



Mildura South Primary School Newsletter

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May

Mon 3 – Fri 7 Grade 3/4 Swimming

Mon 10 Prep Open Day (10.00am to 2.00pm)

11-13 May NAPLAN Testing

Fri 21 Last Day for Pie Drive Orders to be returned

Tue 25 Curriculum Day (No students required at school)

June

Mon 14 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

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"

CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS. LORD AND MISS RADLOFF

This Friday Mrs Lord and Miss Radloff will be celebrating their Graduation. This is their second year of teaching but due to the COVID 19 Pandemic their Graduation Ceremony was postponed until this Friday.

I hope that they have a very happy celebration!

We are very fortunate to have both Mrs Lord and Miss Radloff as teachers here at Mildura South Primary. Their commitment to our students is exemplary and they are highly respected amongst staff and families.

Thank you for all that you do.

STUDENTS LEARNING TASKS UPLOADED ONTO COMPASS

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 HAVE RETURNED

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 OPEN DAY

Just another reminder about our Open Day happening on Monday, May 10 between the hours of 10am and 2pm. I would like to invite families who have children beginning Prep in 2022 to come along to Mildura South Primary School and receive a school tour conducted by our Grade 6 student leaders.

We would love to show interested families our 'Preps in Action'. People can see for themselves the engaging, positive, caring learning environment that each Prep class with 16 students in them provides. We will also share teaching and learning in other year levels so families get a picture of what school will look like for their child as they progress through their primary years.

Our Grade 6 student leaders are looking forward to answering questions and sharing what it is like to attend Mildura South Primary School with a Positive Education culture. Our students will talk about the values we live by and how they know that they are growing into their best selves.

If you know anyone who is curious about MSPS and would like a school tour on our Open Day, May 10. All they need to do is to come to the front office when they arrive at Mildura South Primary and our student leaders will make sure they feel very welcome.

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.

Teaching consent to children and teenagers by Michael Grose

Following the March 4 Justice Rallies, families have been urged to talk to their children about consent. Many parents are unsure where to start and how to go about it. Here are some ideas to assist parents in this most important topic.

Start the consent ball rolling from an early age

Consent education begins with adults teaching and modelling respectful treatment related to children's development stages. Holding discussions about body boundaries, checking in with feelings, respecting the feelings and voices of others, and listening to children's concerns are the types of behaviours that will help you develop a culture of respect in your family.

Is your home a place where children can talk about any topic? Sexuality and relationship education are subjects that many parents place in the 'let's talk about this when you are older' basket.

Professor Kerry Robinson, who is in the School of Social Sciences and Psychology and the Sexualities and Genders Research Network at Western Sydney University advises parents to be factual when answering children's questions, emphasising the importance of staying informed about the subject children are interested in.

In a recent article in The Guardian, she said "... have it set up early with your child that when they talk about certain things you give open, simple, honest answers, then you set a precedent that you can build on."

Professor Robinson also advises parents not to fob off children's questions: "Straight away you're setting a pattern of not answering and putting it off. Children learn really quickly that this is a taboo subject. They will talk to their friends about it: they won't talk to their parents and other adults about it because it's taboo."

Teach no means no

Children learn about mutual consent through their play and sharing. A child who doesn't want to share their toys has a right to be left alone, rather than being scolded to change their mind. Parents who withdraws a privilege in response to a teenager's poor behaviour needs to make sure that they are not

subjected to repeated attempts to negotiate a different outcome. Reinforce with children and young people that a no is not an invitation to ask again.

Emphasise choices

The biggest lesson to reinforce for children and young people is that they have a choice in how they behave, and how they react. 'It's not my fault because he/she made me do it' that children so often use when asked to account for poor behaviour is not helpful.

Framing behaviour as a choice is a central consent strategy for children or all ages. A young child who shares a toy with a friend can be told, "Good choice Harry. Now you can have fun together." A primary school child who completes their homework assignment early can be reminded "Now you've got plenty of time to relax. Smart choice." The teenager who quietly helps you prepare a meal can be told, "You could have done anything after school, but you chose to help me. I appreciate that."

Teach children to seek consent

While teaching children the right to say no is a central consent message, children and young people also need to develop the habit of seeking consent from others. "Ask your sister if it's okay for you to play that game next to her." "Ask grandma if she feels like a cuddle right now." Permission-seeking is another piece in respectful relationships puzzle that you can reinforce with children.

Model consent

The use of consensual language is a community concern. A grandparent may need to be respectfully reminded to ask young children if they'd like a kiss or hug. Similarly, a relative can abide by a young child's wishes if they ask them to stop tickling or playing with them. A doctor will ask a child, "I'm going to take your temperature. Is that okay?" It's up to adults to frame requests in ways that children feel safe and comfortable.

