



# 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** 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 to 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2021

#### **November**

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday

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

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

#### **December**

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

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

## 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

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

### COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SCHOOL AND HOME

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

### FACE MASKS

From Monday October 18, students in Grades 3 – 6 are required to wear face masks inside. It is recommended but not mandated, that students in Grades Prep – 2 wear face masks when inside.

If you wish for your child/children not to wear a face mask, please ask your family doctor or a specialist to write a letter of exemption.

### 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.

### MINIMUM COMMUNITY CONGESTION AND CROSS-OVER OF AGE GROUPS

Thank you to all of our community in assisting us to keep our children safe, honouring the staggered starts and finishes and the school entry and exit through House Gates.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

The following continues as we live with COVID 19 in Mildura:

- 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 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

### **FRONT GATE SUPERVISION**

**Students who are arriving at school between 8.30am – 8.45am please use the front gate.**

All other house gates will be closed until 8.45am.

Mrs Hunt and I will be supervising these students on the front lawn, where they will sit in their year level until the 8.45am bell goes and they will go straight to their classrooms.

Any child arriving at school before 8.30am please book into Before School Care.

Thank you for your support and co-operation.

### **CANTEEN**

Canteen orders have begun again. You are welcome to make a lunch order through the app. Please remember to order by 2pm on the day before the lunch order is required.

### **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**

### **Kokoda Day and Remembrance Day 2021**

On November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9.30am, Mildura South Primary School will be commemorating all those brave soldiers that served on the Kokoda Track. Given the present COVID restrictions for the school, this service will be live streamed so that our school community can see the event take place.

If the present COVID restrictions change before then I will let the school community know. The streaming link will be placed on compass and Facebook.

This formal service will involve wreath laying by our captains, class representatives, and possibly also dignitaries.

During the week following, on Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, we will be having another formal service for Remembrance Day which commemorates the end of the First World War. This will also be streamed, and will begin at about 10.40am, with the minutes silence taking place at 11am.

Again, our captains and class representatives will lay wreaths honouring those that have served this great nation of ours.

If COVID restrictions change before then, I will let the school community know as soon as possible.

For both events, staff will be taking photos which will then be placed onto our Facebook page.

### **Celebration of Positive Education November 4 (this Thursday)**

On Thursday November 4, we will be celebrating Positive Education. Students and staff will be asked to wear brightly coloured clothes to school on this day.

The theme of the day will be 'kindness'. Awareness is the foundation of kindness – kindness to ourselves and kindness to others. It is in being aware of our fears, anxieties and negative bias that we can pause and choose to be kind to ourselves by getting help and to others by noticing judgement.

### **Prep Play Afternoons**

We are excited to welcome our 2022 Preps into our school.

Students who have not enrolled are also welcome to attend these sessions and spend some time with our Prep teachers in their classrooms.

Any families who would like to meet with Mrs Milani are welcome.

**Tuesday, November 9, 4.00-4.30pm**

**Tuesday November 16, 4.00-4.30pm**

See you then

### **Colour Fun Run**

On Friday November 19 our school community will be enjoying the Colour Fun Run. Students will wear a white t-shirt if they wish to be sprayed with the colours of the rainbow.

Students will complete their Colour Fun Run at different times of the day in their year levels.

This year we are focusing on the fun of the event, and we will not be fundraising. Children will receive a Zooper Dooper after their run.

### **School Camps Program**

Teachers have worked tirelessly to organise a modified camps program for our students this year. I would like to thank teachers for their creativity, persistence and zeal when preparing these events.

Some notes on events and camps went home last week and some may be coming home this week.

## **How birth order knowledge helps parents** by **Michael Grose**

Many parents struggle to make sense of the differences between their children. Same parents, same parenting, same school but completely different interests, strengths and personalities. So, what's the difference? The solution can be found in the birth position of each child and understanding how it impacts on how they are raised and their relationship with other family members.

### *Defining children by their position*

Parents tend to define their children according to their family positions. 'He's my eldest' or 'She is the baby of the family' are descriptors that many parents are familiar with. Expectations generally match those defining descriptions.

