



# Mildura South Primary School Newsletter

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### TERM DATES

<b>TERM 2</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> APRIL – 25<sup>th</sup> JUNE (10 weeks)</b>
<b>MAY</b>	
<b>Wed 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Red Shield Appeal – “Wear Red to School Day” (Donation appreciated)</b>
<b>Fri 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Last Day for Pie Drive Orders to be returned</b>
<b>Tue 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Curriculum Day (no students required at school)</b>
<b>Thur 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Open Afternoon (Shared Afternoon Tea) – 1.30pm to 3.30pm</b>
<b>JUNE</b>	
<b>Mon 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday (no students required at school)</b>
<b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Dental Van Visit</b>
<b>Fri 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Last Day of Term (2.30pm finish)</b>

## 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”*

### RED SHIELD APPEAL

This Wednesday we will be supporting the Red Shield Appeal by wearing something red to school. Any donations the children make on this day will be greatly appreciated.

The Salvation Army does outstanding work in our Mildura Community assisting families with food, shelter, clothing and other needs that our children benefit from on a regular basis.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank The Salvation Army for the difference they make to so many in our Mildura Community.

## **EDUCATION WEEK**

We will be celebrating Education Week from Monday May 24 to Friday May 28, 2021.

As you know we have a Curriculum Day on Tuesday May 25, joining with Chaffey and Mildura Primary focusing on Visible Wellbeing.

**On Thursday May 27** we will be inviting families to join our school community in an Open Afternoon from **1.30-3.30pm**. Feel free to come along at any time, whether you stay for all of the time or some of the time, you will be most welcome.

During this time families will be in classrooms observing and connecting with the students. You are also welcome to bring some afternoon tea to share with your children at recess time.

This is an opportunity to demonstrate to our families what 'bringing our best selves to school and loving what we do' looks like, sounds like and feels like.

See you then.

## **SICK CHILDREN**

It is important that we continue to follow the Department of Education COVID 19 Guidelines in keeping our students safe at school.

Could I please ask that when contacted by office staff that your child is not well and is waiting to be picked up that you do your best to be at the school within 15 minutes.

Thank you for understanding the importance of everyone staying home when they have flu like symptoms or are unwell.

## **2022 PREP OPEN DAY**

Last Monday our Student Leaders carried out school tours for a number of families who wanted to experience what Mildura South Primary had to offer.

I am so very proud of each student who carried out these tours. The feedback was outstanding, commending our students for their ability to speak about who we are and how we live out our values each day.

Thank you to our Student Leaders for your leadership, courage and integrity while representing our school and sharing our programs and culture with the Mildura Community.

A very proud day for all.

### **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 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.

## **WHY FAMILY RITUALS MATTER** **by Maggie Dent**

Family rituals strengthen the sense of warm connectedness in families. This makes sense, given that the number one biological need for every human is the hunger to belong, and to be accepted, valued and loved.

The disruption

of life in 2020 saw many families unable to go about their normal activities, and for many, family rituals reclaimed their valuable position. For some, it was simply going for walks together, riding bikes together, baking, or watching movies together complete with home-made popcorn.

So how can families create and maintain small rituals that make such a difference?

### Turn routines into rituals

Bedtime routines that include such things as reading to your children, singing special bedtime songs or even just lying beside your child do far more than help them to fall asleep.

When these routines are repeated, they create neural pathways which enhance loving connection. As a nanny to several precious little ones, I absolutely love being a part of their bedtime rituals.

### Reign in the chaos

Family rituals bring a degree of predictability and certainty into our sometimes chaotic lives. They are important for teenagers as they provide a sense of control at a time of change and challenge. Families who are struggling with any uncertainty and stress can regularly connect with a much-loved board game or family movie and dive into it with enthusiasm. Leave work and worry behind and spend a couple of hours with those you love the most.

### Create greeting rituals

Greeting and goodbye rituals within families are also important. How you welcome and reconnect to children after a day away shows them that you have missed them and still love them. With little ones, some parents leave a kiss on their child's palm. For others there are special handshakes. I can still remember my dad saying goodbye to us with the oldie but goodie "See you later alligator!" To which we naturally replied, "in a while, crocodile!" This is a ritual that happens now with my grandchildren.

As an authorised celebrant, I have conducted many funerals and one of the things that brings joy to broken hearts are the shared memories of family rituals. The repeated nature of ritual helps to anchor memories deeply in our minds. I remember a beautiful funeral for a man where everyone wore a beanie and a scarf, including his youngest grandchild. This simple act was a nod to the fact that whenever this grandfather watched football on TV, he always wore a beanie and a scarf and so did anyone else who was watching with him. A simple but powerful act.

Never underestimate the importance of family rituals in your home.

