



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.

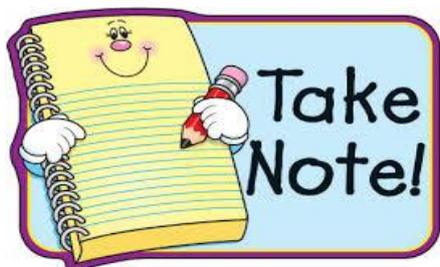
PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

'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'

CURRICULUM DAY - Monday February 22nd, 2021

On Monday February 22, Mildura South Primary will continue its journey in Positive Education with Mildura Primary and Chaffey Secondary as the staff of all three schools come together to continue to grow our Visible Wellbeing model where we build on the strengths of each other to achieve success and flourish.

Out of School Hours Care will be available for families who will require this service. It will be necessary to contact Kerri Abbot and make a booking.



February	
Mon 22	Curriculum Day (No students required at school)
March	
Wed 3	Whole School Head Lice Check
Mon 8	Labour Day Holiday (No students required at school)
April	
Thur 1	Last Day of Term 2 (2.30pm finish)
Tues 27	School Photos (Class, Individual and Family)

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PARENTS CLUB

We have a small team of hard working Parents who achieve a great deal amongst the fun and support that they share when coming together for our students at Mildura South Primary. Their message to you is:

We need you!!

Friday 2.30pm every week in the Parents' Club Room

FIRST MEETING FOR 2021

FRIDAY 12TH FEBRUARY IN THE PARENTS' CLUB ROOM

When people think of public school Parents' Club, they often picture a group of parents getting together to plan how to fundraise for school supplies, trips and other expenses. While this is true, our Parents' Club is so much more – and we need you.

Supportive parent involvement is an integral part of creating a positive and nurturing school environment for students, families and staff. We need Parents who want to help provide teachers the support they need in both in and out of the classroom. At Mildura South Primary we aim to establish strong partnerships between school and home making the school environment encouraging, educational and fun to its young learners.

Let's share the fun..... Please come along on Friday afternoons and be part of our new 2021 Mildura South Primary Parents' Club. If you are new, come and meet some of our amazing friendly, welcoming Parents who make such a difference to our school community. If you have been here for one year, two years or five years and never felt confident enough to come along to a Parents' Club gatherings then draw on your strength of bravery and come along.

STAFF CAR PARK GATES

Please do not use the staff car park gates to enter the school. The staff car parks are 'out of bound' areas as cars come and go all day and we want to ensure the safety of our children at all times.

SCHOOL PICK UP/DROP OFF

The School has received some complaints regarding abusive behaviour around before and after school pick up and drop off. Students are quite frightened when they see this behaviour. The Police will be monitoring the areas outside the school in the coming weeks. Please treat each other with kindness and respect.

AED DEFIBRILATOR DONATION

The School would like to thank Ambulance Victoria and the Bendigo Bank for the donation of our newly installed AED Defibrillator.

It has been installed on the outside wall of the First Aid Room. As the machine is part of a program organised by Bendigo Bank and Ambulance Victoria, it is required to be outside so that it can be accessed by the community.

FRESH GRAPES

The School would like to thank Lawrence Mazza of Paramount Grapes for his generous donation of two boxes of grapes for Breakfast Club every Monday for the next few weeks.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Our first School Assembly will be taking place this **Wednesday February 10** as a WebEx Event at 3.00pm. Celebration of Strengths presentations will begin on Wednesday February 17. The Grade 6 students will continue to lead the School Assembly each week. A link for our School Assembly will be posted on Compass each week for you to access.

PREP STUDENTS

A reminder to all of our Prep families that during the month of February the children will have a day at home on Wednesdays. During this time the Prep Teachers will be carrying out individual testing with our Prep students. The Teachers will be contacting families to organise the most convenient time for

you to bring your child to school on a Wednesday during February. This is a very important time as Teachers are able to use this information to ensure that your child is being taught at their point of need.

DIGITAL NEWSLETTER

The School Newsletter will be distributed digitally on Compass, the School Website and Facebook. There will be some copies of the newsletter at the front office for anyone who wishes to access a hard copy.

