



Mildura South Primary School Newsletter

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Please be mindful to demonstrate good road safety to our students. We are thankful to all the parents who use the crossing each morning and afternoon.

For those who choose not to use the crossing, we are now asking that you do.

Council have informed us that they will be monitoring illegal parking and issuing fines. It is important that we let you know so that we can avoid any fines being issued.

REMINDERS

Attendance is still important in a COVID-19 world. Please notify the school if your child is not able to complete their Remote Learning due to being unwell or any other reason.

- Via the Compass Portal
- Telephoning the School Office

We are catching up on all our paperwork. If you have recently changed your TELEPHONE NUMBER, EMPLOYMENT, EMAIL or ADDRESS, please advise the School Office. It is important that we are able to contact you 😊

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

'Mildura South Primary acknowledges the traditional owners of the land as we choose to bring our best selves to school and love the work that we do'

PREP ENROLMENTS

We continue to take enrolments for 2021 Prep Students. Once we have received an enrolment form, we send out a letter to welcome the Prep student which includes a WebEx link so that we can organise a meeting via WebEx with myself, the student and their family. This will give families an opportunity to share their expectations of the school for their child and for me to speak about our Positive Education culture and answer any questions that families have.

If any of our families have Preps starting next year please contact the office for an enrolment form and a WebEx appointment. If you know families that live in our neighbourhood and they have a Prep for 2021, please encourage them to make contact with the school.

VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY

Please join us for our School Virtual Assembly each Wednesday at 2.45pm. Our leaders do an outstanding job facilitating the Celebration of Strengths that our students demonstrate. The link can be found each week on Compass.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We now have a new supplier, Totally Work Wear selling our school uniform. The Order Form/Price List have been put in Enrolment Packs, the Newsletter, on Compass, Facebook, etc. so families are aware of what is available. TWW are also in the process of making up a flyer as well to make the process as simple as possible.

TWW are in the process of setting up an area in their shop for our school uniform. They will have a supply of each item but in some cases they will have to order in for parents. TWW advise that they should have all this up and running by early September. They are happy to take orders from now on.

There is also a link on our new School website setting out what the uniform is, pricing, etc.

TWW will also be able to supply the Grade 6 Shirts.

TWW will also put the logo on any other items brought in from elsewhere.

Encourage children to occupy themselves by Michael Grose

A child's ability to fill in their own time and cope with moments of boredom are important independence skills to develop. Children have less practise at keeping themselves occupied than those of past generations. You have many jobs as a parent, but constantly entertaining your child, should not be one of them.

These ideas will help:

Invite them to keep themselves busy

When your child tells you that he or she is bored they are bringing you a problem to solve. Boredom is your child's problem, not yours. If this happens, encourage your child to keep themselves busy by asking questions such as "How can you keep yourself amused?"

Make a list

If your child is stuck for ideas make a list of activities that they can refer to when they're bored. Include a variety of activities such as creative tasks, performance tasks, crafts, sports, indoor and outdoor games, music activities, reading and helping. Place the list in a convenient place with easy access and visibility.

Make a boredom buster jar

Cut up a list of boredom busting activities and place them in a jar. When your child is stuck for an idea to keep him or herself amused invite them to select an activity from the boredom buster jar. Ask your child to add enjoyable activities to the jar over time.

Encourage plenty of green-time

Today's children spend more time in front of screens, and less time outdoors than those of previous generations. Not only is time spent in natural environments refreshing, relaxing and rejuvenating, but it's also a wonderful way for children to relieve boredom. Encourage your child to spend some of their free time outside in natural environments to promote good mental health and develop their confidence.

Help find their interests

If your child struggles to keep him or herself occupied, consider helping them identify a hobby or interest that they enjoy. Often finding that one activity a child loves or excels in makes a huge difference to their self-esteem and wellbeing, and can become the driver for future career choice.

Build in downtime

A trait common among healthy families is the propensity for everyone to enjoy spending downtime or unstructured time together. It's during downtime that parents and children share activities together, which promotes better relationships and helps children's informal learning.

Most children when given unstructured time will rise to the occasion (even after some complaining) and will find interesting things to do. By encouraging them to find something "to do", other than filling their time with screen-based activities, you are promoting a fabulous life-skill in your children.

Marie-Therese Milani
Principal

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

The Outside School Hours Care program offer a fun supervised environment with qualified staff on site. We have our Before School Care program operating from 6.45am until 9.15am and the After School Care program from 3pm until 6pm. We currently have places available each day for Before and After School Care. Bookings are essential, please contact the OSHC office on 0408 232 143 for further information.

Vacation Care booking forms have been sent to all registered families - we have limited places available for this service, if you would like to book in please contact the OSHC office. A great range of fun activities these holidays include Paper Plane craft, bubble blowing, origami, Tie Dye and a dress up day. The full cost each day is \$60 per child, Child Care Subsidy can be used to reduce this fee.

Reminders: Next term all children attending After School Care will require a hat for outdoor play. Please pack a spare hat in your child's bag.

CELEBRATION OF STRENGTH AWARDS

The names of the Celebration of Strength Award winners will be read out at our Virtual Assembly each week and the Certificates will be sent to students in the mail.



CELEBRATION OF STRENGTHS

PB	Shekinah Beardsmore	4H	Rhett Wescombe
PH	Deniz Mehmet-Ali	4L	Jakobi Kennedy
PK	Emily Dolan	3/4O	Tyson Garner
1L	Natasa Siladi	5/6B	Rhianna Mouvet
1P	Ruby Crawley	5/6K	Ali Ataye
1S	Rhylen Jones	5/6S	Charlie Puafisi
2B	Koby Hatch	5/6T	Brooklyn Willsmore
2H	Brayden Hand	5/6W	Bailey Stewart
3J	Thomas Maynard	5/6Z	Layla Connors
3M	Cadance Paddock		

PERFORMING ARTS AWARD

Jordan Brown 1L

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

Ella Adolph 5/6S

VISUAL ARTS AWARD

Fatma Helmy 2B

SPORT AWARD

Tristan Stephens 4H

STEM AWARD

Angus Breeze 4L

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