



# Mildura South Primary School Newsletter

## A Positive Education School

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### TERM DATES

**TERM 2** 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL – 25<sup>th</sup> JUNE (10 weeks)

#### MAY

11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>

NAPLAN – Grade 3 and 5

Fri 17<sup>th</sup>

Last Day for Dental Forms to be returned

Fri 21<sup>st</sup>

Last Day for Pie Drive Orders to be returned

Tue 25<sup>th</sup>

Curriculum Day (no students required at school)

#### JUNE

Mon 14<sup>th</sup>

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday (no students required at school)

Mon 21<sup>st</sup>

Dental Van Visit

Fri 25<sup>th</sup>

Last Day of Term (2.30pm finish)

## 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"*

## NAPLAN

NAPLAN will be taking place on Tuesday May 11, Wednesday May 12 and Thursday May 13. As a Positive Education School we want this to be a positive experience for our students and staff. It is an opportunity to gather more data to assist us to ensure that all students reach their full potential. I have included some

information from the Education Department on NAPLAN to inform our growth mindset as together we approach this time as a school community.

## **NAPLAN**

Why do students do NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The assessment provides parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests.

NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process - it does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance. NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

What is assessed?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials. A student's overall NAPLAN score is based on the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly.

How can I help my child prepare?

Help your child prepare by reassuring them that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and by reminding them on the day to simply try their best. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

## **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.

## **VISIBLE WELLING 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.

## **PARENTING FOR EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY CHILDREN** by Michael Grose

These behaviours will help you lay the foundation for your child to become an emotionally healthy adult.

### **Helping children tolerate discomfort**

While you don't need to expose children to pain just for the purpose of toughening them up, you don't need to shield them from discomfort. Missing being picked for a team, a friend moving away and sitting a test that makes them nervous are the types of situations that reflect real adult-life. Providing children and young people with exposure to such experiences and giving them coping strategies builds their resilience, which is essential for success.

### **Validating their feelings**

Telling children to stop worrying or stop crying sends a message that emotions are not helpful. It teaches them to hide their emotions or fight their feelings. Similarly applying the terms 'good' or 'bad' to emotions sends a message that some emotions are not acceptable. The use of terms 'pleasant' and 'unpleasant' when discussing emotions is non-judgemental and shows your acceptance of all feelings. Let children know through your language and behaviour that all emotions are a natural part of life, and that they provide important information to help them navigate their world. "Ahh! I see you feel upset about this" is the type of statement children want to hear particularly when feelings are difficult or unpleasant.

### **Letting children live life**

Parents have their own individual stories that they may or may not have accepted and managed. It can be tempting to put our own emotions onto our children or steer them away from areas of life that caused us pain. Children require a certain amount of emotional space to develop their own interests and strengths, which can be challenging when parenting.

### **Being emotionally available**

One of the most difficult and time-consuming aspects of parenting is sharing a child or young person's emotional burdens. Supporting a child who is sad, or helping a young person manage disappointment is draining emotional labour, requiring your full attention. Supporting and coaching children when they are down is when parents do some of their most important work.

In closing, by paying attention to children's emotions and responding positively you will help lay the foundation for your children to live healthy, balanced lives.

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

## **DIVISION CROSS COUNTRY**

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 28 students from Mildura South Primary School competed in SSV Division Cross Country Championships. Races were held over a distance of 2km for the 9/10 year old age group and 3km for the 11 & 12 year olds. Congratulations to our students who took part for the effort they put into their race in particular Layla Adams who won the 9/10 year old girls event, Makenzie Crump who placed 11<sup>th</sup> in the 9/10 year old girls, Oscar Bitmead who finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the 9/10 year old boys and Mitchell Watson who placed 8<sup>th</sup> in the 11year old boys. By finishing in the top 12 runners in their age group these students have qualified to complete at the Regional Cross Country which will be held in St. Arnaud on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June. Thank you to all of the parents who were able to attend and support the students on the day and good luck to our students who are competing at the Regionals.



## **GIRLS FOOTBALL/BOYS NETBALL**

Congratulations to the grade 5/6 students who played interschool sport at Number 3 Oval on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April. Our Boys Netball won 2 out of 3 matches to finish second overall. Our Girls Football team won all 3 games and as a result progress to the Division finals which will be played later this term. Well done girls!



## PARENTS' CLUB

### Mothers' Day Raffle

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for the Mothers' Day Raffle and we hope all the Mums out there had a happy Mothers' Day. The raffle winners were as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Lauren Taylor
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Suzy Mann
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Lincoln Tate
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Maria Cirillo
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Debbie Serojales

### 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:oshp@msps.vic.edu.au) Phone – 0408 232 143 or the school number 5023 2148 option 3