Just as relevant is how children see themselves in relation to their siblings. Eldest children are only children for a time, which is a treasured position that comes with perks, privileges and parental anxiety. A second child means dethronement, so the child born first will generally spend a great deal of energy keeping their sibling in their place. And so, the sibling dance begins. You now need family leadership skills to compliment the child-rearing skills you've developed that previously focused on raising one child.

### *Learning that one approach doesn't suit every child*

Many parents discover that the techniques that were so successful with the first child can have the opposite effect on another child. Parents who successfully develop independence and self-sufficiency in their eldest child scratch their heads as their youngest child turns dependency into an artform. Children often use their position to get their needs met. Many youngest children become expert at using charm and childishness to manipulate their siblings, while older children may push themselves to get approval from their parents.

Second and middle children often experience less time alone with their parents, which may be why this group are more likely to look outside their family for a sense of belonging. They generally have wider friendship circles than first borns and are usually the first child to leave the family nest. First borns just love to have their parents to themselves, as that was how it used to be. Understanding these birth order differences helps parents to better manage, motivate and communicate with each child.

### *Motivating children*

Want to motivate a child to do their best at school, tidy their bedroom or get behind a good cause? Birth order knowledge provides vital clues to help hit the best motivational button for each child. For instance, it may come as no surprise that youngest children are less concerned with gaining parental approval than their siblings. They just want to be noticed. Making a fuss over their accomplishments can do wonders for the achievement and contribution levels of this group. First borns on the other hand, usually yearn for parental approval, which if not carefully managed can cause them to take fewer learning risks.

### *Managing children's behaviour*

First borns generally don't need a lot of discipline or behaviour management from parents. Limits, boundaries, reasoning and consequences usually do the trick for these rule followers and conformers. But these methods probably won't work with children in other birth order positions. They've had the advantage of having an eldest sibling break their parents in and they've seen most of your management playbook already, so you need to come up with something new.

### *Doing the sibling shuffle*

Sibling rivalry comes with the family territory. It's most intense when there are only two children in a family as it's hard to escape a single sibling. Knowing how to reduce sibling rivalry so it's healthy rather than toxic requires an understanding of birth order personalities, acceptance of individual differences and the ability to build closeness through common purpose, fun and rituals.

### *In closing*

Birth order knowledge is fascinating, providing a rich vein of information to help you raise children to be successful, happy and most importantly, content in their own skins.

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

## OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

The OSHC program will be closed for the Melbourne Cup public holiday on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

Vacation Care bookings for Mildura South families will start being taken from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, giving South families a one week head start before the remainder of the community can book in. New preps for 2022 will be eligible to attend the program. Grade 6 students, going into year 7 in 2022 can attend the January holidays only, after that they are no longer eligible to attend as our OSHC program is for primary school aged children only. The Council run a terrific youth program which could be an option for those students.

After School Care will operate from 2.30pm on the last day of term, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December. The OSHC program will then be closed over the Christmas/New Year period, opening for the Vacation Care program on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

A reminder all children attending After School Care this term are required to wear a hat for outdoor play. Please pack a spare hat in your child's bag which can be left at the service for safe keeping.

## ITALIAN WORD OF THE WEEK



**Word of the Week**  
Parola della Settimana

**mio amico**

(my friend)<sub>masculine</sub>



## CELEBRATION OF STRENGTHS

PH Addison Harvey-Greenaway

PK Zoe McEwan

PR Isabella Laurie

1B Uleena Lawson

1P Karsen Berry

1T Lily Hayes

2H Ruby Crawley

2R Remi Holland-Monsen

2S Isla Jackson

3/4B Ashton Fisk

3/4M Jakoda Kennedy

3/4S Willow Chilly

3/4W Khayleekah Kelly

5/6B Lillian Edwards

5/6J Tahlia Stone

5/6K Olivia Hibbard

5/6L Tully Dean

5/6O Finley Jackson

### Art

Zadie Southwell 2R

### Italian

Alexander Skipsey 3/4W

### Sport

Latarnia Lawson 3/4S

### Performing Arts

Rylee Bennett 1P

### STEM

Logan Lambert 3/4S

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