



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 (Mon 31st Jan to 5th April)

TERM 1

Feb

Tues 22 Grade 5/6 Tennis

March

Wed 9th Division Swimming

Mon 14th Labour Day Public Holiday – No students at school

Wed 16th Lawn Bowls

Thurs 17th Girls Cricket

Fri 18th Boys Cricket

Mon 21st Harmony Day

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

'We choose to bring our best selves to school and love the work that we do'

PREP CHILDREN

A reminder to all of our Prep families that during the month of February the children will have a day at home on Wednesdays. During this time the Prep Teachers will be carrying out individual testing with our Prep students. The Teachers will be contacting families to organise the most convenient time for you to bring your child to school on a Wednesday during February. This is a very important time as Teachers are able to use this information to ensure that your child is being taught at their point of need.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Our School Assembly takes place every Monday at 2.40pm as a WebEx Event. The Grade 6 students will continue to lead the School Assembly each week. A link for our School Assembly will be posted on Compass each week for you to access.

CHILD SAFETY STANDARDS

SCHOOL CROSSING

Last year we had the ongoing concern of adults and children not using the School Crossing when crossing Deakin Avenue (often while holding a toddler and the hand of a student at the same time).

The mandated Child Safety Standards require that all members of our school community use the School Crossing to ensure that all of our students arrive safely to school and leave safely from school.

You may think that because you are with your child crossing Deakin Avenue outside of the School Crossing that you can ensure their safety – this is not the case. If a Parent chooses to cross Deakin Avenue without using the School Crossing, they are teaching their children unsafe behaviours and modelling this unsafe behaviour for other students who may follow.

I would like to thank each of you who do use the School Crossing correctly as you help me not only keep your children safe but all the children who attend Mildura South Primary.

If I observe any adult not using the School Crossing, I am obliged to speak to that person and support that person in adhering to our Child Safety Standards and use the School Crossing.

HATS

Mildura South Primary is a SunSmart School, and it is important that all students wear a hat when playing outside in Terms 1 and 4.

Thank you to the Parents who have made sure their child has a hat and it is named clearly.

Children without a hat remain in the shade during outside play time.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

The school is supported by Cowards Cake to supply lunches for students on Wednesdays and Fridays. Orders are required to be submitted on the Flexischools App by 2pm the day before the lunch order.

BRAIN FOOD

We would like to encourage the students to bring brain food to school to graze on throughout the day. We ask that this be healthy options as junk food does not assist with nutrition or concentration. Please clarify with your children's classroom teachers if you are not sure what to provide.

DIGITAL NEWSLETTER

The School Newsletter will continue to be distributed digitally on the school Compass platform, the School Website and Facebook sites. A hard copy will no longer be sent home to all families but there will be some copies at the front office for anyone who wishes to access a hard copy.

ADVERTISING IN THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

The school newsletter going digital has opened up the opportunity for more families with a business to advertise. If you have a business and would like to investigate the option of advertising on the school newsletter, please ring our Business Manager Chris Callipari who will be happy to outline the details and clarify any questions you may have.

APPOINTMENTS TO SEE TEACHERS

Teachers welcome open communication with all of our families. Positive Contacts will continue this year where you can expect to be contacted by your children's classroom teachers, celebrating successes.

We know that there are times when families need to speak to Teachers so that questions can be clarified, and concerns resolved. Before school is a busy time when Teachers are connecting with students and ensuring that everything is in place to begin the day calmly and successfully. In order for Teachers to give Parents the necessary time we ask that families make appointments with their Classroom Teacher.

HOT WEATHER

When the temperature is 38 degrees or higher, we will be having a 'hot day timetable'. Having lunch earlier in the day sometimes allows the students to have an opportunity to get some fresh air before the heat.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Thank you so much for the fantastic effort you have made ensuring that your children are in the appropriate school uniform. The uniforms assist in developing a sense of identity and pride in our school.

SCHOOL OPERATIONS GUIDELINES FOR COVID 19

In order to keep our students, staff and families well and limit the spread of the Covid 19 virus, the following procedures will be in place at Mildura South Primary School for Term 1.

RAT tests have been sent home with the students. The Department of Education have asked that families test their children twice a week before coming to school. If your child tests positive, please notify the school. The child will be required to isolate for 7 days, and the school will provide a paper pack for the child.

The school will notify the school community of positive Covid 19 cases using Compass as a communication tool. Year level and last day of attendance will be communicated. No names will be identified.

Please make sure that you can access Compass as our main form of communication.

If your child is unwell, please keep them home.

Any child presenting at school with Covid 19 symptoms will be isolated and sent home immediately.

- Parents are asked to only be on school grounds when necessary.
- If Parents need to be on school grounds, face masks to be worn at all times.
- If Parents wish to enter any classroom or school building, they will be required to QR code (situated outside the specific building).
- Students will enter and exit school grounds through their House Gate.
- Students who arrive before 8.45am will enter the school through the front gate, where Principal Class staff will be supervising.
- Students in Grades Prep, One and Two, along with their older siblings will finish school at 3.15pm.
- Students in Grades 3 – 6 will finish school at 3.30pm.