## CELEBRATION OF STRENGTHS

PH Lawson Kingsley

PK Archer Humphris

PP Satikar Kaur

PR Adam Allsop-Kaye

1B Ethan Walker

1P Cynthia-Rose Williams

1T Cooper Minter

2H Jai Hatch

2R Nataša Siladi

2S Isla Jackson

3/4B Tyson Garner

3/4M Kenzie Stevens

3/4S Isabella Smith

3/4W Bianca Carusella

5/6B Kamika Fell

5/6J Kaan Mehmet-Ali

5/6K Evie Atkinson

5/6L Mylee Peters

5/6O Lexie Monaghan

### Art

Adam Allsop-Kaye Prep R

### Italian

Latarnia Lawson 3/4S

### Sport

Layla Adams 3/4M

### STEM

Aveena Jeyakanthan 5/6B

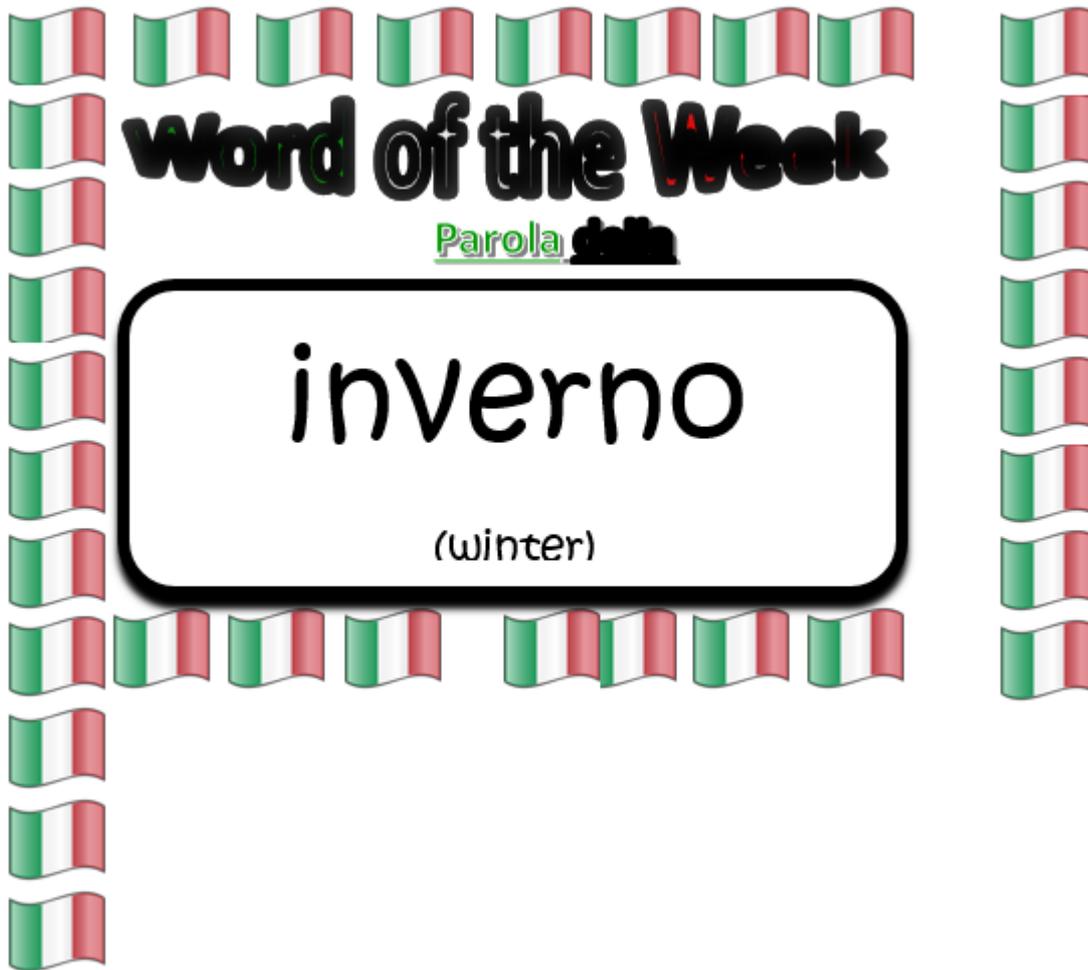
### Performing Arts

Rocco Mammone Prep R

### Band

Luca Scherger 5/6J

ITALIAN WORD OF THE WEEK



**Word of the Week**  
Parola della

**inverno**  
(winter)

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**MILDURA JUNIOR MOTORCYCLE CLUB**

**JUNIOR SPEEDWAY**

# COME & TRY DAY

Come down and participate in having a go at riding a junior  
125cc solo bike!

Each new rider will be issued with a FREE 3-month recreational  
licence.

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To register your interest please contact Simon McCarthy on  
0428 256 552.

**11:30AM START**

**SUNDAY 23RD  
MAY  
OLYMPIC PARK MILDURA**



# DATES TO REMEMBER

## MAY

Tues, Wed, Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup>	NAPLAN – Grade 3 & 5
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Last day for Dental form to be returned
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Last Day for Pie Drive Orders to be returned
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	Curriculum Day (no students required at school)
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	Open Afternoon – Shared Afternoon Tea (1.30pm to 3.30pm)

## JUNE

Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday (no students required at school)
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	Division Netball/Soccer
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Division Hockey/Aussie Rules
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	Dental Van Visit
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term 2

## TERM 3 (12<sup>th</sup> JULY – 17<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER)

### JULY

Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of Term 3
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup>	Regional Netball/Soccer

## AUGUST

Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Regional Aussie Rules/Hockey
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	Division Golf
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	MSPS Athletics Day

## SEPTEMBER

8 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 5 Camp to Ballarat
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 2 Sleepover
14 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 3 Camp to Swan Hill
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Term 3

## TERM 4 (4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER-17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER)

### OCTOBER

19 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>	Grade 6 Outdoor Camp
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 1 Fun Night

### NOVEMBER

Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Colour Fun Run
24 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 4 Camp to Lake Cullulleraine

### DECEMBER

Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of school
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