Mildura South Primary School Newsletter

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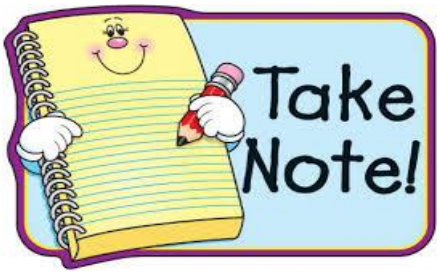
Please be mindful to demonstrate good road safety to our students. We are thankful to all the parents who use the crossing each morning and afternoon.

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.



December

Wed 16	**Virtual Assembly – 2.30pm**
Thur 17	**Grade 6 Celebration of Strengths Event**
Fri 18	**Casual Dress**
Fri 18	**Last day of School – 2.30pm Finish**

2021

Jan 27	**Curriculum Day – no students at School**
Jan 28	**First day of School for 2021**

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'

Casual Dress Day and 2.30pm Finish this Friday December 18

LETTER FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL

Dear Marie

It gives me immense pleasure to write this letter on behalf of the School Council.

We are writing to particularly acknowledge and share our appreciation for the commitment

shown during 2020 to the most important element of our school, the students, our children.

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The maintaining of business operations throughout these unprecedented times, during the

COVID 19 pandemic, is a testament to the strength and culture of our school. This could not have been achieved without the support and professionalism demonstrated by all staff at Mildura South Primary School.

We also acknowledge every family who continued to provide a learning environment for their child or children throughout the year.

We sincerely wish the students and their families, the staff and yourself, a well-deserved break over the holiday period and eagerly look forward to a positive return to the school environment in 2021.

Sincerely

Concetta Morgan
School Council President

CLOSING MESSAGE FOR 2020

As we experience our last week of 2020 I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your support over the year. The staff and students have worked very hard and have achieved a great deal in a year like no other.

I would like to thank the School Council President Concetta Morgan, Vice-President Jonathan Belej, and all School Council members for the time they have attended meetings and followed up on tasks to ensure that our students receive the best opportunities.

Thank you to the Parents' Club, particularly our President Stacey Perry and her loyal band of hard workers. I am so grateful for the generosity and enthusiasm our school community receive from the Parent Club members each year.

Thank you to our 2020 Leadership Team :
Cruz Reck (Captain), Shion Gardner (Captain), Romy Wescombe (Vice Captain), Rhory Adams (Vice Captain), Breanna Johnson, Charlotte Leutner, Sebastian Casey, Caelan Fulton, Blake Hanstock and Sega Williams.

Thanks also goes to our 2020 House Captains: Darling – Georgia Kent & Tom Norton, Kulkyne – Campbell Black & Scarlett Venneri, Mungo – Gracie Monaghan & Blake Lambert, Murray – Daniel Mitchell & Tugce Say

You have all been exceptional leaders and served our school community with great respect and pride.

To all of the Grade 6 students I would like to say how very proud we are of the outstanding young people you have grown into during your time with us at Mildura South Primary. We know that you will be successful as you continue to develop your belief in yourselves and continue to use the tools of PERMA when aiming for your goals.

There will no Celebration of Strength Awards given this week.

I wish everyone at MSPS a very Happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to working with you again in 2021.

REPORTS

Reports will be uploaded onto Compass on December 16, 2020. If you would like a printed copy please contact the office.

SINGING LESSONS

Andrea Soebardi is offering singing lessons at Mildura South Primary School in 2021. Andrea has had over 25 years singing experience and is currently enjoying teaching children how to sing. Lessons are relaxed and fun and are aimed at teaching correct singing techniques, improving confidence and gaining performance experience when possible.

If you are interested in lessons, please contact the office or Andrea on 0412 579 365.

GUITAR LESSONS

Expressions of Interest for Guitar lessons at Mildura South Primary in 2021 are invited for new and current students.
To register your interest for individual or Group Guitar Lessons call or text Iwan Soebardi directly on 0418 919 220 with your email address. Or email iwansoebardi@gmail.com

GRADE 6 SHIRTS

The Grade 6 shirts will be available this year for $43.00 and will be in three different styles: Grade 6, Leadership and House Captains. You are now able to order these shirts from Totally Work Wear (Lime Avenue, across from Coles). All orders will go directly through Totally Work Wear Mildura.

Shirts can be ordered from December 1st onwards and will be available for pick up in January 2021. Layby will be available. There is also an option to have your child's first name embroidered on the back of the shirt. This will be an extra cost of $7.00 per shirt ordered.

TEAM GATES

Thank you for the way you continue to use your team gate when entering and exiting the school.

VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY

Please join us for our School Virtual Assembly this Wednesday at 2.30pm. At this Assembly we will be announcing the 18 school leaders: School Captains, Vice-Captains, Leadership Team and House Captains.

