



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.

Monday 15th February, 2021 Newsletter No. 3

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

“Mildura South Primary School 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.

PREP CHILDREN

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.

HATS

Mildura South Primary is a SunSmart School and it is important that all students wear a hat when playing outside in Terms 1 and 4.

Thank you to the Parents who have made sure their child has a hat and it is named clearly.

Children without a hat remain in the shade during outside play time.

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"**.

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 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.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

School Assembly takes place each Wednesday as a WebEx Event at 3.00pm. Celebration of Strengths presentations will begin this 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.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

The school is working with Cowards Cake to supply lunches for students on Wednesdays and Fridays. **This will start on WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2021.** Students will be bringing home a flyer on Friday February 19 which will have detailed instructions on how to install the app and use the app to order lunches. The Flexischools app will be the only way that students will be able to order lunches.

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.

PARENT HELPERS

Mildura South welcomes and encourages Parent Helpers. If you are interested in assisting in your child/children's classroom please inform the classroom teacher, as many students benefit from the time and assistance generously given by so many of our Parents.

We are legally bound to insist that all classroom helpers have a 'Working with Children' check. To obtain your 'Working with Children' check you will be required to go online and follow the links.

If you are one of our valued helpers could you please present your 'Working with Children' check in the front office so that the Classroom Teacher can be informed.

DIGITAL NEWSLETTER

The School Newsletter will continue to be distributed digitally on the school Compass, the School Website and Facebook sites. A hard copy will no longer be sent home to all families but there will be some copies 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 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.

APPOINTMENTS TO SEE TEACHERS

Teachers welcome open communication with all of our families. Positive Contacts will continue this year where you can expect to be contacted by your children's classroom teachers, celebrating successes. We know that there are times when families need to speak to Teachers so that questions can be clarified and concerns resolved. Before school is a busy time when Teachers are connecting with students and ensuring that everything is in place to begin the day calmly and successfully. In order for Teachers to give Parents the necessary time we ask that families make appointments with their Classroom Teacher.

HOT WEATHER

When the temperature is 38 degrees or higher we will be having a 'hot day timetable'. Having lunch earlier in the day sometimes allows the students to have an opportunity to get some fresh air before the heat.

HELPING YOUR CHILD BECOME THE BEST THEY CAN BE by Michael Grose

The new school year is full of excitement and possibility for students and parents.

Now is the time to focus on helping your child or young person become the best student they can be.

Here's how.

Encourage learning

The rapidly changing world and workforce that your child will enter requires that they have a willingness to continually learn and adapt. The concept of a lifelong learner, previously lauded by educators with an eye to the future, has now become a reality. Learning and continual improvement should be embedded in each child's psyche so that school life is just a starting point to a lifetime of learning, growth and development. Help your child see themselves as successful learners who achieve results through hard work and application, and that nothing is beyond them if they apply themselves.

Promote leadership

Leadership is required in all walks of life including at school, at work, in families and in the wider community. Help your child see themselves as a leader by focusing on personal leadership capacities such as planning ahead, communicating clearly, being accountable for their behaviour, developing emotional awareness and fostering good relationships with siblings and peers. Personal leadership development provides a strong foundation for the development of leadership skills in more public forums in later life.

Applaud independence

The school years are critical for the development of independence, which can easily be closed down by the roadblocks of impatience, overindulgence, fear and lack of time. Alternatively, independence is promoted when we show patience, provide opportunity, display confidence and teach students how.

Embed wellbeing

If there is one difference that modern schooling is making to the next generation it's in the leadership they have shown in recent years to the maintenance of mental health and wellbeing practises. Parents can support their child's long term wellbeing by embedding wellbeing habits including healthy eating, exercise, sleep, relaxation techniques, regular time in nature, gratitude and mindfulness.

Teach socialisation

If you want your child to be liked by others, it's essential to spend time and effort developing the skills and attitudes needed to succeed. Develop in them an awareness of how their behaviour impacts on others, instil manners and community-mindedness and develop a broad range of friendship skills that will assist them to relate well to others.

Foster resilience

2020 showed us life is unpredictable, full of ups and downs, straight balls and curve balls. It's the unpredictability, the downs and the curve balls that develops children's resilience. How parents and teachers react to the hardships, frustrations and difficulties children face either hamper or foster resilience. Spoil, overprotect or pamper and growth opportunities are wasted. Support, encourage and teach children to cope and you'll be helping them develop a real sense of psychological hardiness and resilience that's essential for long term happiness and success.

Make this year a memorable one by helping your child grow and develop into the best student they can be. Keep the focus broad and do all you can to ensure that your child sees themselves as a confident and continuous learner.

Marie-Therese Milani
Principal

REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

SCHOOL FEES

Family Statements were sent home last Monday 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 www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx

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.



CELEBRATION OF STRENGTHS

PH)
PK) No awards given until
PP) March
PR)
1B Sahar Zahidi
1P Phoenix Pretty
1T Zayden Coward
2H James Avery
2R Georgia Morris
2S Christopher Lane

3/4B Xander Williams
3/4M Caleb Perry
3/4S Kordell Kirby
3/4W Jax Mathews
5/6B Bede Hopgood
5/6J Joel Doherty
5/6K Zac Cavanagh-Cook
5/6L Shaella Serojales
5/6O Tristan Stephens

Art
Natasa Siladi 2R
Dakota Babington 2R

Italian
Indigo Hillas 3/4W

Sport
Shaella Serojales 5/6L

STEM
Kiara Halovic 3/4S

Performing Arts
Youssef Helmy 1P

A decorative border of Italian flags (green, white, and red vertical stripes) surrounds the central text.

Word of the Week
Parola della Settimana

buongiorno
(good day)

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

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@msps.vic.edu.au

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES



HOOKIN2HOCKEY IS A BEGINNERS PROGRAM FULL OF FUN AND GAMES!

CLUB: Sunraysia Hockey Association

HINZH 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



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



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



FOR YOUR DIARY

February

- Wed 17 No Preps at school
- Mon 22 Curriculum Day (No students required at school)
- Wed 24 No Preps 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 1 (2.30pm finish)
- Tues 27 School Photos (Class, Individual and Family)

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