



# Mildura South Primary School Newsletter

## A Positive Education School

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FOR YOUR DIARY

March

Mon 22 – Thur 25 Grade 5/6 Swimming

Thur 25 Grade 5/6 Boys Cricket

Fri 26 Curriculum Day (No Students Required at School)

April

Thur 1 Last Day of Term 1 (2.30pm finish)

Mon 19 First Day of Term 2

Tues 27 School Photos (Class, Individual and Family)

May

Mon 3 – Fri 7 Grade 3/4 Swimming

## 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 – FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2021

Students will not be required to attend school on Friday March 26, 2021.

Staff will be working together to begin the process of uploading quality student learning tasks onto Compass.

Teachers will collaborate as a whole staff and in year level teams to achieve high expectation outcomes for the students.

Throughout 2021 teachers will be uploading student learning tasks onto Compass as evidence of your child's success and growth in learning.

Along with specific feedback from the teacher on the student learning task, this process will facilitate valuable and ongoing communication between families, teachers and students.

I thank you for your understanding on the importance for this Curriculum Day, demonstrating our commitment to provide continued excellence in Education for all students at Mildura South Primary.

'After Hours Care' will be available at school on this day for families who would like to utilise this service.

## **THANK YOU**

I would like to take this opportunity to say 'Thank you' to organisations in our community that have been very generous with donations to the students at Mildura South Primary this year.

Firstly I would like to say a very big heartfelt thanks to the Salvation Army who donated vouchers to be given to our students last week. Each week we celebrate the strengths of individual students in each classroom and last week along with a certificate awarded at our School Assembly, we were also able to give the recipients a voucher to Rollerama.

**Mildura South Primary greatly appreciates the generosity of the Salvation Army who donated these vouchers and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Salvation Army for the work that they do in our community.**

At Mildura South Primary we have a Breakfast Club that operates every day and is organised by our Grade 5 and 6 students. We have an inclusive approach to Breakfast Club where all students have the opportunity to start the day with healthy sustaining food that gets the brain tuned into learning. Throughout the week 440 students enjoy Breakfast at Mildura South Primary.

This could not happen without the generosity of Foodbank Victoria. It was great to be able to show the CEO of Foodbank Victoria, Dave McNamara around our school earlier this month. He and his team loved seeing and hearing about how our grade 5/6 students at MSPS run our Breakfast Club.

So once again, a heartfelt thanks to Food Bank for the difference they are making in many students' lives across Victoria, and in particular the lives of our students here at Mildura South Primary.

**KOORIE FAMILY GATHERING –  
MONDAY 29th MARCH, 2021 9.00-10.00am IN THE STAFF ROOM  
PLEASE COME ALONG**

Chat with the Principal and the KESOS about what you find helpful at MSPS. Talk about what is important for your children's Education and listen to the Principal talk about the Positive Education culture at MSPS.

I look forward to getting to know our Koorie families, listening to you all and together making sure we are the best that we can be.

### **GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL**

It is that time of year again when we gather our spare coins that we have and bring them to school to donate to the Good Friday Hospital Appeal.

Parents' Club have supplied a jar for each classroom for the children to put the coins in as we lead up to the final day of the Term.

Thank you for your support and generosity in this very important contribution we make to our community.

### **PARENTS CLUB'**

Parents Club meet every Friday in the Parents' Club room at school at 2.30pm. Everyone welcome, Parents & Carers and siblings.

### **PHONES AT SCHOOL**

To ensure that all phones are locked away and stored securely when at school, I go to each classroom at 9.00am each morning and collect all phones.

Phones are returned to the classes at 3.20pm each day.

As per our Digital Technology School Policy, it is expected that all smart watches and safe watches have notifications switched off during school hours.

### **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.

### **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.

## **ESTABLISHING DIGITAL BOUNDARIES FOR THE SCREEN GENERATION** by Dr Kristy Goodwin

Parents need to establish digital boundaries and be the pilot (for primary children) and co-pilot (for adolescents) of the digital plane.

Many parents establish screen time limits for their 'screenagers' (i.e. their children and teens) by stipulating how much time they can spend plugged in. Focusing solely on time is not the only digital boundary to consider. It's best to expand our dialogue beyond screen time as the only metric that's used to assess young people's digital behaviours.

We also need to create boundaries around:

### **The screens children use**

The most critical boundary parents need to establish with their children and teens relates to what they're doing online. Have conversations about the apps, platforms, games, videos, TV shows and media they consume and create. Visit the [eSafety Commissioner's](#) or [Common Sense Media's](#) websites to help you understand the various platforms and tools, so you're better prepared to know the risks and lessen some of the potential pitfalls.

### **The time of day**

Establish what technology can be used at different times of the day. Ideally, devices would be switched off at least sixty minutes before bedtime as the blue light can delay the onset of sleep and reduce the quality of their sleep. Minimise exposure to rapid-fire, fast-paced screen action before school as this can hyper-arouse the brain and make it challenging to pay attention in class.

