



Mildura South Primary School Newsletter

A Positive Education School

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FOR YOUR DIARY

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

TERM DATES – TERM 2 (Tue 26th April to Fri 24th June)

MAY

Tue 10th

- Fri 20th

Fri 20th

Wed 25th

Thurs 26th

Fri 27th

Naplan Testing Begins for Grades 3 & 5

Interschool Sports

Education Week School Open Day (1.00pm to 3.30pm)

Whole School Professional Practice Day – No students at school

Interschool Sports

JUNE

Fri 3rd

Mon 13th

Wed 15th

Fri 17th

Fri 24th

Interschool Sports

Queen’s Birthday Holiday – No students at school

Interschool Sports

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Last day of Term 2 – 2.30pm Finish

JULY

Mon 11th

Term 3 Begins

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

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AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Olivia Briggs-Brindal on being recognized as the Aussie of the Month for the month of May

Olivia is a reliable and helpful student that her friends and peers look up to. She is inclusive towards all, both inside and outside of the classroom, and is always open to starting new friendships and connections. Olivia shows great empathy and not only notices when someone may be by themselves, but acts with kindness by asking them if they are okay and seeking help for them.

Olivia's positive attitude and willingness to take risks makes her a fantastic team player. When challenged, or when a tricky situation arises, Olivia has the confidence and capability to problem solve and those around her follow her example.

Olivia truly brings her best self to school each day and loves the work that she does. Her strengths of persistence, fairness and curiosity make her a great leader. She is able to flip her mindset to seek out the good in any situation and support her classmates in doing the same. Olivia has the ability to help others see things in a positive light!

2023 PREP OPEN DAY

Yesterday's Open Day was a wonderful success. Our student leaders did a terrific job of taking families on a School Tour, sharing what it is like to attend a Positive Education School and answering a range of questions.

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS

Last week some of our 5/6 students participated in Interschool Sports. They were very happy to be using the new facilities at Mildura Sporting Precinct. Thank you to South Mildura Sporting Club for supplying some umpires for the day.

Everyone showed the utmost teamwork. They encouraged and supported each other and had a lot of fun along the way.

We are so proud of how our students represented Mildura South Primary today.

WHOLE SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAY

A pupil-free day will be taking place on Thursday May 26. Teachers will be working on Assessment, Planning and Learning Tasks. OSHC will be available to support families on this day.

EDUCATION WEEK

Education Week will be celebrated from Monday May 23-Friday May 27 (Thursday May 26 is a pupil-free day).

On **Wednesday May 25 from 1.00pm-3.15pm** families are invited to an Open Afternoon. Please come and join us here at Mildura South Primary so that we can all learn together.

Looking forward to seeing you.

SCOOTERS ON BUSES

Under the direction of Department of Transport Victoria, students are not to carry a scooter that cannot be folded and placed in a secure bag.

This directive from Department of Transport Victoria is in place for the safety of all travelling on board Victorian buses, to avoid the scooter becoming a missile in the case of an accident.

ELECTION DAY - MAY 21

Democracy Sausages

Mildura South Primary will be a Voting Booth site for the Federal Election on Saturday May 21. Staff, Students, School Council members and their families will be cooking **Democracy Sausages** on the day.

Please come along and purchase a sausage to support your school when you vote.

Changes to COVID School Operation Guidelines

- Close contacts of positive cases are no longer required to isolate for seven days (they will need to RAT test for five days and wear a face mask indoors).
- Recovering COVID cases won't have to undergo testing or quarantine again for 12 weeks (up from eight weeks).
- Face masks no longer required in schools
- Visitors to schools no longer required to show proof of vaccination. All Parents are welcome onsite.
- Whole School Assembly will take place in the school gym as of **Monday May 2** at 2.40pm. All Parents welcome.

Organisation that will remain the same

- Classroom doors do not open until **8.45am**. Principal class staff will be on duty outside, walking around the school yard from **8.30am onwards**.
- In the interest of **Child Safety**, School Council have requested that the staggered finishes that we have in place at the end of the day remain in place. (Lunch time has been reduced by 15 minutes over the last couple of years to ensure that learning time is not compromised for students).
- Students to enter and exit school ground via their House Gate.
- Infant and Senior lunch and recess schedule to remain the same.

We continue to have the ongoing concern of adults and children not using the School Crossing when crossing Deakin Avenue.

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.

Thank you.

NAPLAN 2022

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

NAPLAN is a nationwide measure through which parents, teachers, schools, education authorities, governments and the broader community can determine whether or not young Australians are developing the literacy and numeracy skills that provide the critical foundation for other learning and for their productive and rewarding participation in the community.

