



Southie Scoop

POSITIVE EDUCATION SCHOOL

Friday 9th February, 2024

“Mildura South Primary School acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land as we choose to bring our best selves to school and love the work that we do”

Dates for your diary

Term 1

30th January – 28th March, 2024

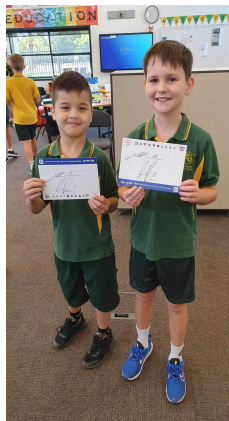
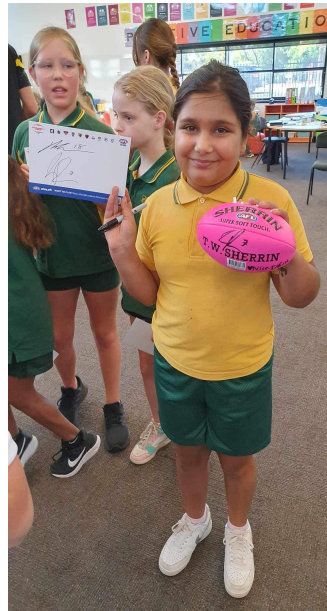
February

- 22 Interschool Tennis
- 26 Gr 5/6 Life Saving
- 28 Gr 5/6 Lawn Bowls

March

- 4th Curriculum Day
- 5th Wellbeing for Breakfast
- 11th Labour Day Public Holiday
- 6th–7th Grade 6 Camp (Group 1)
- 7th–8th Grade 6 Camp (Group 2)
- 21st Gr 5/6 Boys Cricket
- 22nd Gr 5/6 Girls Cricket
- 28th Last Day of Term 1
2.30pm FINISH

Welcome to 2024



Mildura South PS



(03) 5023 2148



msps.vic.edu.au



593 Deakin Ave, Mildura



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2024 Student Leaders

School Captains are Macey Ridgwell and Xavier Murphy.

School vice-Captains are Olivia Riggs-Brindal and Amaya Serojales.

Their roles and responsibilities include:

- * Taking families on school tours
- * Greeting and showing special guests around the school.
- * Help at school functions, e.g. Variety Night, Welcome to MSPS, Italian Night
- * Running assemblies
- * Helping Mrs Esposito with lunch orders on a Friday
- * Attend ANZAC and Remembrance Day

The White Shirt Leadership Team are: Dante Finna, Samual Telfer, Dane Montebello, Charlee Barrot, Vera Clarke and T'Sharni Zielonka. Their roles and responsibilities include:

- * Taking families on school tours
- * Help run school functions, e.g. Variety Night, Welcome to MSPS, Italian Night
- * Running assemblies
- * Highly encouraged to attend ANZAC and Remembrance Day



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I would like to thank the following sponsors supporting this event: Sunraysia Community Health, Barry Plant Real Estate, Mildura Finance Company and The Gateway Verde.

I would also like to thank Professor Lea Waters for the generous donation of her time and expertise in this field and Mrs Tate Belej and Mrs Lydia Sinclair for their organisation of the Wellbeing for Breakfast event, consisting of 100 participants.

Special mention and thanks to Mr Simon Jackson for the support he is giving Mrs Belej and Mrs Sinclair in reaching out to many members across our community, inviting them to this unique opportunity.

Grade 6 Lake Lascelles Outdoor Experience

Location: Lake Lascelles, Hopetoun, Victoria

This year, Grade 6 students will participate in an Outdoor Experience at Lake Lascelles, Hopetoun. Two They will be staying at the Mallee Bush Retreat and sleeping in tents for an authentic camping experience.

Activities include; kayaking, camp cooking, raft making, water games, fishing & yabbing, bike riding, orienteering, camping games and night walk.



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Grade 2 Get Help Leaders

The Grade 2 Get Help Leaders continue to be a wonderful success in the yard for our infant students. Our Grade 2 students are very kind in the way they help the students to get help from the yard duty teachers.

This term the Get Help Leaders are:

2B Maycee Adams and Morgan Lexa

2C Scarlett Collins and Elodie Milner

2P Isabella Berry and Miyah Henry

Richmond Football Club

Last week we were fortunate to have Liam Baker and Josh Gibcus from the Richmond Football Club visit our school. They spoke about nutrition and the strength of perseverance. They then took the time to do autographs for the students.

Wellbeing for Breakfast.

