



Mildura South Primary School Newsletter

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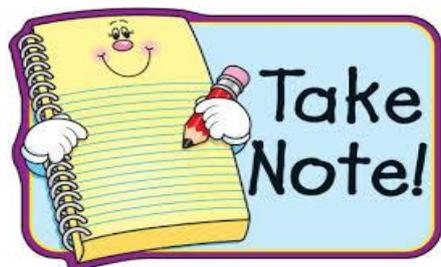
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Please be mindful to demonstrate good road safety to our students. We are thankful to all the parents who use the crossing each morning and afternoon.

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.



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'

THANK YOU

We are very grateful for the magnificent shade that has been supplied by our Parents' Club and David Perry for our Bozzi Park play area. Upon returning to school this term, the students have been able to enjoy many hours playing safely under the protective shade. Thank you!

HATS

As a Sun Smart School we ask all students to wear a hat in Term 4. Please ensure your child has a broad brimmed hat to wear when outside. We cannot loan or share hats so if students do not have a hat they will be asked to sit in the shade at play time. Thank you.

October	
Fri 23	"Thank You Day" Public Holiday
November	
Mon 2	Curriculum Day
Tues 3	"Melbourne Cup Day" Public Holiday
Wed 4	Positive Education Dress Up Day (wear bright coloured clothes)
Wed 11	Grade 5/6 Remembrance Day Ceremony
Tues 17	Book Week Dress Up
Fri 27	Colour Run

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CURRICULUM DAY- Monday November 2nd

Students not required to attend school on this day.

On Monday November 2nd Mildura South Primary, Mildura Primary and Chaffey Secondary will be joining together for Professional Development in Visible Wellbeing, developed by Professor Lea Waters. The focus of the learning will be Attention and Awareness. The day will be run virtually with teachers planning in their teams once the module has been delivered.

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. The letter 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.

WHAT ONSITE LEARNING LOOKS LIKE AT MILDURA SOUTH PRIMARY

The staggered starts and finishes will continue.
Grades Prep, 1 and 2: 9.00am-3.00pm
Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6: 9.30am-3.30pm
Families: 9.30am-3.00pm

Any student onsite before 8.45am or after 3.30pm

will be required to be in 'Before and After School

Care – Albert Street entrance, signed in by an adult.

All students are asked to use the gate of their House Colour when entering and exiting school grounds.

Murray: Albert Street Gate

Darling: School Crossing Gate

Kulkyne and Mungo: Front Gate

Please remind the students to use the hand sanitiser upon entering and exiting school grounds.

Adults are still required to remain outside of the school gates.

Home equipment and belongings stay at home and School equipment and belongings stay at school.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Totally WorkWear have advised us that they now have a small amount of stock in store ready for Term 4 however there are some items that may need to be ordered. Unfortunately there is a delay with the supply of hats so families with students needing a hat will need to make other arrangements.

You can find details of the uniform and price list on our website.

There will be an opportunity in early November for families to pre-order uniforms for next year. Keep an eye out for more information in the Newsletter and on Facebook and Compass in the next few weeks.

Help children tap into their inner resources by Michael Grose

My first parenting mentor, Maurice Balson, author of *Becoming Better Parents* constantly reminded parents, "If you want your child to be resourceful you need to put them in positions to develop their resources."

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Balson's resourcefulness message is just as apt today. Coping with change, dealing with small losses, handling rejection and overcoming disappointment are the types of experiences that build a child's or young person's inner resources.

Developing resourcefulness is the appropriate approach to take when considering the disruptive impact that coronavirus is having on children's lives. A child who is struggling to come to grips with the changes brought about by the pandemic initially needs an emphatic, supportive approach. They also need encouragement to tap into their inner resources to help them manage the hard times. The following strategies will help develop your child or young person's inner resources.

Give them a chance to be resourceful and catch them being resourceful

A child's behaviours that gain a parent's attention generally expands. Highlight a child's good manners, acts of kindness or honesty and you're more likely to get a repeat of those behaviours. Positive parental recognition is a high motivator for most children. To encourage your child's resourcefulness, focus your attention and positive comments on acts of resourcefulness and resilience they exhibit.

Encourage creativity

Children and young people usually come up with very creative solutions when they're allowed to own their problems. The environment we are now in is an authentic opportunity for our children to be curious about ideas and solutions when they are faced with a situation that has changed their 'normal'.

Develop coping skills

Children rely on their coping skills to help them manage their emotional states when life throws them curve balls. Build your child's set of coping skills through direct teaching, modelling and discussion. Humour, distraction, relaxation, exercise, play and

thought-distancing are some of the more common coping skills children can use to help them tolerate their difficult feelings.