### **Technology zones**

As a family, determine the 'no-go tech zones' in your house such as bedrooms, bathrooms, meal areas and play areas. Encourage them to use technology in publicly accessible, high-traffic areas of the home such as the kitchen, dining or lounge area. A young person is very unlikely to be sending nudes whilst sitting on the lounge or kitchen bench!

### **The people they interact with**

Talk to your child or teen about who they're interacting with online and reassure them that if there's a problem online, they need to come and talk to you, as the pilot or co-pilot of the digital plane and avoid withdrawing screen time as a punishment.

Setting and enforcing firm digital boundaries with children young people is vital if we want them to cultivate healthy digital behaviours. These skills are critical if the screen generation is to thrive in the digital world.

**Marie-Therese Milani**  
**Principal**

## OFFICE REMINDERS

### FRONT ENTRY DOOR AND STAFF CAR PARK

When picking children up early or from Sick Bay thank you for signing them out from the Front Office. We also thank you for collecting your children from the classrooms at the end of the day. Please do not use STAFF CAR PARK when dropping off or collecting children. **Please ask your children not to walk through the corridors of our School on pick up or drop off.**

### OFFICE HOURS

Office hours are from 8.00am to 4.15pm.

### LATE ARRIVAL/EARLY FINISH & REPORTING ABSENCES

Parents please note that students arriving after 9.00am or leaving before 3.30pm, need to be signed in, or signed out, **by an adult** at the office **BEFORE** taking your child or collecting your child, from class.

All student absences can be approved by parents on COMPASS or by calling the office.

### LABELLING

**Please clearly label all uniform items**, particularly hats, drink bottles and plastic containers brought to school.

Check your child's school jumper regularly to make sure they haven't brought home some else's jumper by mistake.

## UNWANTED ITEMS

If you have any board games, books, craft items or toys that you no longer use or want, we would really appreciate it if you could donate these items to our OOSH program. Please drop off to Kerri at OOSH or into the office.

## 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. If you are receiving the full 85% subsidy, the costs reduce to: BSC \$3.08 / ASC \$4.23 / VAC \$11.55

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 Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March. 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 6<sup>th</sup> April until Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April. We are now taking bookings for these holidays. We are only licensed to accept 75 children each day, we do book out quite quickly so it's best to book in as soon as possible 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](mailto:oshp@msps.vic.edu.au)

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





## CELEBRATION OF STRENGTHS

PH Asenaca Veiqaravi  
PK Archie Scherger  
PP Iliah-Marie Blair  
PR Ryder Sherrin  
1B Harlem Hunt  
1P Lincoln Brennen  
1T Shaylee Greenaway  
2H Erin Hill  
2R Harry Norton  
2S Nisa Gungormous

3/4B Anthony Bradshaw  
3/4M Wesley Hobbs  
3/4S Will Dickson  
3/4W Cadance Paddock  
5/6B Noah Davis  
5/6J Eliana Kaassamani  
5/6K Max McIver  
5/6L Dilpreet Grewal  
5/6O Isabella Starikov

Art  
Mia Hand 5/6L

Italian  
Kiara Halovic 3/4S

Sport  
Jacinta Kennedy 3/4W

STEM  
Lee Mendoza 3/4W

Performing Arts  
Harper Scherger 3/4M  
Fletcher White

COMMUNITY NOTICES

*Respect, Inclusion, Pride, Responsibility*



Chaffey  
Secondary College



## OPEN INVITATION

to all parents, students and community members



### OPEN NIGHT

for prospective year 6 students  
and families

**Wednesday 17 March**  
**6pm - 8pm**

Presentation at 6pm in the theatre



### PLEASE COME AND JOIN US

for a tour of our facilities,  
browse the subject market  
place and enjoy a barista  
made coffee at the RIPR Café.



**For further information contact the college**  
Applications available from website [www.chaffeysc.vic.edu.au](http://www.chaffeysc.vic.edu.au)

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# Junior Tennis

The Sunraysia District Tennis Association is calling all new and existing juniors to play in its upcoming winter season starting 1 May 2021 (Saturday mornings 9am – 11.30am).

## Tennis is a great sport for kids.

- ✓ A very safe sport
- ✓ Great exercise – tennis keeps you fit and builds hand eye coordination
- ✓ Play tennis now and your child will have a sport for life
- ✓ Tennis is a sport that can be played all year round
- ✓ A great social sport for young players
- ✓ Great sport for the whole family to enjoy

All levels are catered for from D Grade beginners through to A Grade. Contact one of the club delegates below for more information and to register your child.

