



Mildura South Primary School Newsletter

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TERM DATES

TERM 2 19th APRIL – 25th JUNE (10 weeks)

MAY

Tue 25th Curriculum Day (no students required at school)

Thur 27th Open Afternoon (Shared Afternoon Tea) – 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Fri 28th Grade 5/6 Interschool Sport

JUNE

Mon 14th Queen's Birthday Public Holiday (no students required at school)

Mon 21st Dental Van Visit

Fri 25th 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"

EDUCATION WEEK

We will be celebrating Education Week this week.

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.

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SCHOOL AND HOME

I would like to ask that if you wish to contact your classroom teacher that you do so via the school phone or your classroom teacher's email. All emails are recorded on the school website for you to refer to.

Please do not use Dojo as a formal mode of communication as staff have been instructed to use email.

The school phone number is (03) 5023 2148.

This is especially important when your child is absent. A phone call to let the school know that your child is unwell will be greatly appreciated.

PREP 2022 OPEN DAY ON JUNE 17

Families who visited our first Open Day spoke about how informative and helpful it was to receive a tour of the school from our Senior Students.

Due to the outstanding success of the first Open Day we are opening our doors to the families in the Mildura Community who have children starting Prep in 2022.

Senior Students will once again welcome families, giving them a tour and answering any questions they have on **Thursday June 17 from 10.00am-2.00pm**.

Our students love sharing what 'bringing our best selves to school and loving the work that we do' looks like, sounds like and feels like.

Looking forward to once again seeing lots of new faces.

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.

On time, every day by Michael Grose

During the current COVID-19 pandemic parents are rightfully urged to take a cautious approach and keep children and young people at home if they show symptoms of the virus.

It's a balancing act if you're a parent as one the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day—and gets there on time. It sounds simple, but it's true. The correlation between school attendance and children's achievement levels is well established. The more time children spend at school, the more likely they are to experience school success. Of course, most people know this intuitively, yet school absenteeism is a huge problem in Australian schools.

According to a report by the Australian Curriculum and Assessment authority nearly 13 per cent of Australian students are missing at least one year of schooling by the time they reach year 10. In today's highly competitive world, this rate of absenteeism is alarming, putting our children at a distinct disadvantage.

Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day, with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do, valuable learning time is lost.

It's reassuring to know that you can maximise your children's chances of future success just by making sure they turn up to school every day. Knowing also that regular school attendance also helps children prepare for the workforce, where it will be expected that they turn up each day work-ready.

As a parent:

- Commit to sending children to school every day
- Make sure children arrive at school and class on time
- Inform the school when they are away, sending medical certificates and other evidence of genuine absence
- Follow current COVID-19 health guidelines and recommendations
- Ensure children who are away stay in their bedroom, which is where unwell people need to be

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 Benji Plumridge

PK Edie Stone

PP Jordan Kirby

PR Rocco Mammone

1B Grace Needham

1P Samantha Zambito-Hynes

1T Braith Stevens

2H Mackenzie Robertson-
Grosse

2R Zadie Southwell

2S Ethan Carli

3/4B Jack Taylor

3/4M Macey Ridgwell

3/4S Eve Spanos

3/4W Judd Russell

5/6B Layla Connors

5/6J Tarkyn Raymond

5/6K Ava Almond

5/6L Joshua Saunders

5/6O Milla Williams

Art

Cadance Paddock 3/4W

Italian

Max McIver 5/6K

Sport

Tom Ough 5/6K

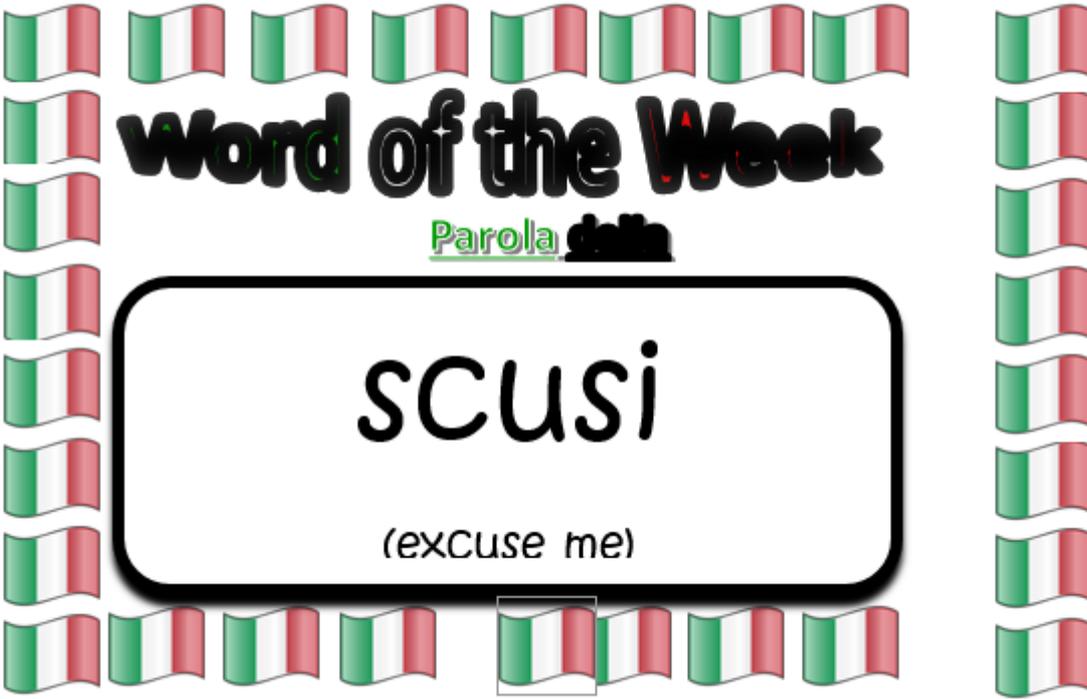
STEM

Makenzie Brown 3/4M

Performing Arts

Caden Johns 5/6B

ITALIAN WORD OF THE WEEK



Word of the Week
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(excuse me)

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Fri 18 June

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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.

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