**MARIE-THERESE MILANI  
PRINCIPAL**

## **PARENTS' CLUB**

### **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 Charlie Bowen  
PK Charlie Edwards  
PP Cameron Leek  
PR Mimi Chen  
1B Uleena Lawson  
1P Gabriel Williams  
1T Shaylee Greenaway  
2H Jaxon Jones  
2R Jordan Brown  
2S Zayne Russell

3/4B Fatma Helmy  
3/4M Daniel Crane  
3/4S Natalie Hucks  
3/4W Spencer Harding  
5/6B Grace Thouliss  
5/6J Holly Skipsey  
5/6K Alessandra Scherger  
5/6L Ben Cawley  
5/6O Kyun Woo Kim

Art  
Dante Berry 5/6L

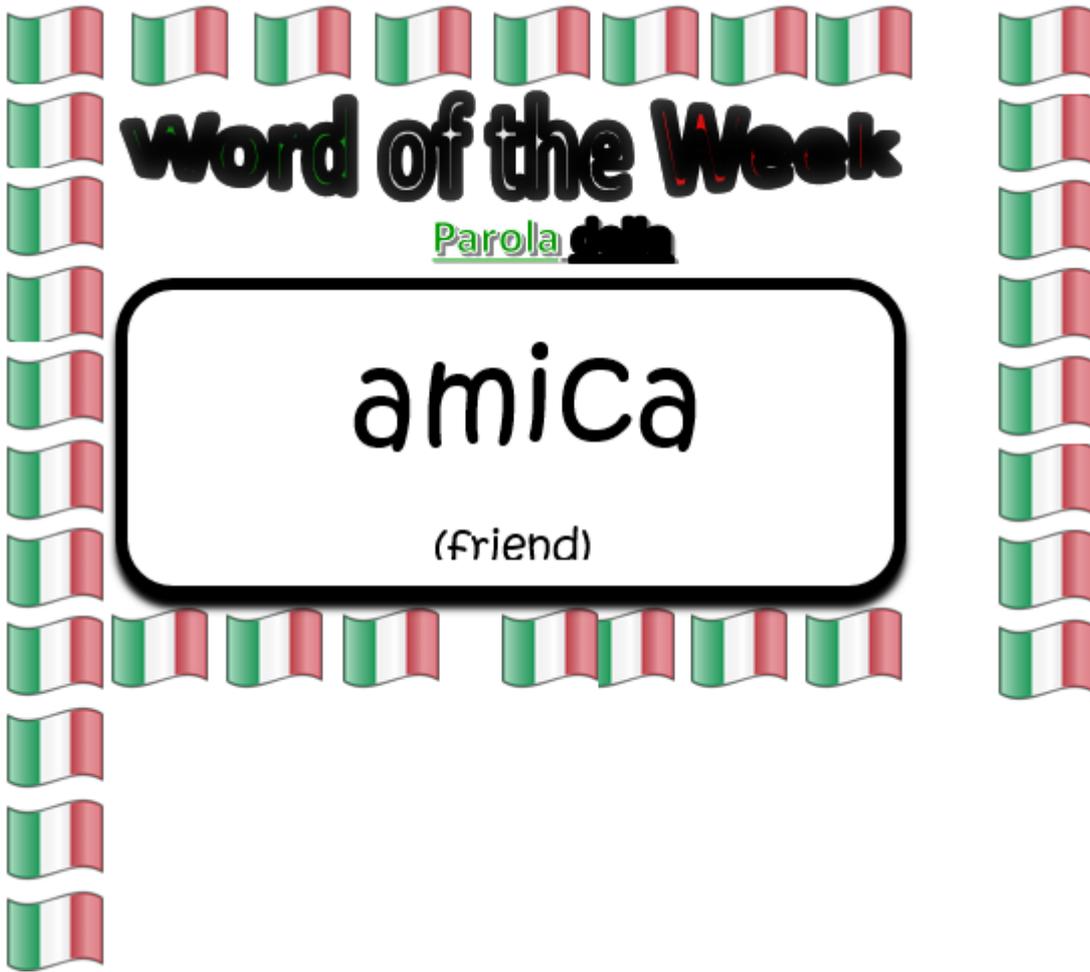
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Sport  
Indigo Hillas 3/4W

STEM  
Robert Scobie 5/6O

Performing Arts  
Brooklyn Willsmore 5/6O

ITALIAN WORD OF THE WEEK



**Word of the Week**  
Parola della

**amica**  
(friend)

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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**



**Education and Training Reform Amendment (Protection of School Communities) Bill 2021: Information for Parents, Carers and Families**

This information is for parents, carers and guardians about the new Education and Training Reform Amendment (Protection of School Communities) Bill 2021.

Victorian school communities are overwhelmingly positive and safe places for teaching and learning where we all play a role in supporting students in their achievements, engagement and wellbeing needs.

It is likely that you have heard the recent media announcements that the Victorian Government has introduced the Education and Training Reform Amendment (Protection of School Communities) Bill 2021. If passed through parliament, the proposed Bill would come into effect in May 2022.

The Bill aims to protect and keep school communities safe by preventing and deterring violent and aggressive behaviours from adult members of the school community and ensure that schools are positive, safe and inclusive places to work and learn. This Bill will apply to the small minority of adult members of the Victorian school community who engage in this behaviour, after early conflict resolution measures through non-legislative avenues have failed.

The proposed law will empower principals and other authorised persons to issue School Community Safety Orders in response to parents, carers and other adult members of the school community who engage in harmful, threatening, abusive or disruptive behaviours on school grounds or places where school activities take place, or inappropriate and harmful communication through emails and social media.

This Bill will apply to the small minority of the school community who engage in this behaviour when all other reasonable interventions have failed. The changes would ensure that all members of the school community are kept safe and to minimise any harm to their safety and wellbeing. There will be internal and external review mechanisms in place if a person who is subject to a School Community Safety Order wishes to appeal an Order.

Arrangements will be available to ensure parents can still remain engaged in their child's learning to and to minimise any disruption to the student.

Further information about the details of the Bill will be communicated to you if the Bill is passed by Parliament.

# DATES TO REMEMBER

## MAY

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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