MANAGING SCHOOL STRESS DURING THE PANDEMIC

by Michael Grose

The pandemic continues to bring challenges to families. The Scouting motto “Be prepared” with the addition of “for anything” comes to mind as we approach another school year of uncertainty.

Here’s what you can do to take the stress out of school this year.

Speak about concerns

Avoid generalised assumptions about COVID. Your child may not be bothered by the virus, but they may be worried about wearing a mask to school or making friends if they’ve spent time in remote learning. Drill down to their specific worries about going to school and allay their fears by helping them come up with simple solutions to address their concerns.

Allay your own fears

It’s natural to be concerned about your child’s health so get the facts about social distancing, sanitising and other COVID-safe measures teachers are taking at school. Having accurate information will allay your own fears and minimise the chances of your child being unduly anxious about going to school.

Put your own germ-avoidance measures in place

Initiate habits to reduce the risk of your child bringing COVID home to your family. Changing out of clothes, showering as soon as they get home, washing hands regularly and social distancing from older relatives are the types of measures that help reduce the spread of coronavirus. Keep up to date with the latest health advice and involve everyone in creating a COVID-safe family plan.

Create a personal learning space

Anchor your child’s learning to a familiar place at home if there is a need to isolate and complete schoolwork at home. Your child may need a private space away from others for them to focus on specific tasks. Be mindful that there will be times when your child or young person wants to work in the company of others so be prepared for them to set up a workstation in the home.

Get them moving about

Children are used to moving around during the school day so encourage them to spend learning time in different places if you are isolating and supporting your children’s learning at home. Get them outdoors as well. Neuroscience informs us that outdoor activities supports children’s mental and physical health and promotes learning.

For parents

Take a break yourself

Children take their emotional cues from their parents so model self-care for your child. If you are tightly wound ball yourself, they’ll more likely become anxious and worried themselves. Regardless of the situation, take a break each day. Go for a walk, read a book, do something that helps you to unwind, or engage in activity that you enjoy.

Marie-Therese Milani
Principal

PRIVACY REMINDER FOR 2022

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy.

Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice, found on our website http://www.msps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Privacy_Collection_Notice2022.pdf. For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents. This information is also available in nine community languages: Amharic, Arabic, Dari, Gujarati, Mandarin, Somali, Sudanese, Turkish, Urdu and Vietnamese.

REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

LATE ARRIVALS AND EARLY DEPARTURES

Our school day begins at 9.00am and finishes at 3.15pm (Prep-Gr2) and 3.30pm (Gr3-6). We understand that sometimes school time appointments are unavoidable but ask that these be kept to a minimum. It is compulsory for all students to sign in or out at the front office.

Each and every occasion requires a parent/guardian to come into the office to collect or drop off their student and to be signed in or out via the COMPASS Kiosk. In 2022 we will be asking that parents who are FULLY VACCINATED to come into the office if you need to collect your child. The office staff will then call your child and they will come to the office to meet you. If you are UNVACCINATED please call the office and the office staff will arrange for child to be brought to the front of the school.

It is our Duty of Care to know the whereabouts of a student at all times.

ABSENCES

If your child is absent it is a requirement that a parent or guardian informs the school via email to the classroom teacher, message on COMPASS or a phone call. If your child will be absent for an extended period please inform the class teacher or school before they leave.

MEDICATION

If your child requires medication whilst they are at school, the medication needs to be taken to the office by a parent or guardian. The school can only administer medication if we receive it from an adult and have a written authority to do so. Dosage and times need to be clearly labelled on the medication. **Children should not have medication in their bag.**

DROP BOX

A reminder for students and parents that any money or notes that come to the office should be placed in the Drop Box in the foyer. The Drop Box is locked and will be checked daily by the office staff.



CELEBRATION OF STRENGTHS

PH Kaan Demirel

PK Scarlett Collins

PR Amelia Frankcombe

1C Adam Allsop-Kaye

1H Hunter Lynch

1S Sara Mehdi

2B Sahira Khan

2R Rhylee Bennett

2T Michael Tawfik

3/4B Chase Kost

3/4M Jett Chillingsworth

3/4P Cohen Thompson

3/4S Remi Holland-Monsen

3/4W Essa Haidari

5/6B Lee Mendoza

5/6J Oscar Bitmead

5/6K Mehmet Gungormus

5/6L Jye Deckert

5/6P Yahya Ahmer

Art

Jaxon Broad 3/4S

Italian

Chase Kost 3/4B

Sport

Alirian O'Connor 2R

Performing Arts

Rhett Wescombe 5/6J

STEM

Sophia Parsons 3/4S

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

The Out of school hours care program (OSHC) operates from the school gymnasium with three programs available, as listed below. The OSHC staff are qualified in Early Childhood Education or working towards an approved qualification as well being trained in First Aid, asthma and anaphylaxis. Children attending the program require a hat for outdoor play (a spare hat from home which can be left at the service for convenience). All families using the service are required to complete a 2022 OSHC enrolment form. These forms can be found on the school website or can be collected from the OSHC office in the gym. Children are to be signed in and out of the program using the OSHC ipad by a person listed on the enrolment form. Those people signing in and out are to be wearing a fitted face mask as well as checking in using the QR code located on the sign in desk or on the gym door.