Louise Olofsson – Alcheringa (Gol Gol)	<a href="mailto:louiseswenolofsson@gmail.com">louiseswenolofsson@gmail.com</a>
Tena Williams – Red Cliffs	<a href="mailto:tenajoy@bigpond.com">tenajoy@bigpond.com</a>
Carole DeMaria – Sacred Heart (Aeros)	<a href="mailto:sacredheartjuniors@gmail.com">sacredheartjuniors@gmail.com</a>
Joel Hamilton – Sarnia (Lawn Tennis)	<a href="mailto:joelhamilton10@bigpond.com">joelhamilton10@bigpond.com</a>
Robyn Herberte – St Andrews (Aeros)	<a href="mailto:robyn@gibsonfencing.com.au">robyn@gibsonfencing.com.au</a>
Cheryl Vines - Wentworth	<a href="mailto:cheryl.vines@bigpond.com">cheryl.vines@bigpond.com</a>

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**TennisMad  
Holiday Clinic.**  
**When - 7th-9th April.**  
**Where - Mildura lawn  
tennis club. Time  
9.30am - 12 noon. Cost  
\$130.00 for 3 days or  
\$50.00 per day.  
Morning tea provided!**

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# Saints Baseball Club



Come and Try day

Wednesday March 24, 2021

@Chaffey Park (Top of Pump Hill) Merbein.

Time: 4.30pm with a free sausage sizzle

U7 Tee ball, U10, U13, U16 Baseball

New players are very welcome to come and see  
if baseball is for you

Phone or message:

Kirrilly Wakefield 0427942255 for further details



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**NICHOLS POINT SOCCER CLUB**  
**2021 PRE SEASON TRAINING**  
FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH  
REGULAR TRAININGS ON TUES & THURS STARTS AFTERWARDS

**MONDAY**

5.00 - 6.00pm	U12 mixed	Coach: Carlo Vadori
5.00 - 6.30pm	U14 & U16 mixed	Coach: Dave Circosta
6.00 - 7.00pm	U13 & U16 Girls	Coach: Jason Gowers/Jacque Austin
6.30 - 8.00pm	Senior Men Reserves	Coach: Lachlan Giles Russell Lamattina
6.30 - 7.00pm	Goalkeeping	Coach: Bill Vasilev

**WEDNESDAY**

6.30 - 8.00pm	Senior Men Reserves	Coach: Lachlan Giles Russell Lamattina
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**SUNDAY**

3.30 - 5.00pm	Senior Women	Coach: Steve Batchelor
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2019 FOOTBALL VICTORIA  
REGIONAL CLUB  
OF THE YEAR

ALL TRAINING AT THE NICHOLS POINT RESERVE  
CONTACT [admin@nicholspointsc.com.au](mailto:admin@nicholspointsc.com.au) or Ollie on 0417 309 394



**WARATAHS HOCKEY CLUB**  
**“COME AND TRY” NIGHTS**



“Come and Try” nights for new players are happening on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March. All ages welcome. Time -> 5.30 – 6.30pm. Venue -> Sunraysia Hockey Turf, Old Aerodrome Ovals, Mildura. Sticks and shin guards available to borrow for the night. Players will need their own mouthguard (self-moulding options are available at pharmacies everywhere) and a water bottle. Enquiries to [waratahshockeyclub@gmail.com](mailto:waratahshockeyclub@gmail.com). See you there!

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Irymple Basketball Association

# MINI BALL



Mini-Ball is an introduction to a skills-based basketball program for Primary school aged children. The program is player-centred, fun focused & affordable. Providing opportunities to learn, play with friends and develop important social skills in convenient safe and friendly environment. Catering to boys and girls attending primary school prep to Grade 4.

All teams participate in a 45-minute session each week, comprising a 30-minute game and a 15-minute training session. Coaches remain on the court during games to assist the players. The season runs from Term 2/3. All uniform singlets are supplied. Players need only ensure they have shorts and suitable footwear.

During the season, each team has a game and training session every Saturday morning between 9.30 am and Midday.

**Registration Date:**

27<sup>th</sup> March 2021

9am (Prep/Garde 1)

10am (Garde 2/3)

Where: Mildura Hot House, 8<sup>th</sup> Street Mildura, (between San Mateo Ave & Eitwanda Ave)

Cost: \$55 Per Player & \$45 for subsequent Siblings, \$5 Weekly game fee.

**Start Date:**

24<sup>th</sup> April 2021

All Enquires Please Contact Hannah Humphrys 0411775538 or Stephanie Woods 0408893596

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



### **Enrol now for Small Group Music Therapy for Kids in Term 2 2021 at Sunraysia Arts and Learning**

We still have some spots available in our small group music therapy program for kids!!

Join us for our specially tailored programs in our custom studios with our qualified and passionate music therapists Alida and Lewis. Sunraysia Arts and Learning is an NDIS provider.

Music therapy can support progress towards communication, social/emotional, self regulation, gross and fine motor goals in a fun and engaging environment.

#### **Term 2 Programs**

<i>Tuesday 4.40-5.25pm</i>	<i>8-14 years</i>	<i>Lewis</i>
<i>Wednesday 9-9.45am</i>	<i>0-5 years</i>	<i>Alida</i>
<i>Wednesday 5.40-6.40pm</i>	<i>6-12 years</i>	<i>Alida</i>
<i>Saturdays 9-9.45am</i>	<i>0-5 years</i>	<i>Alida</i>
<i>Saturdays 10-11am</i>	<i>6-12 years</i>	<i>Alida (very limited spots available - book now!)</i>

To register your interest contact Catherine on 0420939229 or [catherine@sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au](mailto:catherine@sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au)

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