On Tuesday March 5, from 7.30-9.00am Sunraysia Community Health and Mildura South Primary are hosting 'Wellbeing for Breakfast' at The Gateway, Verde. Professor Lea Waters will be speaking to representatives from Health, Education and a range of Mildura Businesses on the benefits of prioritising wellbeing in the workplace.



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School Hours

Classroom doors open at **8.45am** for all year levels.

Dismissal times:

Foundation - Grade 2 (along with siblings in Grades 3-6) **3.15pm**

Grades 3-6 **3.30pm**

Please continue to use the House Colour gates for entry and exit of school grounds:

Front Gate: **Mungo (Red) and Kulkyne (Yellow)**

Gate near the School Crossing: **Darling (Green)**

Albert Street Gate: **Murray (Blue)**

If your child arrives after 9am, please go straight to the front office to sign in and ensure your child receives a late pass to take to their teacher.

School Review and Curriculum Day

Mildura South Primary School will be completing a Department of Education School Review this Term. This is a positive time to reflect on our practice, evaluate our work, identify our strengths and move forward, building on these strengths and targeting our areas for growth.

As part of this process, there will be a **Curriculum Day on Monday March 4.**



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Students will not be required to attend school on this date.

Staff will be using this day to reflect on school data in preparation for the formal Review Process which will be taking place in the first week of Term 2.

After Hours Care will be available on this day to support our families.

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.

There are a number of students wearing very short skorts and sport shorts that are not an appropriate length for school. Please ensure that the school shorts and skorts that your child is wearing is appropriate for school. I am happy to support families with this by allowing green or black school shorts to be worn.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Grade 6 Shirts

We are offering a second opportunity to purchase Grade 6 Shirts. The cut-off date is Friday March 8. This date will guarantee they will be ready for collection before the beginning of Term



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Black School Shoes

Big W has kindly donated a range of black school shoes to our MSPS students. These shoes will be available to all families who come in, try them on and then take them home for free.

The shoes can be found in the lost property area outside of the PERMA room. Sizes range from little children's size 10 up to older students' size 2.

Time to access the shoes: 8.45-9.00am and 3.15-3.30pm. Please help yourself as no staff will be present.

Appointments to see the 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.

Tennis Mad

If your child is interested in tennis, Bill from Tennis Mad runs sessions at school each Thursday morning at 8.00am. If you would like your child to participate, registration can be done online.



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Foundation Children

The Foundation students have settled in beautifully, calm, engaged and loving their friends.

A reminder to all of our Foundation families that during the month of February the children will have a day at home on Wednesdays. During this time the Foundation Teachers will be carrying out individual testing with our Foundation 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.

Singing for fun, health and development!!

Fiona Beyer is, again, offering singing lessons at the school this year, during school hours. Lessons are weekly, half hour sessions in the music room on a Tuesday morning.

Singing is a super fun and feel-good activity – it develops confidence - improves mood – builds friendships - soothes the nervous system - strengthens and clears airways - assists learning and brain function – and improves speech and memory - along with many other benefits.

Any interested family is encouraged to contact Fiona for more information -

Ph: 0407 876 874

Email: fionatassone@hotmail.com



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Parent Contributions

Mildura South Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Mildura South's voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students.

Within our school previous support has allowed us to update our texts and readers to reflect current interests and passions, supply materials and resources to develop our mathematical knowledge and problem-solving skills, purchase materials to support the creativity and exploration in our Arts and Science programs and ensure that all our students have access to equipment to develop into active healthy children.

We invite you to support our school by making a Curriculum Contribution so that we can continue to provide opportunities for all our students.

Please contact the office if you would like to make a contribution or need further information.

School Lunches

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



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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.

School Assembly

Our School Assembly takes place each **Monday at 2.40pm** in the School Gym. 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 if you are unable to attend.

Digital Newsletter

The School Newsletter will continue to be distributed digitally on the school Compass, the School Website and Facebook sites. If you wish to receive a hard copy of the School Newsletter, please let your classroom teacher know.

Advertising on 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.



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Bus Route and Fares – CDC Mildura Bus Information

For all bus route options please go to the website

<https://cdcvictoria.com.au/services/school-services/> for all school bus routes and maps. Mildura for school routes for Victorian residents and Wentworth for school routes for NSW residents.

Mildura Bus have had a fare price rise with their 2024 bus fares as per below.

Ticket concession price

2hrs \$1.40

Daily \$2.80

Weekly \$13.10

You can purchase tickets upon boarding the bus. Please note that Mildura Buses are cash only and it is preferred to have change close to the ticket price.

