



# Mildura South Primary School Newsletter

## A Positive Education School

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Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 Newsletter No. 24



### TERM DATES

#### TERM 3

12<sup>th</sup> JULY - SEPTEMBER 17<sup>th</sup> (10 weeks)

#### AUGUST

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

Athletics Day (House Colours)

Friday 20<sup>th</sup>

Athletics Day (House Colours)

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Prep Play Afternoon (if permitted by COVID19 Guidelines)

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>

Grade 1 and 2 Swimming Notes/Payments due back at school

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>

Whole School Photo

Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

Book Week Parade and Activities

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> to

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept

Grade 1 and 2 Swimming

#### SEPTEMBER

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Grade 2 Sleepover

Monday 6<sup>th</sup>

Prep Play Afternoon (if permitted by COVID19 Guidelines)

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> to

Friday 10<sup>th</sup>

Grade 5 Camp to Ballarat

Monday 13<sup>th</sup>

Teddy Bears Picnic

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> to

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>

Grade 3 Camp to Swan Hill

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>

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**

### COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SCHOOL AND HOME

Please continue to check Compass and Facebook 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:

- 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 Kulkyn 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 participate from their classrooms. The link will continue to be on Compass.

### **HOME BELONGINGS**

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

### **DIVISION FINALS**

There are a number of Grade 5 and 6 students representing our school in the Division Finals for Football and Hockey on Wednesday August 18, 2021. We congratulate these students and know that they will represent our school honourably.

At this stage Parents are not able to attend. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

### **SCHOOL EVENTS**

There are a number of school events approaching which we will be planning to take place on the specified dates and at this stage Parents and Community members will not be permitted onsite.

**If at any point in time we are notified that Parents are permitted onsite, we will advertise this immediately and welcome all visitors.**

### **ATHLETICS SPORTS DAYS**

This will be taking place over two days - Thursday August 19 and Friday August 20. Events will be scheduled over these two days and the schedule is attached to the Newsletter today. Thank you for understanding and supporting the school in implementing the School Operations Guidelines, whereby Parents are not permitted to be onsite.

We are so grateful that the students are able to enjoy these two days of our Athletics and we would like to thank Mr Kennedy and Mr Harwood and their team of helpers who have done a terrific job of preparing for this day.

**Both days will be a House Colour Day.**

### **BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS**

Students and Staff will be celebrating Book Week in their teams on Friday August 27.

## NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

Students and Staff will be celebrating NAIDOC in their teams on Thursday September 16- The NAIDOC 2021 theme – Heal Country!

## THE LANGUAGE OF RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS by Michael Grose

Name-calling dehumanises the child or young person on the receiving end, making it easier for a perpetrator to bully, put down or abuse. The language of bullying and sexual abuse is deliberately vague and generalised making it easier to hurl insults about gender or ethnicity. It's much harder to insult someone when real names are used as it becomes personal.

Bullying uses language that dehumanises. Respectful relationships have its own language, and it's through this language that respect is shown, and personal safety and integrity are assured.

Parents can help children and young people to develop the language of respectful relationships in the following ways:

### Use first or preferred names

The sound of a person's name respectfully spoken is music to the listener's ears. Teach children to refer to other people by their first or preferred name. If a relative prefers to be called aunt or uncle rather than by their first name, then out of respect, encourage children and young people to adjust their language accordingly, even though you may not subscribe to such formalities. Politeness is respect in action.

### Call out disrespectful behaviour

The standard of behaviour you ignore is the standard of behaviour you accept. Disrespectful behaviour needs to be called out by adults so children learn that bullying, racism and other forms of disrespectful language are not acceptable. When discussing the behaviour and character of friends, fictional characters in books and personalities on film differentiate between the behaviour and the person, calling out the use of negative labels when you hear them. It's easy to ignore disrespectful language when you hear it, but this is one area where a consistent approach by adults is critical.

### Frame behaviour as a choice

Framing behaviour as a choice is an essential respectful relationships strategy that needs to be reinforced for children and young people. "That's a helpful choice!" is the type of response children need to repeatedly hear, reinforcing that their behaviour is a result of choice rather than driven by others, circumstances, or emotion. Personal choice negates the idea that somehow other people or circumstances determine behaviour or become convenient scapegoats for all types of abuse and disrespectful behaviour. "She/he made me do it" just doesn't wash in a civilised society.

### Develop a wide vocabulary

Build a wide vocabulary of terms essential to respectful relationships. Terms such as safety, choice, respect, acceptance, tolerance, love and likeable can be familiar language to children as well as phrases that emphasise fair and respectful treatment of others in all types of environments.

### In closing

Respect is shown not only through the treatment of others but through the language children use every day. By focusing on the language of respect you are laying the basis for children to enjoy respectful relationships both now and in the future.