The Mazza Scholarships will also be announced for two students who will be in Grade 6 in 2021. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Mazza for her ongoing and continual support of Mildura South Primary, in particular the annual scholarships that Mrs Mazza generously donates each year for students who 'bring their best selves to school and love the work that they do'.

GRADE 6 CELEBRATION OF STRENGTHS

The staff and students have collaborated on their celebration that will be taking place this Thursday December 17. I look forward to sharing this very special event with our Grade 6 students as they acknowledge the character strengths of each other and enjoy the company of their peers before they go on their new adventure into Secondary School.

Give kids a thumbs up for the right things
by Michael Grose

Children of all ages enjoy parental recognition. They like when their parents make a fuss over their behaviour or highlight something they've done well.

Sometimes parents will reward their children's behaviour with a treat, money or a gift. This is okay in small doses, but parental recognition alone is a high enough driver of children's behaviour most of the time.

The behaviour you focus on expands

If you want your children to be neater then focus on their neat behaviours. "You've tidied your toys up before dinner. Top job!" You don't have to throw a party, just let them know that you noticed and you approve of their tidiness. You may also let them know how it affects you. "You've tidied your toys up before dinner. It makes my job easier." The behaviours that you notice and comment on will expand.

Noticing children's tidiness once won't suddenly turn messy children into exceptionally neat ones, but do it often enough and you'll start to get some turn around.

You can give children a thumbs up for all sorts of behaviours. Here's some examples:

Being brave
Nervous and anxious children appreciate their bravery being pointed out to them. It's reassuring and empowering.

Being helpful
Want helpful children? Then notice helpful behaviours.

Being tolerant
Sometimes older siblings need to be very tolerant of younger siblings. Tolerance is a very giving behaviour and is appreciated when promoted.

Being persistent
Let children know when 'hanging in there' pays off. The link between persistence and success is massive but persistence needs to be promoted. It's also the one factor of temperament that can be affected by parenting.

Being friendly
If your child struggles in social situations then recognise pro-social behaviours such as sharing, initiating contact with another child or taking an interest in another person.

Don't wait until you get perfect behaviour to give recognition, particularly for very young children. Children have L-plates when it comes to behaving (co-operatively, bravely, patiently) so their attempts and close approximations need to be verified by the significant adults in their lives – their parents.

Recognising children's positive behaviours is easy to do, but it's also easy not to do. We often get tied up with other things and forget to show appreciation and nurture the behaviours our children need to develop. It's important to be aware of this. It's the little things such as giving positive recognition that have the biggest impact on children's development.

Marie-Therese Milani
Principal

COLOUR EXPLOSION FUN RUN

We are excited to announce that our School Colour Explosion Run was a great success!

With your assistance we were able to raise $3,640.37. On behalf of the school we would like to thank you for the time and effort that you put into this year's School Colour Explosion Run.

It was wonderful to see the spirit and enthusiasm that was displayed in supporting our school and of course the smiles on the students' faces. What a blast of colour it was.

The top three fundraisers were:

1. **Kobe Mitchell** **$605.00**
2. **Rylee Bennett** **$340.00**
3. **Charli Robson-Stewart** **$307.00**

What a great effort by these three students!!

The student incentive prizes were given out to students on Wednesday of last week.

We look forward to doing the Run again next and raising even more money to help our school.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Thank you to all the families for supporting our OSHC program this year. Thank you for your patience and understanding throughout the chaotic COVID time with the program relocating from the gym to the learning centre. It is a nice feeling that things are returning to normal and we are now back in the gym.

Your continued support has helped our program grow and we look forward to having your continued support in 2021. Best wishes from the OSHC crew for a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year.

The OSHC program will be closed from the end of term until the holiday program commences on Monday 4th January 2021.

Vacation Care – please contact the OSHC office if you would like to book in for the holiday program. Bookings are essential as we are only licensed to accept 75 children each day. We will be open from 8am until 6pm from Monday 4th January through until Friday 22nd January 2021.

The OSHC program will be closed on Monday 25th January and Tuesday 26th January

Curriculum Day – we will be open from 8am until 6pm on Wednesday 27th January 2021. Bookings are essential.

Before and After School Care – please let us know if you would like to book in for Before and After School Care for next year. This program will commence on the first day of term (Thursday 28th January 2021). Before School Care commences at 6.45am, with the After School Care program closing at 6pm.

The OSHC 2021 enrolment form is to be completed for all families attending the program for next year.

Tennis Mad

www.tennismad.com.au

HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Tennis Mad is running a tennis clinic these holidays. Come down and let us teach the kids this fantastic game which they will have for life. It's a chance to introduce the kids to tennis or an opportunity for them to brush up on the skills that they have already acquired. It all happens in a fun and inclusive environment and we cater for all ages and standards.

Clinic & Dates

9.30am - 12pm – Clinic

Monday 21st Dec – Wednesday 23rd Dec.
@Mildura lawn tennis club

Cost is $130 for the 3 days or $50 per morning with morning tea

Bookings
Contact Bill Madafferi
At 0419572210

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