



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 1st March, 2021 Newsletter No. 5

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”

BEGINNING OF THE YEAR CONNECTION WITH FAMILIES

On Tuesday March 9 (the day after the long weekend) we will be having a 'Bring along a Picnic' evening for our families between 5.30-7.00pm. We will all be outside and we are asking families to bring their own food.

Teachers will set themselves up in their teams (Prep, 1, 2, 3/4 and 5/6) in an area outside and families will have the opportunity to connect with the teachers. Giving the clear message that if your child is in a particular grade there are a team of people connected to your child.

We will have the sports equipment bins out for students if they would like to play together.

Some families may choose to just pop in and connect with their children's teachers and not bring a picnic and that is OK too.

We will have QR code signs on the gates for families to scan as you walk into the school through your house team gate.

Nobody will be inside classrooms. If families wish to visit classrooms you are welcome to do so during school hours with a mask on or you may wish to make an appointment to have a more specific conversation with your children's teachers.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOOL LEADERS

School Captains	Tom Helms
	Alessandra Scherger
Vice Captains	Riley Cox
	Mylee Peters
Leadership Team	Ruby Spanos
	Ella Adolph
	Ruby Pegus
	Tom Ough
	Keeble Devereux
	Zach Wilson
Darling House Captains	Kayla Stone
	Benji Holland Monsen
Kulkyne House Captains	Mia Mottram
	Joel Doherty
Murray House Captains	Chelsea Carusella
	Dante Morgan
Murray House Captains	Bailey Crump
	Victor Collins

Junior School Council

There are two representatives for the 3/4 classes. One representative being Grade 3 and the other Grade 4.

Grade 3 representatives are first and the Grade 4 representatives are listed second.

Grade	Reps	Vices
3/4B	Xander Williams (3) Bella Probert (4)	Mehdi Tawasoly (3) Logan Hardie (4)
3/4M	Cohen Thompson (3) Cody Wilson (4)	Harvey Belej (3) Layla Adams (4)
3/4S	Amaya Serojales (3) Eve Spanos (4)	Levi Tumanvuao (3) Oscar Bitmead (4)

3/4W	Chase Probert (3) Omid Ataye (4)	Keekah Kelly (3) Bianca Carusella (4)
5/6K	Mitchell Watson	Ava Almond
5/6J	Lucas Frasca	Harley Ackerley
5/6O	Charlie Mills	Tom Creamer
5/6L	Angus Breeze	Katana Mathews
5/6B	Aveena Jeyakanthan	Jaxon Sherwell

PREP CHILDREN ARE NOW HERE FULL TIME

Now that we are in the month of March the Prep students will be attending school for five days a week. The Prep interviews were interrupted by the Victorian Stage 4 Lockdown so we will organise appointments with those families who missed out. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility in this matter.

SCHOOL NURSE FORMS

Thank you to the Prep Families who have completed and returned the 'School Nurse Forms' to school. It is an invaluable resource that we have when the forms are returned. The Prep children have a lot of fun with Janece, our School Nurse when she visits. If you have misplaced your form and would like another, just ask your teacher, as the teachers have extra forms.

GRADE 2 AND PREP BUDDIES

The students in the Infant school play outside at a different time to Grades 3 – 6. The Prep teachers and Grade 2 teachers are going to come together and match Prep students to a Grade 2 buddy. Students will connect in class time and we know when they are outside they will be very happy to see one another.

We are hoping that by establishing Prep and Grade 2 Buddies that the relationships continue over the students' years here at Mildura South Primary.

GRADE 2 LEADERS

This year there will be six Grade 2 Leaders in the school yard. The role of these Grade 2 Leaders will be to help their peers 'Get Help'. The students will be wearing vests so that they are identified in the yard. There will be two Grade 2 Leaders chosen from each Grade 2 class. The children will talk in their circle time, who in their class they have noticed 'Gets Help'. After this class discussion the teachers will decide on the Grade 2 Leaders.

As we are half way through Term 1, the six Grade 2 Leaders chosen will be the Leaders for the remainder of Term 1 and in Term 2. There will be new Grade 2 Leaders in Term 3 and Term 4.

This is a wonderful opportunity to develop our Grade 2 students as leaders and to grow our 'Get Help' culture here at Mildura South Primary.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

The school is working with Cowards Cake to supply lunches for students on Wednesdays and Fridays. This is working well and families are very happy to have this service available to them. If you need instructions on how to install the app please ask for a flyer to be sent home.

