



Mildura South Primary School Newsletter

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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

Tues 16th Nov Prep Play Afternoon – 4.00pm to 4.30pm

Wed 17th Nov Whole School Photo, Band Photo and Catch Up Photos

Thurs 18th Nov to

Fri 19th Nov Grade 3 Sleepover

Fri 19th Nov Colour Fun Run

Mon 22nd Nov to

Tues 23rd Nov Grade 4 Camp – Lake Cullulleraine

Wed 24th Nov to

Fri 26th Nov Grade 5 Camp – Lake Cullulleraine

Thurs 25th Nov Prep Orientation

Mon 29th Nov to

Wed 1st Dec Grade 6 Camp – Halls Gap

December

Tues 7th Dec Grade 6 and Prep Orientation

Fri 17th 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

2022 CLASSES

Today we began introducing students to their 2022 classroom teachers and classes. The next transition visit will be Thursday, December 2, 2.50pm-3.15pm. Students will go to their 2022 classroom and spend time with their 2022 classroom teacher and peers.

Tuesday, December 14, 9.00am-10.00 am students will again go to their 2022 classroom and spend time with their 2022 classroom teacher and peers.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for the many hours of collaboration that has taken place in order to ensure each student is in the best learning environment for them to flourish.

We will be using the three internal transition times to: see, hear and feel the dynamics of each classroom.

Thank you for the trust you have in the staff in making sure your children succeed.

LEARNING TASKS

This year Mildura South Primary School have been making the transition from Semester Reporting to Learning Tasks. A Learning Task is a sample of your child's work that is uploaded to Compass for families to view. This sample of your child's work has a praise and a prompt. The praise is a comment about what your child's strength is and the prompt is a comment about what your child will receive support on from their teacher to continue to progress in their learning.

Learning Tasks provide the opportunity for teachers to provide timely feedback to families about how their child is going in their learning.

This term all teachers will be uploading a Reading, Writing and Math Learning Task to Compass. Teachers will advise families with a Compass notification when their child's Learning Task is ready to view.

Please contact your child's teacher if you would like to discuss the sample of work presented or for further information about how your child is working in class.

Along with regular Learning Tasks, we will continue to have a report each semester with a personal comment and a progression point, which shows your child's progress. This term your child's report will be ready to download from Compass on the 8th of December.

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 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

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.

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.

We had a very successful Play visit last Tuesday and we are looking forward to our next play visit this Tuesday. Any families who would like to come along and meet the Prep Team and Mrs Milani are welcome.

Tuesday November 16, 4.00-4.30pm

See you then.

PREP ORIENTATION

Our 2022 Prep students will be visiting us on Thursday November 25, 11.30-1.00pm and Tuesday December 7, 11.30-1.00pm.

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

Grade 3 students will be enjoying their excursion day on Thursday November 18, along with a sleep over at school and the Colour Fun Run on Friday November 19.

Grade 4 students will be participating in a camp at Lake Cullulleraine on Monday November 22 and Tuesday November 23.

Grade 5 students will be participating in a camp at Lake Cullulleraine on Wednesday November 24, Thursday November 25 and Friday November 26.

Grade 6 students will be participating in a camp at Halls Gap on Monday November 29, Tuesday November 30 and Wednesday December 1.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff for the work that has taken place to organise the School Camps Program. I am so grateful to the staff and delighted for the students that they will be sharing these experiences with their peers.

RESPOND HONESTLY TO DISHONESTY

by Michael Grose

You enter the kitchen. Your child looks at you like she's hiding something. You see cake crumbs on the bench and the tips of her fingers. 'Did you eat the chocolate cake?' Your child smiles at you, with chocolate stuck in her teeth, and innocently replies, 'No.'

You know your child is not telling the truth. The evidence is everywhere! So, what do you do?

Honesty is an essential value for children and young people to develop as it's central to building trust and community cohesion. Here are some simple, effective ways to encourage your child to be honest.