Before School Care: \$20.00 per session - 6.45am - 8.45am each school morning. Breakfast is provided upon arrival with a range of supervised activities throughout the morning.

After School Care: \$30.00 per session - 3.30pm-6.00pm each school day. A light snack with fruit is provided upon arrival. We have a variety of fun supervised indoor and outdoor activities throughout the afternoon.

Vacation Care/ Curriculum Day: \$65.00 per session plus any excursion costs - 8.00am-6.00pm during school holidays and scheduled Pupil free days. Children are to provide their own food each session. We have planned activities each day, with outings on some days such as Ten Pin Bowling, Hogs Breath Cafe and the Cinema.

Fees can be reduced by claiming Child Care Subsidy. This is determined on your household income and your working/studying hours.

To know more about our service, please contact us on the OSHC mobile 0408 232 143 or by calling the school number on 5023 2148 (option 3).

OSHC has a new email address – please send all correspondence relating to Before/After School Care/Curriculum Days and Vacation Care to this new email address:

oshc.mildura.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Vacation Care for April School Holidays

The program plan and booking form will be available to all South families from the 4th March for the April school holidays. Please ensure your booking form is returned early to avoid missing out.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



COMMUNITY NOTICES



**FIRST SESSION IS FREE!
CALL OR EMAIL FOR DETAILS!
ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED!**

CLUB: Sunraysia Hockey Association
VENUE: Eleventh Street, Gate C, Old Aerodrome Ovals, Mildura. VIC, 3500
PROGRAM 1 START DATE: Wednesday, 16 February 2022 **TIME:** 6:00pm – 7:00pm **NO. OF WEEK:** 6 weeks
PROGRAM 2 START DATE: Saturday, 19 February 2022 **TIME:** 9:00am – 10:00am **NO. OF WEEK:** 6 weeks
PRICE: \$60 without equipment & \$108 with equipment

COORDINATOR NAME: Jane Finch
COORDINATOR EMAIL: sunraysiahockey.junior@gmail.com
COORDINATOR PHONE: 0429 143 332



**TO REGISTER GO TO
WWW.HOCKEY.ORG.AU/HOOKIN2HOCKEY**

Sunraysia Catholic Community

Sacramental Program - Reconciliation

If you have a child in Year 3 and above and would like them to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in 2022, a Parent Information Evening will be held on Wednesday 23rd February at 7pm in the Sacred Heart Church.

Please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office to collect a Registration form. Completed forms must be returned to the Parish Office by Friday 18th February.

For further enquiries please contact 5021 2872 or email: mildura@ballarat.catholic.org.au



Red Cliffs Tennis

Club Term 1, 2022

Competition play every Sat Morn. 9am for Juniors & Teenagers – Contact Kylie Goulding 0407 534889
Email: Kagoulding@icloud

Hot Shots Tuesday 4-5pm Wednesday 4-5pm & Saturday 9-10am
All sessions @\$10 Racquets available-Plus free Hot Shots T-Shirt

Hot Shots MATCH PLAY Saturday 10-10.45am @\$4 per player

Tennis 4 Teens Tuesday 5-6pm Wednesday 5-6pm Racquets available \$10 per session

Cardio Tennis Tuesday 6-7pm @\$10 All Standards Welcome

To enrol or for more information ph: Lisa Hill 0400726824

email: lisa.joy.hill70@gmail.com Community Play Coordinator

The advertisement features the logos of the Victorian State Government and the Victorian School of Languages (VSL) at the top. The main text promotes learning Italian, Hindi, Turkish, and Vietnamese for students from Year 1 to Year 10. A photograph of smiling students in a classroom is shown. A blue box provides details for the Mildura Centre, including the location at Mildura Senior College and the time slot of Wednesdays 4.00pm-6.30pm. Contact information for the Area Manager and the VSL Head Office is provided, along with a QR code for online enrolment.

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VSL VICTORIAN SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES

Learn Italian*
Hindi* | Turkish | Vietnamese*
YEAR 1 - YEAR 10
Other languages can be offered based on demand

VSL Mildura Centre
Mildura Senior College
Cnr 14th Street & Deakin Avenue, Mildura
Wednesdays 4.00pm-6.30pm
COST: Foundation-Year 10 \$80 per year

Please contact the Area Manager on 03 9802 4328 or east2@vsl.vic.edu.au
For further information or to enrol online, go to www.vsl.vic.edu.au or scan the QR code.

All information correct at time of printing and is subject to change.
*Students can continue with select languages via VSL Distance Education. For further information, please contact VSL Head Office on 03 9474 0500.

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