



Mildura South Primary School Newsletter

A Positive Education School

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"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"



FOR YOUR DIARY

****ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO COVID GUIDELINES PERMITTING****

TERM DATES

TERM 4 4th October, 2021 to 17th December, 2021

November

Tues 2nd Nov Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday

Fri 19th Nov Colour Fun Run

Thurs 25th Prep Orientation

December

Tues 7th Dec Grade 6 and Prep Orientation

Fri 17th Dec Last day of Term 4 (2.30pm Finish)

CHILD SAFETY

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING US IN KEEPING OUR STUDENTS SAFE

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Mildura South Primary School, along with all Mildura schools will continue to follow the Melbourne Roadmap.

From Monday October 18 – Friday October 22 the following will be in place:

Monday October 18	Tuesday October 19	Wednesday October 20	Thursday October 21	Friday October 22
Prep	Prep	Prep	Grade 1 and 2	Grade 1 and 2 Grade 5 and 6
Vulnerable students and children of Essential Workers are able to be onsite				

Students in Grades Prep – 6 continue Remote and Flexible Learning when not onsite.

WORK PERMITS AND ONSITE FORMS CONTINUE TO BE REQUIRED FOR STUDENTS ONSITE

Working permits that have been presented to school are ongoing.

FACE MASKS

Students onsite from Monday October 18 are required to wear a face mask when in class.

If your child/children are unable to wear a face mask, please provide a letter from your doctor or specialist.

Students in Grades Prep – 2 are encouraged to wear face masks when indoors.

FURTHER DETAILS FOR WEEK MONDAY 18TH OCTOBER TO FRIDAY 22ND OCTOBER

Thank you for your patience as we have waited for details of school return to be clarified.

If Mildura LGA remains in the current lockdown settings until midnight on Friday 22 October, Mildura LGA schools remain with the Metropolitan settings for school attendance on Friday 22 October.

As per the guidance from Department of Education this means that Primary Schools will have the following year levels onsite for this week.

Prep students are onsite today and tomorrow (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)

Year 1 students are onsite Thursday and Friday (no Prep students)

Year 2 students are onsite Thursday and Friday (no Prep students)

Year 5 students are onsite Friday

Year 6 students are onsite Friday

All other year levels will continue Remote and Flexible Learning when not onsite.

We are hopeful that we will be out of lockdown on Friday night. This will mean our schools revert back to Regional settings with **ALL students** back onsite next week.

Please continue to check Compass because if we come out of lockdown early or if we do not come out of lockdown on Friday night, further updates will be posted to inform you on the new onsite arrangements.

SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS FOR WHEN ALL STUDENTS ARE BACK ON SITE

The following arrangements are in place to accommodate the School Operation Guidelines when ALL of the students return to onsite learning.

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 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 to be 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.

HATS

As a Sun Smart School, we ask all students to wear a hat in Term 4. Please ensure your child has a broad brimmed hat to wear when outside. Thank you.

PREP ENROLMENTS

We continue to take enrolments for 2022 Prep Students

If any of our families have Preps starting next year, please contact the office for an enrolment form. If you know families that live in our neighbourhood and they have a Prep for 2022, please encourage them to make contact with the school.

VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY

Please join us for our School Virtual Assembly each Wednesday at 2.55pm. Our leaders do an outstanding job facilitating the Celebration of Strengths that our students demonstrate. The link can be found each week on Compass.

CAMPS AND EVENTS

Due to current restrictions, camps and extra-curricula activities have been postponed. When the School Operation Guidelines allow for these to go ahead teachers, will communicate with families.

PARENTING IN CHALLENGING TIMES

by Michael Grose

Life has a way of throwing curve balls that really test the strength and resilience of families. Personal tragedy, natural disasters and global pandemics are the types of events that challenge us all to the core, testing our emotional and social resources.

When difficulties occur, children look to the adults in their lives to maintain their security and safety. When change and uncertainty reigns, children want strong, empathetic leadership from the significant adults in their world. As a parent it can be difficult responding to a child's needs when you're trying to adjust to changes that are forced on you.

Following are some elements to consider when parenting through times of challenge, change and difficulty:

Attention

Like a television antenna your attention is tuned to pick up the strongest signal. In times of difficulty a child may not necessarily signal that they are struggling, so you may need to fine tune your attention to pick up their needs. Start to notice the small comments and subtle behavioural changes, as they may not be small at all, and can provide helpful clues to their state of mind.

Priorities

In challenging times your focus may need to shift away from schoolwork, household neatness and chores. It can move toward relationship building, maintaining wellbeing and helping each other out. Parental priorities need to shift to the immediate rather than the future, the emotional instead of the behavioural and from thriving mode to survival mode in tough times.

Permission

Children and young people often struggle to express their feelings and thoughts in the face of adversity. They look to the significant adults in their lives for guidance about how they can respond to change, loss, uncertainty and disappointment. Allow them to speak about how they are feeling. Prompt conversations through closeness and connection. Display your own vulnerability and in doing so give your children the permission they need to express themselves in safe ways.

Collaboration

Difficult times will invariably suit a family that enjoys a collaborative, close parenting style. In collaborative families, children feel listened to and also have an ability to impact family decision making. Shared mealtimes and regular family gatherings are generally a prominent feature of collaborative families. In difficult times those families that prosper are those that value and promote close connection between siblings and parents.