The resourcefulness a child develops when they experience adversity doesn't desert them when life returns to normal. It waits in the background, ready to be drawn upon again when hardships, frustrations and difficulties come their way.

MARIE THERESE MILANI PRINCIPAL

BOOK WEEK DRESS UP AND ACTIVITY DAY

On Tuesday 17th November we will be holding a book dress up and activity day. Students are encouraged to come dressed as a character from a favourite book or inspired by this year's theme, "Curious Creatures, Wild Minds". There will be no whole school parade this year. In classrooms students will celebrate the wonderful world of Literature and the places our books can take us.

SPECIAL ORDER GROUP PHOTOS

Special Order Group photos are now available to order. These include School Captains, School Captains and Principal, Student Leadership, Student Leadership and House Captains, Darling House Captains, Mungo House Captains, Murray House Captains and Kullyne House Captains. Orders can be made by contacting the school or parents can use their unique online order code which will give them access to the special groups their child was involved in to order directly from the Leading Image website. The cost of each photo is \$12.00.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

The Outside School Hours Care program offer a fun supervised environment with qualified staff on site.

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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.

Reminders

Hats

All children attending After School Care this term require a hat for outdoor play. Usually their school hats remain in the classroom so please pack a spare hat from home in their bags just for After School Care.

Weekly Accounts

Accounts for fees will be emailed every Friday morning for the current week of care and due at the end of each week. Payments can be made over the phone with Credit Card or in person with cash or Eftpos. Alternatively, you may set up a direct debit with a nominated Credit Card. Please let us know if you would like to pay this way and we will send you an authorisation form.

Dates

There are two public holidays coming up. One on Friday 23rd October 2020 and the other on Tuesday 3rd November. The OSHC program will NOT be operating on either of these days.

A Curriculum Day is scheduled for Monday 2nd November 2020. The OSHC program will be operating from 8am until 6pm on this day. Bookings are essential so please let us know as soon as possible if you would like to book in.

The last day of term will be Friday 18th December 2020. Please note the OSHC program will be closed between Christmas and New Year, reopening for the Vacation Care program on Monday 4th January 2021. New Preps for 2021 are eligible to attend the program. Students going into Year 7 are still eligible to attend this holiday program, however this will be their final time with us as the OSHC program is only licensed for primary school aged children. The Council offers a wonderful youth program if this is an option for those children.

2020 PARENTS VICTORIA ONLINE CONFERENCE

Parents /carers, school leadership / staff and school councillors are invited to attend the 2020 Parents Victoria Online Conference.

The theme of the forum is a Brave New World: Changes, challenges and opportunities for families and schools.

This year's conference program includes presentations from expert speakers and groups on mental health support for students and parents, connecting school communities and engaging families.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Education James Merlino will open the conference and answer questions submitted by schools and families.

To submit a question email office@parentsvictoria.asn.au by Sunday 11 October.

Details on the conference and how to register are provided below.

Date: Monday 19 October 2020

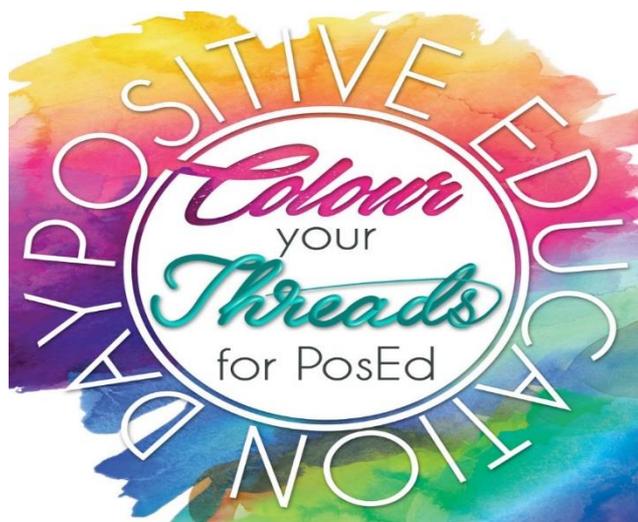
Time: 10am to 1.15pm

Cost: The conference is free but registration is essential.

Registration: The conference will take place on Zoom. Participants will be emailed a Zoom link on 18 October.

For more information visit the [Parents Victoria website](#).

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Celebrate with us on 4 November 2020!

This year's theme is *From Strength to Strength in Tough Times*. For Positive Education Day 2020, we will focus on character strengths - our own, and the strengths of those around us, which have helped us get through a difficult year and support one another.

