



Mildura South Primary School Newsletter

A Positive Education School

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April

Tues 27 Last day for Gr 3/4 Swimming Notes to be returned

Tues 27 School Photos (Class, Individual and Family)

May

Mon 3 – Fri 7 Grade 3/4 Swimming

11-13 May NAPLAN Testing

June

Mon 21 Dental Van Visit

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”

LAST WEEKS' SCHOOL COMMUNITY ANZAC CEREMONY

This year our ANZAC Day Ceremony was held outside the BOB building in front of the newly established war memorial. The Ceremony took place last Friday at 10.30am and Fr Matthew Thomas blessed the memorial.

Student leaders from 2020 joined our 2021 student leaders for the commemoration of the memorial. Members from the RSL, Council and School Council joined our senior students for this very special service.

All classes watched the ceremony via WebEx and I hope a number of families also took the opportunity to join us via the WebEx link posted on Compass.

I am very proud of the respect our students show on important formal occasions when we take the time to remember.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bruce Harwood, Allan Harris and Maurie Milani for the commitment and many hours of hard work and passion they have put into creating a war memorial that we can all be proud of. A war memorial that honours the men and women who sacrificed so much for all of us. A memorial that allows us as the Mildura South Primary School Community to show our gratitude for each person who has ever served. Their actions speak volumes and our students will always remember the example that they have demonstrated.

Always our best selves. Always love what we do.

STUDENT LEARNING TASKS UPLOADED ONTO COMPASS

Last Friday, April 23 all teachers uploaded an individual writing task onto Compass for each student. This is the beginning of the process of uploading student work tasks throughout the year so that Parents and Carers have ongoing feedback on the progress of their children.

Please take the time to look at your children's writing task on Compass, sharing some encouragement and support for their efforts and growth in learning.

The next learning task is scheduled to be uploaded onto Compass later on in this term and it will be a Maths learning task.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES ARE RETURNING

It gives me great pleasure to announce that this Wednesday the whole school will be gathering in the gym for our School Assembly. The 18 Student Leaders will be facilitating this event. Assemblies will now take place in the gym each Wednesday afternoon at 3pm.

Parents are most welcome to attend.

We will continue to provide a WebEx link on Compass each week so that those who are unable to attend still have the opportunity to share the experience.

2022 PREP OPEN DAY

On Monday May 10 between the hours of 10.00am and 2.00pm our Grade 6 Student Leaders will be showing our Positive Education School to children and their families who are thinking about enrolling at Mildura South Primary School in 2022.

Our Student Leaders will take our visitors on a school tour showing our 'Preps in Action'. Visitors will see our small Prep classes of 16 students and listen to the positive language that teachers and students use when learning together.

Our visitors will also be shown our specialist classes: Performing Arts, Visual Art, Physical Education, STEM and Italian. We are very proud of our outdoor facilities: tennis courts, basketball and netball courts, oval where students play cricket, footy and soccer, as well as the three play grounds our students enjoy.

We are hoping that some people come to visit us when the students are outside playing so they can see all the space our children have to run and enjoy their environment with their own age group.

If you and your child would like to visit on Monday May 10 please come to the front office between 10.00am-2.00pm so that our Student Leaders can welcome you and share our wonderful school with you.

YARNING CIRCLE

Each Thursday afternoon at recess the Grade 5/6 students have the opportunity to join me at our yarning circle.

We are teaching respect for this special place in our school by using it regularly. We hope that we can include the younger students as we grow students' understanding.

VISIBLE WELLBEING CURRICULUM DAY

On Tuesday May 25 we will be having a pupil free day as the staff at Mildura South Primary School join together with the staff from Mildura Primary and Chaffey Secondary and continue our work in developing Visible Wellbeing as a Mildura cluster. The focus of the day will be on building Relationships and Coping strategies.

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.

GIVE CHILDREN A THUMBS UP FOR THE RIGHT THINGS **by Michael Grose**

Children of all ages enjoy parental recognition. They like when their parents make a fuss over their behaviour or highlight something they've done well.

Sometimes parents will reward their children's behaviour with a treat, money or a gift. This is okay in small doses, but parental recognition alone is a high enough driver of children's behaviour most of the time.

First borns, in particular, love approval. Youngest children just love that you have noticed them! Second borns can sometimes do things in spite of their parents, but deep down they love the recognition too, even if they don't let on that they do.

The behaviour you focus on expands

If you want your children to be neater then focus on their neat behaviours. “You’ve tidied your toys up before dinner. Top job!” You don’t have to throw a party, just let them know that you noticed and you approve of their tidiness. You may also let them know how it affects you. “You’ve tidied your toys up before dinner. It makes my job easier.” The behaviours that you notice and comment on will expand.

Noticing children’s tidiness once won’t suddenly turn messy children into exceptionally neat ones, but do it often enough and you’ll start to get some turn around.

You can give children a thumbs up for all sorts of behaviours. Here’s some examples.

Being co-operative

Children appreciate a pat on the back when they respond on your terms not theirs.

Being brave

Nervous and anxious children need to have their bravery pointed out to them. It’s reassuring and empowering.

Being helpful

Want helpful children? Then you need to notice helpful behaviours.

Being tolerant

Sometimes older siblings need to be very tolerant of younger siblings. Tolerance is a very giving behaviour and can be promoted.

