



Mildura South Primary School Newsletter

A Positive Education School

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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.

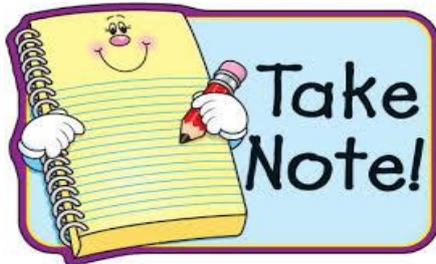
PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

'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'

World Educators' Day

This Friday Mildura South Primary School will be celebrating 'World Educators Day'. An opportunity to thank each and every staff member who 'brings their best self to school and loves the work that they do' each and every day.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of staff at Mildura South Primary for their: positivity, courage, generosity and collaborative commitment they demonstrate towards each individual student. Through the professionalism of staff each member of our school community flourishes and grows into their best self.



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 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.

Visits for 2021 Prep children

The 2021 Prep children are enjoying their visits to school each Monday and Friday. They are very brave as they say goodbye at the gate and confidently go with a Prep teacher to participate in their school visit.

Thank you to the families of our 2021 Prep children who trust us and support us with this process.

Book Day

On **Tuesday November 17** we will be holding our 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 not be a whole school parade this year. Students will celebrate the wonderful world of literature in their classrooms.

School Colour Explosion Run

We are re-booting the 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 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 the students 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 and the oval sprinklers will be on at the time.

The day's focus is on fun and fitness with the added benefit of raising funds for our school.

Ice Bucket Challenge

The Junior School Council will be running the ice bucket challenge starting next week. Each week Mr Watson will get a couple of members from various grades to help run this process.

We are not asking students for any donations.

Members from the JSC will be visiting each classroom once over the course of the week with a long red box. This box has different sections cut into it (almost like a mail box). Each teacher will be given a section which will include their name and photograph to help the students choose. Students will be able to slot in some counters on who they want to see get iced.

Mr Watson will make and send out a timetable of when the JSC will be visiting your child's class during the week so they can plan for it. The JSC will also make a tally/ graph for Facebook each week to show the leaders.

Special Order Group Photos

Special Order Photos are now available to order.

These include: School Captains, House Captains and Student Leadership.

Orders can be made by contacting the school. The cost of each photo is \$12.00.

Grade 5 and 6 Interschool Sports

Grades 5 and 6 students are looking forward to playing interschool sports in weeks: 5, 7 and 9. The sports they will be playing are: Basketball, Softball, T20 cricket, Volleyball and Hot Shots Tennis.

Parent Opinion Survey

The Parent Opinion Survey will be posted on Compass. I would be very grateful if you could take some time to complete this survey. Your feedback is important to the school and it will guide us as we strive to provide the best Positive Education environment possible for your children.

Thank you

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 Work Wear are selling our school uniform.

The Order Form/Price List have been put in Enrolment Packs, the Newsletter, on Compass and Facebook, so families are aware of what is available.

TWW will be able to supply the Grade 6 Shirts.

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

Parenting in challenging times

By Michael Grose

Life has a way of throwing curve balls that really test the strength and resilience of families. Personal tragedy, natural disasters and global pandemics are the types of events that challenge us all to the core, testing our emotional and social resources.

When difficulties occur children look to the adults in their lives to maintain their security and safety. When change and uncertainty reigns, children want strong, empathetic leadership from the significant adults in their world. As a parent it can be difficult responding to a child's needs when you're trying to adjust to changes that are forced on you. Following are some elements to consider when parenting through times of challenge, change and difficulty:

Attention

Like a television antenna your attention is tuned to pick up the strongest signal. In times of difficulty a child may not necessarily signal that they are struggling, so you may need to fine tune your attention to pick up their needs. Start to notice the small comments and subtle behavioural changes, as they may not be small at all, and can provide helpful clues to their state of mind.

Priorities

In challenging times your focus may need to shift away from schoolwork, household neatness and chores. It can move toward relationship building, maintaining wellbeing and helping each other out. Shift Parental priorities to the immediate rather than the future, the emotional instead of the behavioural and from thriving mode to survival mode in tough times.

Permission

Children and young people often struggle to express their feelings and thoughts in the face of adversity. They look to the significant adults in their lives for guidance about how they can respond to change, loss, uncertainty and disappointment. Allow them to speak about how they are feeling. Prompt conversations through closeness and connection. Display your own vulnerability and in doing so give your children the permission they need to express themselves in safe ways.

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Collaboration

Difficult times will invariably suit a family that enjoys a collaborative, close parenting style. In collaborative families children feel listened to and also have an ability to impact family decision making. Shared mealtimes and regular family gatherings are generally a prominent feature of collaborative families. In difficult times those families that prosper are those that value and promote close connection between siblings and parents.

Wellbeing

Child and parent wellbeing becomes paramount in times of hardship. That may mean reprioritising the importance of school and work, doing something joyful every day and practising regular wellbeing strategies such as exercise, mindfulness, deep breathing and spending time in nature. The wellbeing bucket needs to be regularly refilled during challenging times. These five elements form the basis of a planned parent response when major difficulties occur. Be patient, be kind to yourself and be willing to reach out to the wider community for help.

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.

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

Tuesday 3rd November is a public holiday and the OSHC program will NOT be operating on this day.

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.

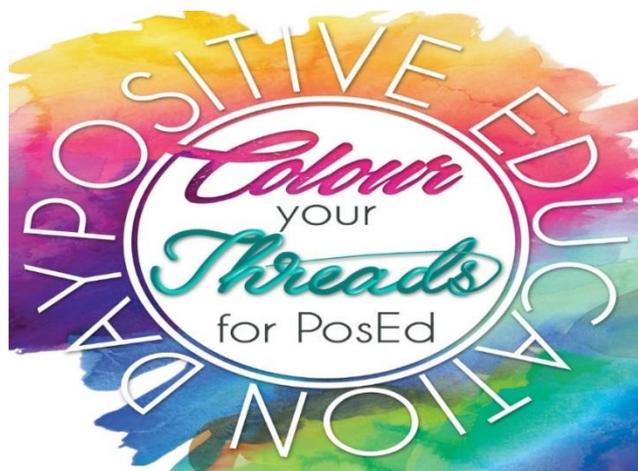
New Preps for 2021 are eligible to attend the program. Students going into Year 7 are still eligible to attend this holiday program, however this will be their final time with us as the OSHC program is only licensed for primary school aged children. The Council offers a wonderful youth program if this is an option for those children.

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Positive Education Day, Wednesday November 4th

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

Children to wear bright coloured clothes on this day to celebrate Positive Education Day.



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.



CELEBRATION OF STRENGTHS

PB Kinley Raymond	4H Zac Cavanagh-Cook
PH Vivili Filomoehala	4L Bede Hopgood
PK Janita Kelly	3/4O Fletcher White
1L Jordan Brown	5/6B Ruby Tierney
1P Emirhan Davraz	5/6K Charlotte Leutner
1S Ethan Carli	5/6S Elouise Luke
2B Kaeden Carter	5/6T Victor Collins
2H Kirah Fox	5/6W Jaidyn Shresha
3J Mansirat Kaur	5/6Z Mylee Peters
3M Ethan Iogha	

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

Jaxan Taylor 5/6B

VISUAL ARTS AWARD

Demika Raymond 5/6Z

SPORT AWARD

Mia Mottram 5/6W

STEM AWARD

Ashlin Bernaldo-Hannemann 5/6W

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Tom Ough 5/6K



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.

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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.

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