



Mildura South Primary School Newsletter

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TERM DATES

TERM 3

12th JULY - SEPTEMBER 17th (10 weeks)

AUGUST

Wednesday 4th

100 Days of Prep Celebration

Thursday 5th

Three Way Conferences

Monday 16th

Prep Open Day 10am to 2pm (if permitted by COVID19 Guidelines)

Friday 20th

Athletics Day

Monday 23rd

Prep Play Afternoon (if permitted by COVID19 Guidelines)

Wednesday 25th

Whole School Photo

Friday 27th

Book Week Parade and Activities

SEPTEMBER

Friday 3rd

Grade 2 Sleepover

Monday 6th

Prep Play Afternoon (if permitted by COVID19 Guidelines)

Wednesday 8th to

Friday 10th

Grade 5 Camp to Ballarat

Monday 13th

Teddy Bears Picnic

Tuesday 14th to

Wednesday 15th

Grade 3 Camp to Swan Hill

Friday 17th

Last day of Term 3

"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"

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

CHILD SAFETY

**Please use the pedestrian crossing when crossing Deakin Avenue
When dropping students off or picking students up in Albert Street
please observe ONE WAY (from Deakin Avenue to the Wetlands)
When driving in Albert Street before and after school please travel
at 20km/per hour**

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING US IN KEEPING OUR STUDENTS SAFE

100 DAYS OF PREP

Congratulations to all of our Prep students who will be celebrating their first 100 days of school on Wednesday August 4.

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SCHOOL AND HOME

Please continue to check Compass for any updated information. The school phone number is (03) 5023 2148

MINIMUM COMMUNITY CONGESTION AND CROSS-OVER OF AGE GROUPS

The Department of Education have asked that we keep cross over of student age groups and community congestion at a minimum.

In order to do this, the following has been put in place as of Thursday July 29, 2021

- Parents asked to remain off site
- Students asked to use their House Gate to enter and exit the school grounds

Murray Gate – Albert Street

Darling Gate – Crossing Gate

Mungo and Kulkyne Gate – Front Gate

- There is no play in the yard before school

Students to go straight to their classroom when they arrive at school

- Students are being dropped at school after 8.45am

- At 3.15pm Grades Prep, One and Two Teachers escort students to their House Gate where Parents pick them up. Students who are in Grades 3 - 6 who have younger siblings leave the school at 3.20pm using their House Gate. Any students who are booked into After School Care go there at 3.30pm.
- The remainder of our students leave the school through their House Gate at 3.30pm

Thank you for your support and co-operation in keeping our school community safe.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

At this stage all School Assemblies will take place on Wednesday afternoons at 3pm via WebEx Events. Students will be in their classrooms and a link will be posted on Compass so that Parents can join us.

THREE-WAY CONFERENCES

Student Conferences will go ahead as planned next week.

Parents will have the option of booking a WebEx Meeting or a Phone meeting. There will be no onsite face to face Conference Meetings.

If you have booked a face-to-face Conference that would have been onsite, the booking time will remain the same.

You will receive an email from your classroom teacher by Tuesday, August 3, confirming either a WebEx or Phone Meeting. The link and number will be on the email you receive from your classroom teacher.

It is very important that the student is part of the Conference.

Out of Hours Care will be available for families, so if your child is booked into this service please inform your teacher so that we can ensure that the student is present at their Conference.

If you have not booked your Student Conference yet, please refer to the 'How to book your Student Conference' post on Compass.

Format for our Student Conferences

It is imperative that the Conferences are run smoothly and punctuality is a priority.

- Teacher welcomes Parent/Carer and Student to the Conference
- Teacher shares a Praise and Prompt for: Reading, Writing and Maths
- Teacher invites the Student to share one of their strengths and how that strength helps them to be successful at school
- Teacher invites the Parent/Carer to share their thoughts on what they have heard from the Teacher and their Child.
- If further discussion outside of this is required please book another time for either: another WebEx, Phone Call or Meeting (when the Parents are permitted to be onsite).

HOME BELONGINGS

Could I please ask that toys and belongings that are at home remain at home and do not come to school.

Being an askable parent by Michael Grose

In a recent conversation, a 16 year old told me how he's enjoyed some great conversations with his father since the COVID-19 pandemic. What I heard from this young man was that his father is not just an affable person but also a very 'askable' parent.

The young man told me that he could talk to his dad about anything, which I suspect would be music to his father's ears. I imagine that many parents would love to hear their children say that about them. The notion of being a parent that young people can discuss personal problems with and seek answers to some of life's bigger issues such as politics, religion and sexuality has been a source of personal reflection and study over many years.

While young people can be notoriously secretive about what's on their mind, parent attitude and behaviour certainly impacts on their willingness to communicate. The following strategies will maximise your chances of being seen as an askable parent in your young person's eyes:

Be there

Proximity aids communication and relationship-building. The more time you spend in close proximity to a young person the more likely you are to have meaningful conversations.

Be attentive

Pay close attention when a young person starts a conversation or asks a question, as they are easily put off by parental indifference. Many young people experience difficulty articulating their thoughts, so they are extremely appreciative when parents pay them full attention when they have something to say.

Listen without judging or advising

Giving unsolicited advice is a sure-fire way to prevent young people confiding in you. Young people are more likely to discuss personal matters and difficult subjects if they know their thoughts and feelings won't be judged adversely or that they'll be deluged by advice. The use of Ahh statements ("Ahh, so that's what's bothering you?") is a great way to show young people that you are listening without judgement or advice.