Wellbeing

Child and parent wellbeing becomes paramount in times of hardship. That may mean reprioritising the importance of school and work, doing something joyful every day and practising regular wellbeing strategies such as exercise, mindfulness, deep breathing and spending time in nature. The wellbeing bucket needs to be regularly refilled during challenging times.

These five elements form the basis of a planned parent response when major difficulties occur. Be patient, be kind to yourself and be willing to reach out to the wider community for help.

Marie-Therese Milani
Principal

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Before and After School Care

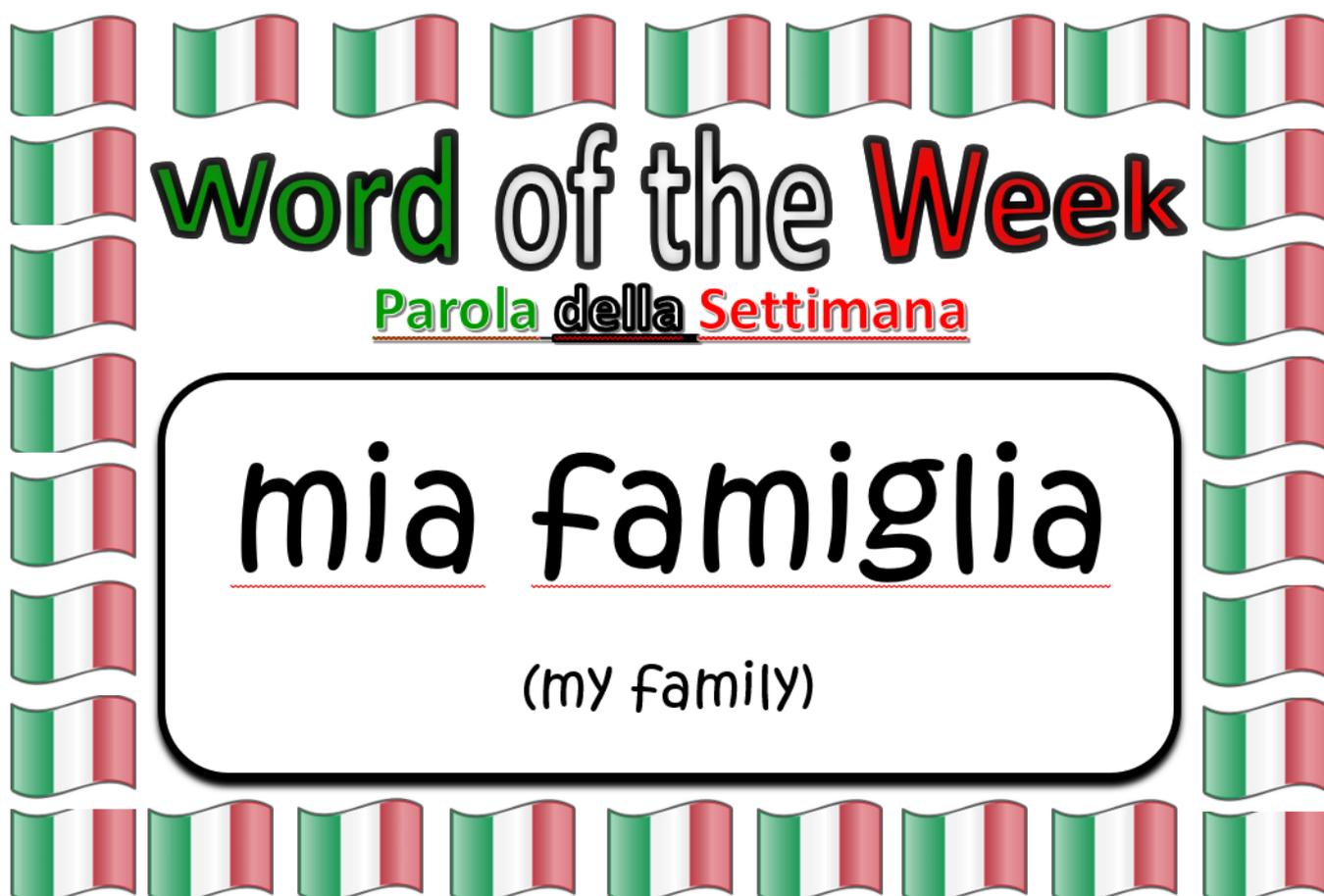
We have places available for each program, please let us know if you would like to book in on any day.

The last day of term will be Friday 17th December, please note the OSHC service will be closed from the end of term until Tuesday 4th January. Term 1 2022 will commence for all students on Monday 31st January.

Hats

A reminder that all children attending After School Care require a hat for outside play. Please pack a spare hat in your child's bag.

ITALIAN WORD OF THE WEEK



Word of the Week
Parola della Settimana

mia famiglia
(my family)



CELEBRATION OF STRENGTHS

PH Remi Southwell

PK Archer Humphris

PR Logan Keller-Linnett

1B Charli Wissemann

1P Ms Leutner

1T Harry Walker

2H Rakan Elsadda

2R Dakota Babington

2S Oliver Hickman

3/4B Fatma Helmy

3/4M Vera Clarke

3/4S Will Dickson

3/4W Omid Ataye

5/6B Bede Hopgood

5/6J Luca Scherger

5/6K Alessandra Scherger

5/6L Shaella Serojales

5/6O Ella Adolph

Art
Oscar Bitmead 3/4S

Italian
Makenzie Crump 3/4B

Sport
Mia Mottram 5/6B

Performing Arts
Henry Avery 5/6L

STEM
Declan Osborne 3/4W