ADVERTISING IN THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

The school newsletter going digital has opened up the opportunity for more families with a business to advertise. If you have a business and would like to investigate the option of advertising on the school newsletter, please ring our Business Manager Chris Callipari who will be happy to outline the details and clarify any questions you may have.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

The school is working with Cowards Cakes to supply lunches for students on Wednesdays and Fridays. The timeline is looking at starting around the beginning of March. As the details become clearer they will be advertised on Compass, Facebook and Newsletter.

BRAIN FOOD

We would like to encourage the students to bring brain food to school to graze on throughout the day. We ask that this be healthy options as junk food does not assist with nutrition or concentration. Please clarify with your children's classroom teachers if you are not sure what to provide.

SCHOOL FEES

I wish to thank the families who have paid their school fees for 2021, if you are yet to do so please know that payment is always welcome. Mildura South Primary provides an excellent Education for all students priding itself on its

positive and inclusive learning environment. The students are always at the centre of all decision making and school resources are used to ensure that equity for all is achieved.

In light of this I would like to express my gratitude to those who pay their fees and support the school in achieving the very best outcomes for all children. The School Fees are: \$150 for Essential Student Learning Items and \$75 Voluntary Contribution.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

This year we are looking for two parent representatives for our School Council. If you would like to be involved, nomination forms are available from the office. Nomination forms must be signed and returned to the office by **Tuesday February 23 at 4pm**.

The following information relates to the school council election.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2021

The Annual Elections for School Council will take place over the next month. We have two parent vacancies

Information for parents

School council elections 2021

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

There are three possible categories of membership:

- **A mandated elected parent category.** More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be parent members at their child's school.

- **A mandated elected DET employee category.** Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The Principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- **An optional community member category.** Its members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be community members.

In view of this, you might seriously consider:

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The Principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March. For parents, this notice will probably be given to your child so you may need to check with them whether it has been sent home.

If you decide to stand for election, you will need to arrange for someone to nominate and second you as a candidate in either the parent category or DET employee category. Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the school office within the time stated on the notice of election.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do.
- Consider standing for election to council this year.
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the Principal for further information.

NOMINATIONS

Nomination Forms for both Parent and DET representatives are available from the office.

Schedule 4.

Notice of election and call for nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the **School Council of Mildura South Primary School**

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school office and must be lodged by 4:00pm on 23/2/2021

**Members
hip
category**

Term of office

**Number
of
position**

Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2021* to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023*	4
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2021* to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023*	4

The term of office for members is two years. Half the members must retire each year and this creates vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in February or March each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows -

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

(iii) by a school council of a State school; or

(iv) under section 5 or 5A of the *Education Act 1958*; or

(v) under more than one of the paragraphs (i) to (iv) above, and

(b) does not mean a person employed, under a contract for service or the employees or the contracted personnel of such a person.

5. Votes may be posted to the principal or placed in the ballot box at the school on any day up to the closure of the ballot. Further details on how votes may be lodged will be provided when ballot papers are sent to the electorate of the school

Notes:

1. "Electorate of the school" means the DET employee electorate of the school and the Parent electorate of the school.

2. "Parent electorate of the school" means all persons (except the Principal) who are Parents of students of the school, other than those who are DET employees and who opt or are deemed to opt in accordance with clause 22 to be members of the DET employee electorate of the school

3. "DET employee electorate of the school" means the principal of the school and –

(a) DET employees engaged in work at and for the school (other than those who are Parents of students of the school and who neither opt nor are deemed to opt in accordance with clause 22 to be members of the DET employee electorate of the school); and

(b) other DET employees who are Parents of students of the school and who opt or are deemed to opt in accordance with clause 22 to be members of the DET employee electorate of the school.