Although bushfires and the pandemic have thrown some enormous challenges at us this year, through tough times we have developed resilience, and grown.

On Positive Education Day we encourage students and staff to "Colour Your Threads for Positive Education" by wearing colourful clothes to make wellbeing visible in our schools.

Let's work together to raise awareness and understanding of Positive Education, and to encourage students, teachers, families and the community to learn and talk about how to grow their own wellbeing, and support the wellbeing of those around them.

This year's Positive Education Day will be celebrated at Mildura South Primary School on Wednesday November 4



CELEBRATION OF STRENGTHS

PB Rylee Bennett	4H Nicola Whitney
PH Skylah Grant	4L Jakobi Kennedy
PK Airlie Moylan	3/4O Riley Walker
1L Avaneeth Jeyakanthan	5/6B Chylah Potts
1P Harper O'Donnell	5/6K Luke Hibbard
1S Emma Stephens	5/6S Grace Thouliss
2B Patrick Murphy	5/6T Riley Jones
2H Lea Kuluka	5/6W Ethan Thouliss
3J Alexander Skipsey	5/6Z Maze Faanunumi
3M Kenzie Stevens	

PERFORMING ARTS AWARD

Caleb Perry 2H

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

Charlotte Leutner 5/6K

VISUAL ARTS AWARD

Luca Scherger 3/4O

SPORT AWARD

Leni Hester 3M

STEM AWARD

Chylah Potts 5/6B

ITALIAN

Ali Ataye 5/6K



RE-BOOTING TO BOOST SCHOOL SPIRITS!

EXCITING NEWS! From today, we are **RE-BOOTING** the School Colour Explosion™ Run. We would like to thank everyone for their patience and support during this time. The more money we raise the more we can provide for the students for vital school projects.

The School Colour Explosion™ Run will be held on Friday 27th November, 2020. We are still working on the times for each grade level and we will let you know in the next few weeks what they are. We do ask that you bring a spare change of clothes to school, most importantly a plain white shirt as the students will be covered in powder from head to toe. The day's focus is on fun and fitness with the added benefit of raising funds for our school.

COLOUR POWDER: The colour powder used in our event has been sourced direct from India, the home of Holi Powder. It is made of high quality corn starch and permitted food colours. It's non-toxic, biodegradable, skin safe and environmentally friendly. Toxicological Risk Assessment and ingredient listings can be obtained from the School Office upon request. Students with asthma are advised to be careful in their decision to participate.

HOW DOES MY CHILD FUNDRAISE? Students have now received a Sponsorship Form with instructions on how to raise money and order prizes. Students can obtain donations in cash using the Sponsorship Form together with online fundraising. Online fundraising is the preferred way to go however if you need a new booklet please contact the office.

Students who raise as little as \$10 or more will receive an incentive prize for their efforts. But why not aim higher? You have the option to choose up to five (5) prizes and this will set your fundraising goal. Family and friends are your greatest supporters, so ask them first for your support. You will reach your fundraising goal in no time.

STUDENT PROFILE PAGE. Create a Student Profile Page at www.myprofilepage.com.au which is unique to you. There are also some great features like creating your own avatar, selecting your prize goal and recording your sponsorships.

Online fundraising is the easiest way to help your child raise money and to reach your fundraising goal sooner. You can share your fundraising page to family and friends through Facebook, Twitter, email and even text message with a few simple clicks.

WIN A DREAM HOLIDAY WORTH \$10,000! For your chance to win a \$10,000 Flight Centre Gift Voucher, create a Student Profile Page at www.myprofilepage.com.au and for every \$10 raised you will receive one entry into the draw to win. The more you raise the more chances to win.

WIN A CRUISE OF YOUR CHOICE! The highest fundraising student in our school will go into the draw to win a \$5,000 cruise of your choice. To enter, you must create a Student Profile Page at www.myprofilepage.com.au and you can view your ranking on our school's leaderboard.

HOW TO ORDER PRIZES? To reward your child for their efforts, they will receive incentive prizes based on the total amount of sponsorship dollars raised in cash and online. You have two options to place your prize order: Login to your Student Profile Page at www.myprofilepage.com.au. Once the fundraiser has finished, click the 'ORDER MY PRIZE' button via the dashboard, **OR** Complete the back page of the Sponsorship Form and return to the school for processing.

Please note, all donations need to be finalised on or before 20th November, 2020 and prizes will be delivered shortly after.

Thank you in advance for your participation, and get ready for a BLAST OF COLOUR! Happy fundraising!

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