



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

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

Mildura South Primary is a school of 450 students. 2022 will be the first year of no fees. We live by the values of teamwork, respect, integrity, courage and kindness.

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SCHOOL AND HOME

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

CLOSING MESSAGE FOR 2021

As we experience our last week of 2021, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your support over the year. The staff and students have worked very hard and have achieved a great deal in a year like no other.

I would like to thank the School Council President Concetta Morgan, Vice-President Jonathan Belej, and all School Council members for the time they have attended meetings and followed up on tasks to ensure that our students receive the best opportunities.

Positive Emotions•Engagement•Relationships•Meaning•Achievement

Thank you to our 2021 Leadership Team: Tom Helms (Captain), Alessandra Sherger (Captain), Mylee Peters (Vice Captain), Riley Cox (Vice Captain), Tom Ough, Keeble Devereux, Zach Wilson, Ruby Spanos, Ruby Pegasus and Ella Adolph.

Thanks also goes to our 2021 House Captains:

Darling – Kayla Stone & Benji Holland-Monsen, Kulkyne – Mia Mottram & Joel Doherty, Mungo – Victor Collins & Bailey Crump, Murray – Chelsea Carusella & Dante Morgan

You have all been exceptional leaders and served our school community with great respect and pride.

To all of the Grade 6 students I would like to say how very proud we are of the outstanding young people you have grown into during your time with us at Mildura South Primary. We know that you will be successful as you continue to develop your belief in yourselves and continue to use the tools of PERMA when aiming for your goals.

I wish everyone at MSPS a very Happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to working with you again in 2022.

REPORTS

Reports were uploaded onto Compass on December 8, 2021. If you would like a printed copy, please contact the office.

CELEBREATION OF STRENGTHS EVENT

Wednesday December 15, 7pm-9pm in the Mildura South Gymnasium

To celebrate the special contributions and achievement of our Grade 6 students this year, the teachers have created a very special event. Each student will be presented with a certificate recognising their strengths and achievements during their time at Mildura South Primary.

The Celebration of Strengths event will be available to be viewed via a live WebEx link (which will be provided on Compass).

Families will be allocated three tickets each (Grade 6 students do not require a ticket). Any other children attending will require a ticket and be counted as part of your family's allocation.

There is no cost for tickets, and they will be sent home with your child on Monday December 13.

Please Note

Vaccination requirements for parents and carers attending schools according to guidelines set by the Department of Education Victoria.

Parents and Carers who enter school building are required to have had two doses of COVID`19 vaccine by November 29, 2021.

GRADE 6 SHIRTS FOR 2022

The Grade 6 shirts will be available this year for \$45 each and will be available in three different styles. (Grade 6, Leadership and House Captain).

These shirts will be available to order and purchase from Totally Workwear Mildura (Lime Avenue, across from Coles).

All orders will go directly through Totally Workwear Mildura.

There is an option to have your child's name printed on the back of the shirt. This will be an extra cost of \$8 per shirt ordered. No nicknames please.

Delivery for Grade 6 shirts will be early to mid-Term 1.

2022 CLASSES

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.

2022 LEADERSHIP TEAM

Congratulations to our 2022 Leadership Team

Nicola Whitney (Captain), Charlie Mills (Captain), Aveena Jeyakanthan (Vice Captain), Jaxson Lia (Vice Captain), Sophia Manzanares, Riley Walker, Katana Mathews, Mitchell Watson, Caden Johns and Luca Scherger.

2022 HOUSE CAPTAINS

Darling – Payton Hand & Harley Ackerley

Kulkyne – Evie Atkinson & Ava Almond

Mungo – Angus Breeze & Zailee Grennan

Murray – Emma Kelly & Lucas Frasca

MILANI SCHOLARSHIP

I wish to thank the Mazza Family for the many years they have provided two scholarships for our Year 5 students. Thank you for establishing this tradition and now Mr Milani and myself have decided to take the baton and continue this important work.