NAPLAN results allow parents/carers and educators to see how students are progressing in literacy and numeracy over time – individually, as part of their school community, and against national standards.

The assessments are undertaken nationwide in 2022, **between May 10 and May 20**. Week 1 of Term 2 is planned for an Online NAPLAN practise. A Test schedule will come out at the end of Term 1.

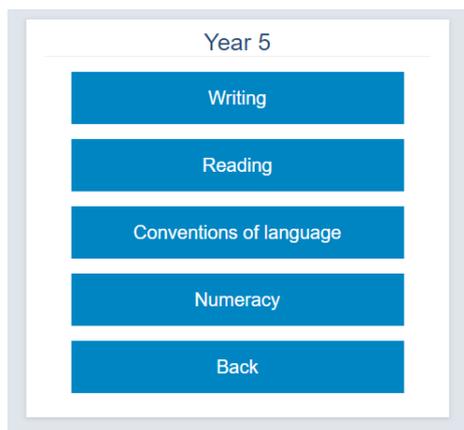
NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas (or 'domains') of:

- Writing
- Reading
- Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- Numeracy

Families can access the Naplan Demonstration Site by clicking the link -

<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

Select a year level and a sample test to look at and allow students some practise.



Roger Kent
Naplan Coordinator

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

We look forward to welcoming our Parents and members of the School Community to our whole school Assemblies which will take place in our school gym each Monday at 2.40pm.

We will continue to send out the WebEx link to families on Compass for those who wish to participate but do not have the opportunity to physically join us.

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.

Helping Children Thrive at School

By Dr. Justin Coulson

The following factors generally matter most when it comes to your child doing well at school:

1. *Reading.* If there is only one thing that you do with your children for their education, read to them. This can start as young as possible and continue through toddler years, preschool years, and into big school. Read to them – and have them read to you – as they go through their early primary years. Keep books around right through high school. Reading is one of the best predictors of children’s academic success, and it is associated with increased resilience.
2. *Be involved.* Research shows that parents who ask about school, check in on what students are learning, talk with the school teacher from time to time, and continue to monitor and stay up to date on what is happening at school have children who do better academically when compared with students whose parents are uninvolved. Getting involved shows you care.
3. *Relationships with peers.* Children who enjoy a sense of school belonging, according to Dr Kelly Allen at Monash University, do better at school. They also have higher levels of life satisfaction.
4. *A sense of progress and purpose.* These are two separate things, but I’m including them together because they often follow one another. When our children make progress, they feel competent and capable. This increases their motivation, and makes school feel purposeful. If parents can work to help children see the progress they’re making, it will boost desire for more progress, and the work becomes easier and more enjoyable.
5. *People who love them.* There is no way of getting around this fact: children do well for those they love. When a student loves his science teacher, science becomes the best subject ever and he tries hard as a result. Same goes with PE, English, or any other subject. Helping children feel like they are known, numbered, and missed combined with teachers who are enthusiastic about their topics, helps children do better at school.

Often people will say, “But what about my child?” So many parents are dealing with ADHD, autism, ODD, sensory issues, depression, or other additional health or developmental needs. My response is always the same: those points above become even more vital. Read, be involved, help them make friends, challenge them to progress and find purpose, and make sure someone loves them.

Your child may (or may not) be about to sit the NAPLAN test any day now. When it’s done, give them a hug, share a milkshake, and ask them about their friends, their teacher, or their favourite book to read... because those things will matter more for their education than their performance on this year’s NAPLAN test.

Marie-Therese Milani
Principal

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Vacation Care:

Mildura South families can start booking in for the next school holidays from Friday 20th May. This is giving South families a one week head start to book in before the remainder of the community. Please take advantage of this opportunity to avoid missing out. If you would like to be on our mailing list, please email us:

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

We have places available each day for both Before and After School Care. If you would like more information on our service, please contact us at any time.

Teachers Professional Practice Day – The OSHC program will be open from 8am until 6pm on Thursday 26th May for this pupil free day. Please contact the OSHC office to book in as we have limited places available.

