four students will be participating in the Somers Camp Program from tomorrow, Tuesday November 20 to Wednesday November 28. Miss Snow and Miss Davis will also be attending the Somers Camp and we know everyone will have a terrific time and create some wonderful memories as they share experiences with other students from local schools.

Grade 4 Camp

The Grade 4 teachers and students are busy preparing for their camp at Lake Cullulleraine that will be taking place on Wednesday November 28, Thursday November 29 and Friday November 30.

Why developing empathy in your child matters by Michael Grose

Parenting is a socialisation process during which parents develop in their children and teenagers the skills and attitudes that will enable them to fit into the different groups they encounter. These groups will exist inside the classroom, in friendship groups, during sports and leisure activities and elsewhere.

This socialisation process needs to begin from a young age.

Initially, most children believe that their world and everyone in it revolves around them. "I want" is their mantra. Patient, firm parents will continually remind children that they need to think of others. 'It's your brother's turn.' 'Think about how your behaviour affects others.'" These are the types of appeal to a less self-centred approach that many parents make.

The socialisation process operates on two levels. On one level its focus is on teaching and helping children to follow social rules or conventions that exist to help them get along with each other. At a deeper level successful socialisation develops empathy in a child or young person.

Here are five ideas to develop empathy:

1. Model empathetic behaviour. Be kind even though the person in front of you in that queue is slow.
2. Read fiction stories to children or encourage them to read fiction. People who read fiction
3. Score highest on tests that ask them to infer other people's thoughts and emotions.
4. Praise kind and compassionate behaviours. The behaviours that parents focus on, even with teenagers, are those that tend to expand, so bring their empathetic behaviours to the fore.

5. Validate your child's feelings. When a child shares difficult stories or emotions let them know you understand, without offering solutions or advice.
6. Invite your child to walk in someone else's shoes. Occasionally ask your child a question like, 'What would it be like to be feel tall like Tanya?'

Empathy is developing a sense of 'other' in your child.

Marie-Therese Milani
Principal



SPORTS NEWS

T20 blast cricket

Well done to all of the students in grade 3-6 who participated in the t-20 blast cricket competition on 8th & 9th of November. All of our teams enjoyed the opportunity to play cricket matches against other schools. Congratulations to the Grade 6 boys team who won all of their games and will now travel to Donald on Thursday 22nd November to play in the regional finals of this competition. We wish them all the best

State Athletics

Congratulations to Jacob price from 5K who represented the school at the recent Primary School State Athletics Championships. Jacob ran in the 10 year old boys 100m sprint. This was a fantastic achievement for Jacob to make it through to this level of competition.



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.

This week's Message is:



"Your real strength comes from being the BEST YOU you can be.

**Who are you?
What are you good at?
WHAT MAKES YOU, YOU?"**

PARENTS CLUB

Christmas Raffle and Prizes

Raffle books have gone home with today's newsletter. If you need more books they can be collected at the office. Don't forget to keep those donations coming in for our prizes. Some suggestions would be christmas decorations, chips, paper plates, any disposable items for picnics or any non perishable supermarket items. We would welcome any families with a business who would like to contribute a voucher. If everyone donated an item that would be over 400 items!!!! So checkout the great specials around and we will have some great prizes to win!!!!

Prep Orientation Day

It was great to meet all of our Parents and have a chat and a cuppa while the kids had their first Southie experience. Thanks to Bruce and Amal for helping out on the day.

Lyn Bozzi
President

**Positive Emotions Engagement Relationships Meaning
Achievement**



WORKERS OF THE WEEK

PB Motasir Najafi	4D Scarlett Venneri
PH Vera Clarke	4N Campbell Black
P/1K Olivia Starikov	4W Blake Hanstock
1J Ryan Sinclair	4Z Daniel Mitchell
1R Tyson Garner	5B Riley Glare
1/2O Ben Skipsey	5K Isabella Aloisi
2S Ava Almond	5W Harrison Grzan
2T Lexie Monaghan	5/6S Dash Hopgood
3M Maddi Catalano- Johnson	6B Rohan Caminiti
3N Ruby Spanos	6H Harry Walker
3T Azariah Needham	6R Jack Ough
3/4R Cayla Chaplin	6W Archer Wootton

Centrelink, this can be used to reduce the fee. Planned activities during the January holidays are: excursions to the Cinema, Hogs Breath, Ten Pin Bowling and the Mercy Theatre for a Rapunzel Pantomime. We also have Bingo, art and craft, dancing, cooking, photo booth, crazy hair day, pirate dress up day and an Aussie Day BBQ.

Before And After School Care bookings for next year are now being taken. Please email the days that you require to oshp@msps.vic.edu.au the 2019 OSHC enrolment form is to be completed and returned before bookings can be accepted.

A reminder that hats are to be worn during the After School Care sessions. If your child attends ASC, please ensure they have a spare hat in their bag (not their school hat).

PERFORMING ARTS AWARD

5B

ART AWARD

Brody Paul Prep/1K

BAND AWARD

Kendal Rona 6H

SPORT AWARD

Eva Morgan 6R

COMMUNITY NOTICES



PRESENTS THEIR ANNUAL CONCERT

Showcasing our passion and dedication for Calisthenics with an energetic program of Rods, Clubs, March, Free-arm, Ballet like Aesthetics and Song and Dance routines.

WHEN: Saturday 24th November

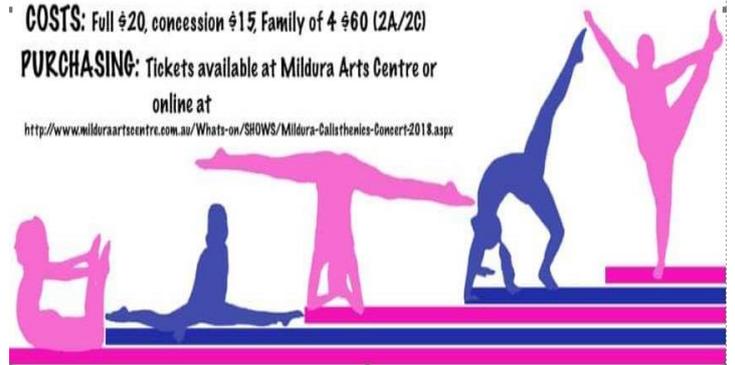
WHERE: Mildura Arts Centre

TIME: 12:30pm and 7pm

COSTS: Full \$20, concession \$15, Family of 4 \$60 (2A/2C)

PURCHASING: Tickets available at Mildura Arts Centre or online at

<http://www.milduraartscentre.com.au/Whats-on/SHOWS/Mildura-Calisthenics-Concert2018.aspx>



OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS

The Vacation Care program plan and booking form will be emailed to all registered families within the next two weeks. There will also be a 2019 OSHC enrolment form emailed with the booking form that is to be completed and returned with the booking. New Preps for 2019 are eligible to attend the program.

The program will be operating from Wednesday 2nd January through until Friday 25th January 2019 from 8am until 6pm. The full cost per day is \$45 plus excursion costs. If you receive Child Care Subsidy from

BRAINTEASER

There will be no Brainteaser this week. Last week's winner was Fletcher White of 1/2O.