



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.

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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"

THANK YOU

Thank you to all the students, families and staff at Mildura South Primary for the efficient manner we were able to respond to the Stage 4 Lockdown called on Friday February 12. The trust, support and collaboration staff experience with our families here at Mildura South is greatly appreciated.

ANOTHER THANK YOU

Thank you to the family of Sirat and Satikar Kaur who have donated grapes for our Breakfast Club program. We thank them for their generosity.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

The school is working with Cowards Cakes to supply lunches for students on Wednesdays and Fridays. The timeline is going to be starting on Wednesday February 24, 2021. Last Friday students brought home a flyer with detailed instructions on how to install the app and use the app to order lunches.

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. Teachers will be contacting Parents who had appointments for Wednesday February 17 when we were in a State-wide Lockdown. Alternative times will be organised.

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOOL IPADS

The Department of Education has now asked that iPads used in 2020 for Remote Learning be returned to the students to keep. If your child borrowed an iPad during this time in **2020** please contact the school.

Please do not ring the office requesting iPads for 2021 Remote Learning.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

School Assembly takes place each Wednesday as a WebEx Event at 3.00pm. 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.

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.

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.

HOW TO BE A POSITIVE INFLUENCE ON CHILDREN

by Dr Justin Coulson

Parents and teachers influence children most during their first twelve years of life. We have less influence over teens as they become increasingly independent and look to their peers for guidance and approval.

The following strategies will help ensure that you have a positive influence on children at any age.

Be available

Nothing says "You matter" more than a busy parent giving a child undivided attention. Research has established that children whose parents are emotionally present for their children have better social, academic, and wellbeing outcomes than those whose parents aren't available.

Be warm

Sometimes we can forget that our children are people too – particularly when they're irritable, tired and obnoxious. By responding to children warmly (even when you don't feel like it), you show that you value them as people. A gentle touch, a smile, or soft words bring warmth to a relationship, and increase the likelihood that you'll be listened to and be a positive influence on their lives.

Listen, but don't fix

Parents can fix sore knees, broken hearts, messy friendships, and even some difficult homework projects. But children generally don't need adults to fix them. They just want us to 'get' what they're going through.

When you see the world through their eyes, you are more understanding – and more likely to be listened to when they need us.

Set limits

Nothing says “I love you” more than a firm and clear “No!” from mum or dad. “No, you can’t say that to your sister. How can you make things right?” “No, it’s not ok for you to stay out until midnight. You’re 14.” “No, I don’t feel right about you having your smartphone/tablet/laptop in your bedroom. Ever!” Children and young people will often argue with you, but setting limits means that you are having a positive influence on your children. The trick is to not become too authoritarian or you’ll simply drive unwanted behaviour underground.

Play

Playing games and laughing together binds us close to our children. Through play you build a relationship of trust and with that facilitates our ongoing positive influence.

Be grateful

Grateful people are happier, healthier, have better relationships, sleep better, have more income, are less materialistic, achieve better academic outcomes and are more energetic. By being grateful you’ll be a positive influence in the lives of your children. Say thanks often – and mean it.

Love them and show it every day

We’re always correcting our children or telling them what to do. Pick this up, put that away, get off the computer, pack your bag, tidy up your room, and so on... and that’s before 7.30 in the morning! Our ratio of negative to positive statements can often be the wrong way round. So find opportunities to tell your children such things as:

- “You really make a positive difference around here.”
- “I am amazed at the exceptional effort you make at...”
- “I love you – no matter what.”

Your time with children is short. By setting a positive example, you can be a positive and lasting influence in your children’s lives.

**Marie-Therese Milani
Principal**

REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

SCHOOL FEES

Family Statements have been sent home. 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.**



CELEBRATION OF STRENGTHS

PH)
PK) No awards given until
PP) March
PR)
1B Lily Lynch
1P Tanisha Stoker
1T Mia Yetman
2H Isaiah Cavallaro
2R Poppy Hoye
2S Perin Sione

3/4B Makenzie Crump
3/4M Vera Clarke
3/4S Oscar Bitmead
3/4W Leni Hester
5/6B Bailey Crawley
5/6J Millie Hobbs
5/6K Mitchell Watson
5/6L Ruby Keller-Linnett
5/6O Ayva Fricke

Art
Mackenzie Robertson
-Grosse 2H

Italian
Benjamin Plumridge Prep H

Sport
Rylee Bennett 1P

STEM
No Award This Week

Performing Arts
Quinton Hibbard 3/4W

Band
Oscar Bitmead 3/4S



Word of the Week

Parola della Settimana

la maestra

(teacher)

PARENTS CLUB

The Mildura South Primary School Parents Club
invite you to join us for a morning tea on
Friday the 5th of March at 9:30am

Please come and join us for a cuppa and a chat.
We are a friendly, small but hardworking group
and are always looking for new parents to join
us.

We would love to have you!

Please let the ladies at the office know if you
would like to come along by Wednesday the 3rd
of March

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.

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

HOOKIN2HOCKEY IS A BEGINNERS PROGRAM FULL OF FUN AND GAMES!

CLUB: Sunraysia Hockey Association

HIN2H 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

SPORTING OPPURTUNITY FOR YOUNG FEMALES

On behalf of the Australia Golf Foundation, Mildura Golf Resort is offering girls 10 to 16 the opportunity to start or continue their golfing journey with a group of girls a similar age.

The program will provide a year's membership and four school terms of tuition at Mildura Golf Resort throughout 2021, delivered by PGA professional Brad Pitt. There is no cost, just a commitment to participate.

The program begins on Saturday March 6 (9am to 10 am) and requires just one hour of attendance each Saturday during the school term. Equipment is provided.

For further information, please contact Brad on 0458 377 609 or bcpitt@hotmail.com



DATES
FOR YOUR DIARY

February

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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