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

## **FROM THE OFFICE**

### **FAMILY STATEMENTS**

Family Statements were sent home with students on Friday afternoon. Could you please check your child's bag. School fees for 2021 are \$150.00 per student for the year which covers student essential education items such as stationery, art supplies, etc. Eftpos is available at the office with a \$10.00 minimum per transaction. The fees can also be paid by BPay with the BPay code on the bottom of your Statement.

### **2021 PARENT/CAREGIVERS/GUARDIANS OPINION SURVEY**

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst all parents/caregivers/guardians (previously known as the Parent Opinion Survey). It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All parents/caregivers/guardians will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year, the Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.**

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

All parents would have received an email with a link which can be copied into your browser, which will take you directly to the survey.

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> September until Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October. There is a scheduled public holiday on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> August, with remaining families in the district who are on our mailing list emailed on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

## ITALIAN WORD OF THE WEEK

**Word of the Week**  
Parola della Settimana

**libri**  
(books)



## CELEBRATION OF STRENGTHS

PH Addison Harvey-Greenaway 3/4B Amelia Starikov

PK Raiden Hucks 3/4M Xavier Murphy

PP Ruby Lush 3/4S Jaxon Hardie

PR Tessa Wightman 3/4W Omar Haridy

1B Sanimer Kaur 5/6B Dylan Greenwood

1P Arianna Vanek 5/6J Tyler Montebello

1T Zayden Coward 5/6K David Rona

2H Delilah Mitchell 5/6L T'Arni Endersby

2R Remi Holland-Monsen 5/6O Dante Morgan

2S Jaxon Broad

Art  
5/6K

Italian  
Sabina Siladi Prep K

Sport  
Tom Ough 5/6K

STEM  
Ruby Pegus 5/6K

Performing Arts  
Ruby Spanos 5/6L  
Chelsea Carusella 5/6L  
Kaelan Zielonka 5/6L

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# MILDURA SKATE PARK

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Saturday 30 October | **Skate Park Leagues Competition** | 11am - 4pm

Sunday 31 October | **All Aboard Skateboarding Sessions** | 10am - 2pm

**ALL AGES AND ABILITIES WELCOME | FREE | EQUIPMENT PROVIDED**

Book sessions at [skateclub.ymca.org.au](http://skateclub.ymca.org.au)

Comp rego at: [skateparkleagues.com/skatepark-leagues/registration/](http://skateparkleagues.com/skatepark-leagues/registration/)



Register using the QR code or at [skatepark.ymca.org.au/all-aboard](http://skatepark.ymca.org.au/all-aboard)

## MSPS Athletics Day 1 Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> August

### Session 1 – Grades 4, 5 & 6 ( 2 teachers from grade 3/4)

Time/ Event	Shot Put (Roger and Sevda)	Discus (David and Cassandra)	Distance throw (Rob & Bruce)
9.20am	10 year olds	12 year olds	11 year olds
10.00am	11 year olds	10 year olds	12 year olds
10.40am	12 year olds	11 year olds	10 year olds
11.20am	Return to class		

### Session 2 - Grades 1, 2 & 3 ( 2 teachers from grade 3/4)

Time/ Event	Shot Put(Roger and Sevda)	Discus (David and Cassandra)	Distance throw (Rob & Bruce)
11.40am	7 year olds	8 year olds	9 year olds
12.20pm	8 year olds	9 year olds	7 year olds
1.00pm	9 year olds	7 year olds	8 year olds
1.40pm	Return to class		

### Session 3 - Grades 4, 5 & 6 ( 2 teachers from grade 3/4)

Time/ Event	Distance run (Rob & Roger)	Sprints (Bruce, Sevda, Cass, David)	Rest
2pm	10 year olds	12 year olds	11 year olds
2.25pm	11 year olds	10 year olds	12 year olds
2.50pm	12 year olds	11 year olds	10 year olds
3.15pm	Return to class		

## MSPS Athletics Day 2 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August

### Session 1 – Grades 1-6

Time/ Event	High Jump (Rob & Roger)	Long Jump ( David & Ebony )	Distance run ( Maurie)	Sprints (Bruce and Cassandra)
9.20am	10 year olds	12 year olds	7 year olds	8 year olds
10.00am	11 year olds	10 year olds	8 year olds	9 year olds
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Mon 30<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept Grade 1 & 2 Swimming

#### SEPTEMBER

2<sup>nd</sup> Sept Mini Olympics

3<sup>rd</sup> Sept Grade 2 Sleepover

8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade 5 Camp to Ballarat

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> AFL 9's (Grade 3 and 4)

14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Grade 3 Camp to Swan Hill

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Last of Term 3 (2.30pm Finish)

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

#### OCTOBER

13<sup>th</sup> Oct Division Volleyball & Tennis

14<sup>th</sup> Oct Division Basketball & Softball

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 5<sup>th</sup> Grandparents Day

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> School Concert

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Colour Fun Run

24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> Grade 4 Camp to Lake Cullulleraine

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Prep Orientation

#### DECEMBER

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Grade 6 and Prep Orientation

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Last day of Term 4 (2.30pm Finish)

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