Remember, telling fibs is normal

Catching your child in a lie can be frustrating but remembering that it's a normal part of growing up can help you keep calm. While there is a moral aspect to honesty, children in the early years of primary school tend to be very concrete thinkers, responding better to your immediate concerns such as 'I need to know you are telling the truth', instead of the moral aspects of right and wrong. For older primary aged children and teenagers, the broader issues of trust and morality are parts of the conversations you need to have.

Don't ask questions if you know the answer

If your son is smeared in chocolate cake, don't say, 'Did you eat the chocolate cake?' Instead try, 'I can see you ate some chocolate cake. You must have been hungry huh?' Then pause and ask, 'Do you think I'm pleased or upset? Why? What can we do next time?' Use the awkward situation as an opportunity to find out more about what your child may need.

Show the truth

If you are a parent of a teenager, you know how easily parent-teen relationships can be harmed by accusations and criticism. If you think that a teenager may have misled you about an area of concern such as not being where they said they were, then it's probably wisest to bring your young person's attention to evidence of the truth rather than back them into a corner with an accusation. "You said you were at Jana's, but her mum said that Jana didn't have any visitors yesterday" is a statement of truth from your perspective that's invites a response from a young person.

Listen to their side

Things often aren't as they seem so if you think your child or young person is not being completely honest, be prepared to listen to their side of a story. This is not to suggest that you let them pull the proverbial wool over your eyes, but there are times when children may believe they are telling the truth.

Alternatively, they may have told a lie to keep themselves safe or to prevent them from following the crowd. Get your child talking, ascertain if they believe they are being truthful, and if they aren't, listen to why they bent the truth.

Let the consequences do the teaching

Acknowledge truthfulness when a child or young person owns up to doing the wrong thing. Help them fix the dishonesty and discuss how to do better in the future. Avoid punishment as this will cause more lying in the future. Allowing the consequences to do the work helps keep your relationship intact and ensures that lessons are experienced, and responsibility is taken.

Extract a simple promise

Studies show that children are less likely to be dishonest once they have promised to tell the truth. If they tell you the truth, and then you punish them severely, they will be less likely to tell the truth in the future, promise or not.

Model honesty

Many adults are guilty of social 'white' lies. Such 'little white lies' that conveniently bend the truth to your advantage are commonplace. Children and young people take their cues from parents, so these little white lies show them it's okay to bend the truth in certain circumstances. You don't get away with anything when you are parent – your behaviour is always on show so stick to the truth, even when it's difficult, if you want your children to do the same

In closing

Honesty takes time and maturity to learn, especially in the face of the clearly tactical advantages of bending the truth. As parents, nurture honesty in children by modelling, discussing its merits and acknowledging that it's not always easy to be honest. And maybe, avoid keeping the chocolate cake on the kitchen table.

Marie-Therese Milani
Principal

LIBRARY NEWS

The library will be closed for borrowing from 1st December, 2021. Books can still be returned from 8.30am each morning. All books need to be returned ready for our end of year stocktake, so please return them as soon as possible. Any outstanding or lost books will need to be paid for or replaced.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Vacation Care bookings for Mildura South families will start being taken from Monday 22nd 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 17th December. The OSHC program will then be closed over the Christmas/New Year period, opening for the Vacation Care program on Tuesday 4th 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

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CELEBRATION OF STRENGTHS

PH Benji Plumridge

PK Milla Scott

PR Mason Gane

1B Pippa Williams

1P Shekinah Beardsmore

1T Zayden Coward

2H Sienna Scherger

2R Elissa Humphris

2S Subhag Subedi

3/4B Dante Finna

3/4M Jet Stowe

3/4S Olivia Kent

3/4W Quinton Hibbard

5/6B Jaxon Sherwell

5/6J Riley Walker

5/6K Ashlee Glare

5/6L Ruby Spanos

5/6O Chevali McIver

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Dante Morgan 5/6O

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Khajija Jaffry Prep R

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Edie Yorston Prep K

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