Fathers step up

Dads can't leave consent and sexuality education to mothers, which still appears to be the case in many families. Fathers can help their daughters develop the confidence to say no by regular interactions with their daughters and encouraging them to be assertive. If they feel comfortable telling you to stop a game, they are more likely to feel comfortable saying no to other males in their lives later in life. Open the door to conversations about sexuality, relationships and consent with your teenage daughter, and she'll know she has a willing ally in you.

Fathers can model respectful behaviours for their sons through their treatment of women at home, and in the community at large. Start by calling out displays of derogatory behaviour towards women by men or young people. Reinforce in your sons that the standard of behaviour they ignore is the standard of behaviour that they accept. There are many powerful lessons that boys can absorb from their fathers.

In closing

The best age to start teaching your children about consent is when they are young. The second-best age is whatever age they are right now. Consent education is too big an issue to ignore or leave to schools to manage. It's something we all have to commit to if we want real change to occur.

Marie-Therese Milani
Principal

PARENTS' CLUB

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.

Pie Drive

This year the Parents' Club have decided to do something a bit different and conduct a Pie Drive fundraiser. Order forms were sent home with students on Friday last week. Order forms and money can be put in the Drop Box at the office. **The last day for orders is Friday 21st May, 2021.**

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. The new fees are 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 Addison Harvey-Greenaway
PK Perla Elsadda
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PR Aaliyah Sharman
1B Angie Lokeni-Vea
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1T Ava Hocking
2H Emirhan Davraz
2R Elissa Humphris
2S Vy Ngo

3/4B Mehdi Tawasoly
3/4M Harper Scherger
3/4S Olivia Kent
3/4W Quinton Hibbard
5/6B Joel Dickson
5/6J Meleseini Kuluka
5/6K Jaxson Lia
5/6L Logan Hawkes
5/6O Xavier Erskine

Art
Brooklyn Kiel Prep R

Italian
Bryson Cawley 5/6O

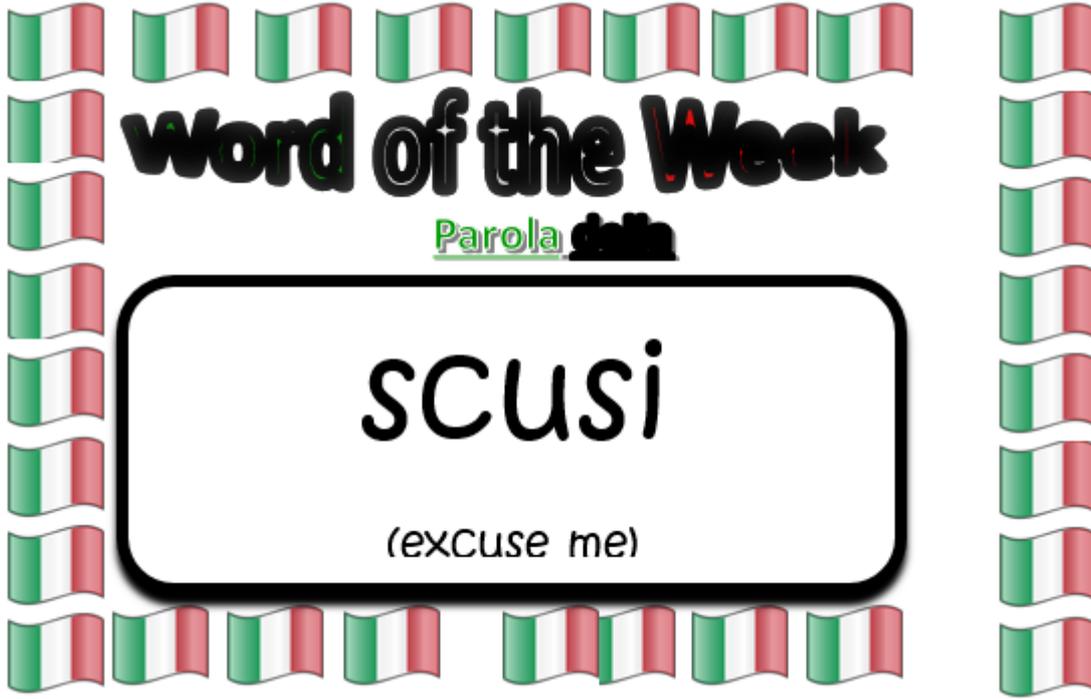
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Victor Collins 5/6K

STEM
Komal Grewal 5/6B

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Rayne Singla 1T
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ITALIAN WORD OF THE WEEK



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