Be prepared to challenge

There are times when you need to challenge the validity of a young person's views, their behaviour or the values they express. Misinformation, disrespectful attitudes and revelations about unsafe behaviour need to be discussed rather than ignored or criticised. It's wise to pick a time and a place that's likely to promote rational discussion rather than responding when emotions are high.

Engage in banter

Respected Australian educator Dr. Tim Hawkes writes in his book *Ten Conversations you must have with your son* that light-hearted banter is a prelude to more serious discussions. Not only does banter build relationships but it gives parents' permission to discuss thorny or personal issues with children.

At a time when a parent's voice is easily drowned out by increased media and digital noise, it's more important than ever to connect with a child or teenager on a personal level. Being an 'askable parent' will help you build deeper connections with the young person in your life.

Marie-Therese Milani
Principal

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Before & After School Care

We have places available every day for these two programs. Please contact the OSHC office for more information or make a booking.

Vacation Care

The next holiday program will be from Monday 20th September until Friday 1st October. There is a scheduled public holiday on Friday 24th September, we will not be operating on that day.

Families from Mildura South Primary will have their program plan and booking form emailed to them on Monday 23rd August, with remaining families in the district who are on our mailing list emailed on Monday 30th August. Bookings can start being taken from those dates. If you haven't received the forms by these dates, please let me know as soon as possible, or if you would like to be on our mailing list. If you know of any families requiring holiday care, please feel free to forward our details on to them.

Please return your booking form as soon as you receive the email to avoid missing out. Payment of vacation care fees are due by Friday 17th September, bookings will be forfeited if payment is not received by that date unless other arrangements have been made with me prior to the due date.

Pupil Free Day (Three Way Conference)

We are now taking bookings for this day – Thursday 5th August 2021. The program will be operating from 8am until 6pm on the day.

🌿 CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT 🌿

Yesterday afternoon 8 students from the Grade 3/4 unit went to clean up the area around Mocha Mecca. The students involved this week were Emilie, Vera, Makenzie, Xander, Willow, T'Sharni, Chase and Ashton. The teachers who supervised us were Miss Snow and Mrs Hunt. We went to that area to care for the environment and look after our local community. The area looks so much better now and we will keep working hard to keep it clean.



ITALIAN WORD OF THE WEEK



Word of the Week

Parola della Settimana

stagioni

(seasons)



CELEBRATION OF STRENGTHS

PH Christian logha

PK Daniel Jaffery

PP Satiker Kaur

PR Khajija Jaffry

1B Cooper Ryan

1P Rylee Bennett

1T Kobe Mitchell

2H Lachlan Offer

2R Lisian Henry

2S Zayne Russell

3/4B Noah Endersby

3/4M Fletcher White

3/4S Jaylan Scott

3/4W Alexander Skipsey

5/6B Sebastian Englefield

5/6J Harley Ackerley

5/6K Emmanique McVeigh

5/6L Angus Breeze

5/6O Kayla Stone

Art

Aveena Jeyakanthan 5/6B

Italian

Ji Ho Prep K

Sport

Amaya Serojales 3/4S

STEM

Chad Babington 3/4S

Performing Arts

Don Henry Prep P

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Hot Shots & Tennis 4 Teens @ Red Cliffs Tennis Club Term 3, 2021

Hot Shots Tuesday 4-5pm Wednesday 4-5pm & Friday 4-5pm
All sessions @\$10 - Racquets available-Plus free Hot Shots T-Shirt

Hot Shots MATCH PLAY each Friday 5-5.45pm @\$3 per player

Tennis 4 Teens Tuesday 5-6pm Wednesday 5-6pm - Racquets available \$10 per session

To enrol or for more information ph: Lisa Hill 0400726824

email: lisa.joy.hill70@gmail.com Community Play Coordinator

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 3 (12th JULY to 17th SEPTEMBER)

AUGUST

Wed 4th 100 Days of Prep Celebration
 Thurs 5th Three Way Conferences (Pupil Free Day)
 Fri 6th Interschool Sport (Round 2)
 Mon 16th Prep Open Day (10am to 2pm) – if permitted by COVID 19 Guidelines
 Fri 13th Interschool Sport (Round 3)
 Fri 20th MSPS Athletics Day
 Mon 23rd Prep Play Afternoon (if permitted by COVID19 Guidelines)
 Mon 30th to 3rd Sept Grade 1 & 2 Swimming

SEPTEMBER

2nd Sept Mini Olympics
 8th – 10th Grade 5 Camp to Ballarat
 Mon 13th AFL 9's (Grade 3 and 4)
 Fri 10th Grade 2 Sleepover
 14th – 15th Grade 3 Camp to Swan Hill
 Fri 17th Last of Term 3 (2.30pm Finish)

TERM 4 (4th OCTOBER to 17th DECEMBER)

OCTOBER

13th Oct Division Volleyball & Tennis
 14th Oct Division Basketball & Softball
 19th – 22nd Grade 6 Outdoor Camp
 Wed 20th Grade 1 Fun Night

NOVEMBER

Tues 2nd Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
 Fri 5th Grandparents Day
 Wed 17th School Concert
 Fri 19th Colour Fun Run
 24th – 26th Grade 4 Camp to Lake Cullulleraine
 Thurs 25th Prep Orientation

DECEMBER

Tues 7th Grade 6 and Prep Orientation
 Fri 17th Last day of Term 4 (2.30pm Finish)

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