HEADLICE CHECK

There will be a headlice check in all classes this Wednesday March 3.

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. 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

Succeeding at the parenting long game by Michael Grose

In the last few years there's been a great deal of attention and resources directed toward teacher wellbeing, which is commendable. It's not just teachers who need some TLC. Parents who spend a great part of their day looking after, caring for and worrying about their children also need to focus on their own wellbeing.

Here are some essential strategies that will help you last the distance in the parenting marathon.

Connect to activities that energise

Parents give up a lot for their children including many of the activities, hobbies and friendship groups that bring them joy and add balance to their lives. The advice is simple. Retain some part of your life while you're actively parenting that gives you joy and sustenance. Guard it zealously and, if applicable, let your partner do the same.

Aim for redundancy

The basic task for parents is to make themselves redundant, which starts in the early years. Teaching children to tie shoe laces, cook meals, feed pets and the like takes time and energy. However, it pays off when children are capable of looking after themselves, allowing you to sit back, put your feet up and relax. In fostering this approach your children have an opportunity to build a belief and confidence in their own capability.

Raise your family as if it's large

If you've ever worried about the small, precise details of your child's life then I suspect that you are raising a small family. It's interesting how parents in larger families worry about different things than those in small families. Size creates perspective. I often ask parents with concerns about their children "Would you worry about this issue if you had six children?" Ironically, parents of families of four or more children generally find family life far easier than those raising one or two children, as they don't take personal responsibility for their children's successes, failures and problems.

Conserve energy – argue over issues that matter

Poor choice of clothes, wet towels left on floors and untidy bedrooms are typical of some of the minor things parents argue with children about. Unfortunately, these minor skirmishes wear many parents out and sour goodwill. One of the best pieces of parenting advice I've received was to only battle with children over issues that matter such as poor treatment of a friend, mean-spirited behaviour and dishonesty.

Avoid using children as benchmarks

The measure of your child is not another child, yet the temptation to keep an eye on another child's progress, talents and character traits are ever present. In the short term, comparison can leave a parent feeling discouraged and dejected, especially if they have a late blooming child or one who has different strengths and talents to those in the mainstream. In the long term, comparison can be dispiriting for a child as they can easily feel that they never measure up. Each child has their own developmental clock and their unique strengths.

Only three things matter – relationships, relationships, relationships!

The longer I'm involved in parenting both personally and professionally the more that I understand that building strong relationships with children based on mutual respect, appreciation and understanding is at the heart of successful parenting. Loving and being loved are core to be human. Nothing provides the level of human connection more than being an accepted, appreciated member of a family.

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.**

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



CELEBRATION OF STRENGTHS

PH)
PK) No awards until
PP) next week
PR)
1B Lilah Trigg-Van Roy
1P Quinn Devereux
1T Quan Nguyen
2H Rakan Elsadda
2R Vada Murnane
2S Henderson Iogha

3/4B Ned Hoye
3/4M Jakoda Kennedy
3/4S Connroy Clark
3/4W Omid Ataye
5/6B Jaxan Taylor
5/6J Skylar Sendy
5/6K Ashlynn Wilson
5/6L Jakob Potts
5/6O Ellie Glare

Art
Bede Hopgood 5/6J

Italian
Jaxson Lia 5/6K

Sport
Mehdi Tawasoly 3/4B

STEM
Ned Hoye 3/4B

Performing Arts
Dallas Hand 2R

Band
Aveena Jeyakanthan 5/6B



word of the Week

Parola della Settimana

la scuola

(school)



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

COMMUNITY NOTICES



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



All ages and skill levels welcome.

No special equipment, just a bike and a helmet.

Under 13 Race FREE*

Find us on Facebook, or scan the QR code

*Free 4 week Auscycling Trial Membership required





FOR YOUR DIARY

March

- Wed 3 Whole School Head Lice Check
- Thu 4 Grade 5/6 District Cricket
- Mon 8 Labour Day Holiday (No students required at school)
- Tues 16 Grade 5/6 Swimming Notes due back to the Office
- Mon 22 – Fri 26 Grade 5/6 Swimming

April

- Thur 1 Last Day of Term 1 (2.30pm finish)
- Tues 27 School Photos (Class, Individual and Family)

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