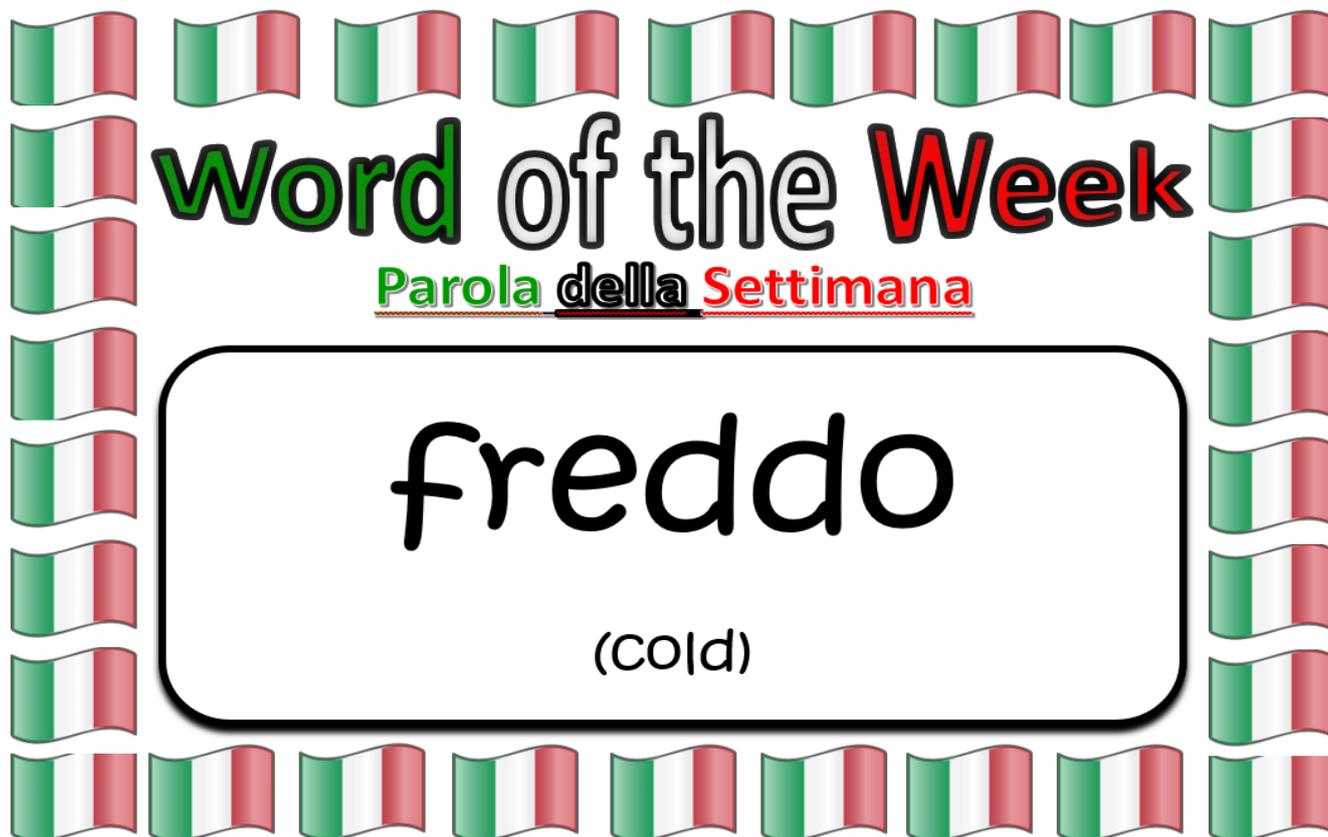
FROM THE OFFICE

State Schools' Relief – Prep Winter Uniform Package

If you have a Health Care Card and are in receipt of CSEF funding your Prep student should have received a letter from the Office with an Application for a Prep Winter Uniform Package.

With winter quickly approaching we suggest that the Application be returned as soon as possible so that the uniform package is delivered in time for the colder weather. If you have any queries please contact Sharyn Collihole at the School Office on 50232148.

ITALIAN WORD OF THE WEEK



word of the Week
Parola della Settimana

freddo
(cold)



CELEBRATION OF STRENGTHS

PH	Rose Efstratiou-Marlowe	3/4B	Kobie Walters
PK	Charlie Nunn	3/4M	Natasa Siladi
PR	Sian Savaidis-Milne	3/4P	Harvey Belej
1C	Iliah-Marie Blair	3/4S	Samuel Plumridge
1H	Sabina Siladi	3/4W	Vera Clarke
1S	Keegan Long-Evans	5/6B	Jaylan Scott
2B	Sv Tuarii	5/6J	Ned Hoye
2R	Caius Stiff	5/6K	Lanie Nelson
2T	Rayne Singla	5/6L	Vaama Thapa
		5/6P	Caleb Englefield

Art
Makenzie Crump 5/6P

Italian
Adelle Nichols Prep K

Sport
Brayden Hand 3/4M

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Marcus Weston Prep H

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