This year the two Milani Scholarship Award winners are:

Stephanie Keller-Linnett

Stephanie brings her best self to school and loves the work that she does each day. She demonstrates character strengths of kindness, a love of learning and humility. Stephanie is always fair, respectful and a role model to students as she lives the school values.

Ruby Keller-Linnett

Ruby approaches her learning with zest, determination and joy. Ruby brings positive emotions to MSPS and is always caring about her peers. Ruby's respect, humour, teamwork and kindness are character strengths that inspire others to follow.

FAREWELL TO OUR FAMILIES

As the year comes to an end, there are a number of families who are leaving our Mildura South Primary community. Thank you for your contributions over the years

Raymond family, Mitchell family, Ryan family, Smith-Hunt family, Saunders family, Kouzounian family, Bernaldo-Hannemann family, Chaplin family, Connors family, Davis family, Greenwood family, Hopgood family, Hutchinson family, Thouliss family, Bambrick family, Doherty family, Fraser family, Ioannidis family, May family, Ross family, Stone family, Collins family, Cook family, Cox family, Helms family, Luke family, Peters family, Rona family, Wilson family, Dungca family, Erskine family, Hand family, Laird family, Shrestha family, Adolph family, Alcicek family, Fricke family, Morgan family and Scobie family

What is courage?

Professor Lea Waters

A great definition of courage is “taking a worthwhile risk.”

This is a type of risk that you voluntarily do - despite the fear or anxiety that it’s making you feel.

Now, how can you explain this to your child?

And more importantly, how can you help them build their courage?

Here are two things that you can do as a parent or educator:

1 - Explain that fear can help, but it can also bring pain

Explain to your child that fear has its purpose.

It can actually be helpful during situations where we are in control.

Also, it can prompt us to minimise the risks. Like if your child has to speak in public, their fear may prompt them to keep practising.

And that can be an indication of growth.

However, there are also times when fear can do more harm. It's especially true when it keeps us from enjoying life.

With that said, you can talk to your child about this.

Help them see whether their fear is valid or whether it might be something that can rise above with the support of others. Encourage them to talk about their heroes and other people they see who are doing things even if they feel fear or doubt.

Talk to them about how everyone has the capacity for courage. Know when to push and when to step back.

This can put your child in control of the situation they fear - making them feel courageous.

2 - Encourage them to be objective

Sometimes, we can fear a situation because of how we would feel on the inside and not really the situation itself.

When you try to explain this to your child, you can use public speaking as an example.

Most of us fear public speaking because we fear we will forget what we wanted to say. Or maybe we spoke once before and the audience didn't like what we're saying.

It could also be possible that it didn't happen to us. We witnessed it happening to someone else and we don't want the same thing to happen.

Such experiences can lead us to feel embarrassed, ashamed, etc.

But the truth is, what really happened is that we didn't do it perfectly. And when it ended, we simply got off the stage afterwards and went home.

So, you can encourage your child to look at this situation objectively. Try to make them focus on the act itself as separate from the feelings that are attached to the idea of speaking in public.

Remind them that courage can only be grown in situations that seem risky or frightening.

When things are going well, we have no opportunity to build our courage. So, the upside of fear is that it provides us with the ingredient to become stronger.

**Marie-Therese Milani
Principal**

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Thank you to all the families who have supported the OSCHC program this year. We have had a wonderful year even through lockdown!

Thank you for your generous donations throughout the year, boardgames, craft items etc, these have been quite useful in our program.

All casual and permanent Before and After School Care bookings will cease on Friday. If you would like to book in for next year, please complete and return the 2022 OSHC enrolment form. These can be found on the school website or this can be emailed to you upon request.

We only have a few spots available for the January school holiday program, please let us know if you would like to book in. The full cost is \$65 per day per child. Child Care Subsidy can be used to reduce the fee.

The After School Care program will commence at 2.30pm on the last day of term, until the usual closing time of 6pm. The program will then be closed until 4th January 2022.

Thank you once again for your support. Wishing you all a wonderful festive season.

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