Being patient

Something to encourage and acknowledge when you notice it. In developing patience the children are also developing empathy.

Being persistent

Let children know when ‘hanging in there’ pays off. The link between persistence and success is massive and persistence needs to be promoted.

Being friendly

If your child struggles in social situations then recognise pro-social behaviours such as sharing, initiating contact with another child or taking an interest in another person.

Don’t wait until you get perfect behaviour to give recognition, particularly for very young children.

Everyone has L-plates when it comes to behaving (co-operatively, bravely, patiently) so their attempts and close approximations need to be verified by the significant adults in their lives – their parents.

Recognising children’s positive behaviours is easy to do, but it’s also easy not to do. We often get tied up with other things and forget to show appreciation and nurture the behaviours our children need to develop.

It's the little things such as giving positive recognition that have the biggest impact on children's development.

Marie-Therese Milani
Principal

PARENTS' CLUB

Good Friday Appeal

This year Mildura South Primary School raised \$396.25 for the Good Friday Appeal. We would like to thank all the students, families and staff who donated.

Mothers' Day

Unfortunately this year we won't be running the Mothers' Day stall. We will, however, be running a raffle. Raffle books have been sent out this week so be sure to buy Mum a ticket.

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.

Fees will increase from 3/5/21, as listed below.

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 *\$20 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 *\$30 per session per child / \$32 last day of term.

Vacation Care/Curriculum Day – 8.00am until 6.00pm on scheduled days throughout the year *\$65 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 \$3.85 / ASC \$8.46 / VAC \$12.51

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.

Curriculum Day – we are now taking bookings for the upcoming Curriculum Day on Tuesday 25th May. We will be open from 8am until 6pm on the day. Please note: if there are less than 15 children booked in for that day, the program will not go ahead.

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 Vaida Wilson

PK Ezra Blight

PP Don Henry

PR Oliver McDonald

1B Kruze McVeigh-Myers

1P Grace Stowe

1T Lily Hayes

2H Kieren Greenaway-Mitchell

2R Max Pegus

2S Emiko Gardner

3/4B Bella Probert

3/4M Kirah Fox

3/4S Jett Chillingsworth

3/4W Jacinta Kennedy

5/6B Ashlin Bernaldo-
Hannemann

5/6J Kaelan Zielonka

5/6K Tom Helms

5/6L Jaidyn Shrestha

5/6O Finley Jackson

Art

Jaylan Scott 3/4S

Italian

Brooklyn Kiel Prep R

Sport

Isabella Laurie Prep R

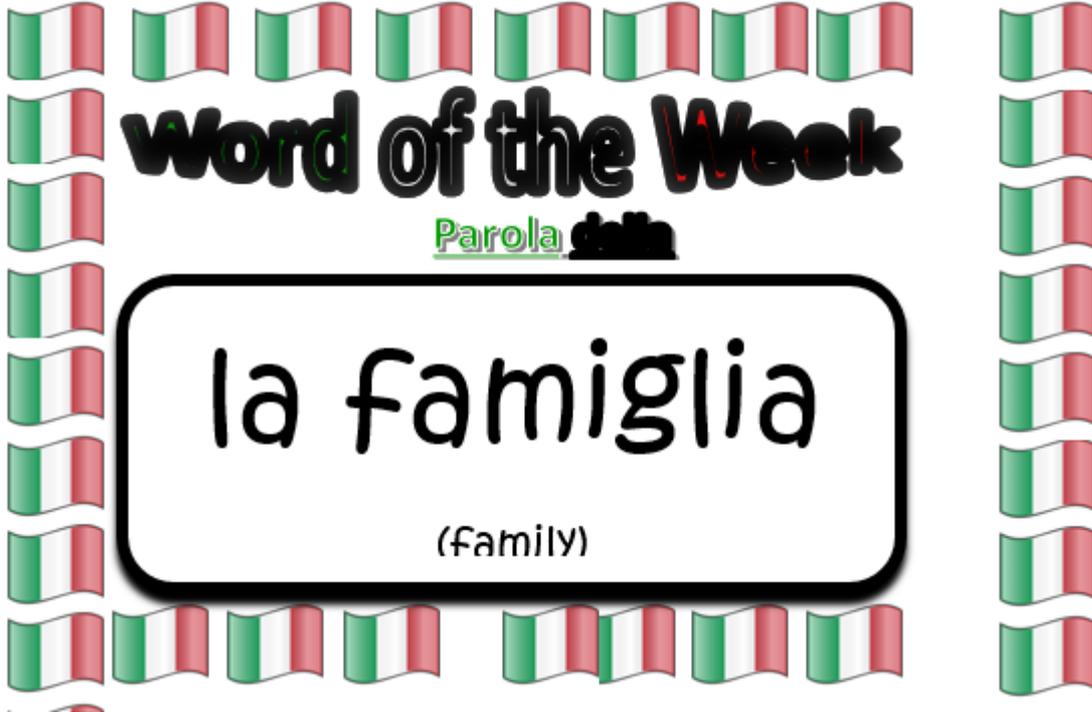
STEM

Leni Hester 3/4W

Performing Arts

Vaida Wilson Prep H

ITALIAN WORD OF THE WEEK



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