4. "DET employee" -

(a) means a person employed for eight hours or more per week in either an on-going capacity or for a fixed term of at least 90 days -

(i) under the *Teaching Service Act 1981*; or

(ii) by the DET under the *Public Sector Management and Employment Act 1998*; or

Marie-Therese Milani
Principal

REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

SCHOOL FEES

Family Statements were sent home today with students. Could you please check your child's bag to make sure they have brought it home. Payments can be made at the office with card or cash or via BPay. If you would like to arrange a payment plan please contact the office.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) WHAT IS CSEF?

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125.00 for primary school students
- \$225.00 for secondary school students

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2020 you do not need to complete an application form. You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- New student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2019.
- Changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2021.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

ABSENCES

If your child is absent it is a requirement that a parent or guardian informs the school via email to the classroom teacher, message on COMPASS or a phone call. If your child will be absent for an extended period please inform the class teacher or school before they leave.

MEDICATION

If your child requires medication whilst they are at school, the medication needs to be taken to the office by a parent or guardian. The school can only administer medication if we receive it from an adult and have a written authority to do so. Dosage and times need to be clearly labelled on the medication.

Children should not have medication in their bag.

DROP BOX

A reminder for students and parents that any money or notes that come to the office should be placed in the Drop Box in the foyer. The Drop Box is locked and will be checked daily by the office staff.

WORD of the **WEEK**

**Parola della
Settimana**

grazie

(thank you)

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC)

Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) is available to all Primary School aged children within the community, sponsored by the School Council. All staff have a children's services qualification, trained in Asthma, Anaphylaxis and First Aid. We also have LaTrobe uni students employed on a casual basis who are currently studying their Bachelor of Education. A 2021 OSHC enrolment form is to be completed for all children attending the service. This is available from the school website as well as from the OSHC office.

We operate the service from the school gymnasium with three programs available:

Before School Care – 6.45am until 8.45am with breakfast provided along with a range of supervised activities (*\$16 per session per child)

After School Care – 3.30pm until 6.00pm with a snack provided, indoor and outdoor activities and many group games to keep us engaged (*\$22 per session per child / \$25 last day of term)

Vacation Care/Curriculum Day – 8.00am until 6.00pm on scheduled days throughout the year (*\$60 per session per child, plus any excursion costs)

*Please note: Child Care Subsidy can be used to reduce these fees. These fees are scheduled to increase slightly during the year. Families will be notified one month prior to the fee change.

There will be a Curriculum Day program operating on Monday 22nd February. Bookings are essential. Please contact the OSHC office for more information or to book in for this day.

The next school holiday program will be operating from Tuesday 6th April until Friday 16th April.

Mildura South Primary School families who are on our mailing list will have their booking form emailed to them early March. These families will have priority to book in, giving them a one week head start before the remainder of the community can book in. We are only licensed to accept 75 children each day and we do book out quite quickly so it's best to book in as soon as you receive the booking form to avoid missing out. For more information, please contact the OSHC office at any time.

Hats – all children require a hat for After School Care. Please pack a spare hat in your child's bag. Their school hat usually remains in the classroom. Their After School Care hat can be left at the program in a separate labelled bag if this suits.

Fees – all fees are to be paid regularly to maintain the booking. If fees are not paid within 30 days, the booking will be cancelled. Fees can be paid over the phone with Credit Card or in person with cash or Eftpos. Alternatively, regular ongoing payments can be set up using a Credit Card. A transaction form is to be completed which can be obtained from the OSHC office.

OSHC contact details:

Kerri Abbott OSHC Co-ordinator

Email – oshp@mmps.vic.edu.au

Phone – 0408 232 143 or the school number 5023 2148 option 3

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Tennis Mad
www.tennismad.com.au

MILDURA SOUTH PRIMARY

Welcome to the start of term. After having great Christmas break we at TennisMad are keen to really sink our teeth into bringing a high quality tennis program to MILDURA SOUTH PRIMARY.

Group Lessons are held on Thursday mornings at 8.00am on the courts and we will have strictly five to a group. So we do need you to book in so we know how many coaches we need on any given day.

Private lessons are available and they can be organized by either email or simply calling me up and we will organize a time that suits.

Cardio Tennis will be an option. This is a high intensity 50-55min session where your ability is irrelevant but your willingness to run is Paramount.

HOT SHOTS We will be continuing with hot shots on Saturday mornings 8.30am-9.30am. at Mildura Lawn Tennis club

COST. Group lessons will be \$16.50 per session or we can invoice you for the term. We also have an online booking system. Visit TennisMad website and follow the prompts. Lessons will be conducted Thursday – 8.00am. Private lessons are \$45.00 for 30 min \$80 for 60 min. Any questions or enquiries please don't hesitate to call on 0419572210 or email: bill@tennismad.com.au

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Hot Shots & Tennis 4 Teens @ Red Cliffs Tennis Club Term 1, 2021

Hot Shots - Tuesday 4-5pm Wednesday 4-5pm & Saturday 9-10am
All sessions @\$10 Racquets available-Plus free Hot Shots T-Shirt

Hot Shots MATCH PLAY each Saturday 10-11am @\$3 per player

Tennis 4 Teens - Wednesday 5-6pm Thursday 5-6pm
Racquets available \$10 per session

To enrol or for more information ph: Lisa Hill 0400726824
email: lisa.joy.hill70@gmail.com Community Play Coordinator

SAGALA 2021
Join us for a **Games**
Pizza
POOL Party
Cost \$2:50 per child
Thursday 11th Feb
6:30—8 pm
Irymple Pool, Fifteenth St Irymple.
For more information contact Michelle on Ph:0410513200
Prizes if you Bring a Friend

HOOKIN2 HOCKEY

HOOKIN2HOCKEY IS A BEGINNERS PROGRAM FULL OF FUN AND GAMES!

CLUB: Sunraysia Hockey Association

HINZ CENTRE: Eleventh Street, Gate C Old Aerodrome ovals, Mildura, VIC, 3500

PROGRAM 1: Wednesday, 17 February 2021, 6:00:00 PM

PROGRAM 2: Saturday, 20 February 2021, 9:00:00 AM

CONTACT NAME: Jane Finch

CONTACT NUMBER: 0429 143 332

CONTACT EMAIL: sunraysiahockey.junior@gmail.com

PRICE: \$60



FIRST SESSION IS FREE! CALL OR EMAIL FOR DETAILS! ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED

TO REGISTER GO TO HOOKIN2HOCKEY.COM.AU



PRIVACY COLLECTION STATEMENT –MILDURA SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL Information for parents and carers

During the ordinary course of your child's attendance at our school, school staff will collect your child's personal and health information when necessary to educate your child, or to support your child's social and emotional wellbeing or health in the school context. Such information will also be collected when required to fulfil a legal obligation, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law. If that information is not collected, the school may be unable to provide optimal education or support to your child, or fulfil those legal obligations.

For example, health information may be collected through the school nurse, primary welfare officer or wellbeing staff member. If your child is referred to a specific health service at school, such as a Student Support Services officer, the required consent will be obtained. Our school also collects information provided by parents and carers through the School Entrance Health Questionnaire (SEHQ) and the Early Childhood Intervention Service (ECIS) Transition Form.

Our school may use online tools, such as apps and other software, to effectively collect and manage information about your child for teaching and learning purposes, parent communication and engagement; student administration; and school management purposes. When our school uses these online tools, we take steps to ensure that your child's information is secure. If you have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact us.

School staff will only share your child's personal or health information with other staff who need to know to enable the school to educate or support your child, or fulfil a legal obligation.

When our students transfer to another Victorian government school, personal and health information about that student will be transferred to that next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of our students and assists that next school to provide optimal education and support to students.

In some limited circumstances, information may be disclosed outside of the school (and outside of the Department of Education and Training). The school will seek your consent for such disclosures unless the disclosure is allowed or mandated by law.

Our school values the privacy of every person. When collecting and managing personal and health information, all school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law. For more information about privacy including about how to access personal and health information held by the school about you or your child, see our school's privacy policy:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx>

Throughout this notice, 'staff' includes principals, teachers, Student Support Service officers, youth workers, social workers, nurses and any other allied health practitioners and all other staff at our school. This includes employees, agents and service providers (contractors) of the Department, whether paid or unpaid.

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