Alternatively, Mildura Bus offer prepaid term passes that can be purchased from the Mildura Bus office in Bathurst Court. You will need to bring a small headshot of the child to go with the pass. If you email the photo, name of your children and the school they attend Mildura Bus can print the photo, create the pass and let you know when the pass is ready to collect save having to wait. These passes are based on the student concession prices; Prepaid options are no cheaper than purchasing tickets on the bus however, they are a more convenient options for parents.

Term 1 (30/01/2024-28/01/2024): \$110.40

Term 2 (15/04/2024-28/06/2024): \$139.40



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Term 3 (15/07/2024-20/09/2024): \$131.00

Term 4 (07/10/2024-20/12/2024): \$142.20

Yearly (All terms excl school holidays): \$523.00

These passes can be used 7 days a week including weekends during the school term only, they cannot be used during the school holidays.

These passes can be used on any of the **CDC Mildura Victorian services**.

We accept payment by cash, cheque or eftpos.

If you choose this option and throughout the Term the child lose their pass, you will be required to come into our office and pay \$10.00 for a replacement card and another photo is required to make another pass.

If you require any assistance, please contact CDC Mildura on 5023 0274.

Marie-Therese Milani
Principal



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Strength

Professor Lea Waters

Gratitude



Being aware of and thankful for the good things that happen; taking time to express thanks.

How might students connect with this strength:

- I am thankful for the things that happen to me
- I always take time to say "thank you" and show my appreciation
 - I notice the good things in my day

Family Activity

Family discussion at the evening meal, or another convenient time of day on: What does gratitude mean to you? How do you: See, Hear and Feel gratitude throughout your day?

Family members discuss their varying perspectives on Gratitude.



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Gratitude

Professor Lea Waters

Understanding this concept has key benefits for students.

Before I explain what they are, let me tell you about one [study](#) that I did with my colleagues from the University of Birmingham. We asked students from Australian and English schools to complete online surveys about gratitude.

And based on our study, the students identified 837 different aspects of gratitude. This shows us that there are lots of different ways that our students see gratitude - rather than one common definition. Yet many gratitude programs for schools use one definition that's often derived by the adult who developed the program, rather than the students themselves.

So, as teachers, carers and parents, we can listen to the students themselves in order to have a better understanding of what gratitude means to them.



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For two reasons:

First is the feeling of satisfaction.

Research shows that there's a positive relationship between gratitude and satisfaction. When students feel more gratitude, it's more likely that they feel more satisfied in their life and at school.

Second, it supports relational learning.

Students who feel grateful may also feel more connected to their teachers, parents, carers and peers. This connection can help them learn and grow more effectively.

Before they can experience these benefits, they first must have a personal definition of gratitude.

So, how can teachers, carers and parents help with this?

One way for our students to understand gratitude is by letting them discuss what gratitude is among themselves (rather than starting with a pre-written definition of gratitude).



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This exercise helps students have an individualised definition of gratitude. Once we know what it is, we can work on building gratitude.

In the classroom and at home, we can ask our students to express their varied understandings of gratitude. We can also ask them to share examples of how they can generate and express gratitude.

My favourite classroom strategy is the Gratitude Graffiti Board. Using a whiteboard and ask students to write the things they feel grateful for as they enter the room. Their exit ticket from class is to decide on one person whom they will express their gratitude to that day. 😊 This activity can also be adapted for home.

When students have a more personal understanding of gratitude, they can spread gratitude to others and can enjoy the two benefits of satisfaction and relational learning.



REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

Late Arrivals/Early Departures

Our school day begins at 9.00am and finishes at 3.15 (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.

It is the school's 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. This can be done by leaving a message on the school phone (follow the prompts), entering an Attendance Note on Compass or by notifying the classroom teacher. If your child is absent for an extended period please inform the classroom teacher or school before they leave.



REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

Medication

If your child requires medication whilst 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.

Change of Details

It is extremely important to notify us if you have changed your address or phone number. **We MUST be able to contact parents at all times (particularly in the case of an emergency).**



REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

Compass

Our School uses Compass for all communications to parents and staff. Please speak to the office staff if you don't have Compass Log In details.

Annual Privacy Reminder for our School Community (2024)

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.



Celebration of Strengths



Creativity



Curiosity



Judgment



Zest



Honesty



Social Intelligence



Fairness



Teamwork



Forgiveness



Self-Regulation



Humility



Appreciation of Beauty



Perspective



Bravery



Perseverance



Kindness



Love



Leadership



Love of Learning



Gratitude



Spirituality



Prudence



Hope



Humor

Foundation
Foundation Purple
Anousha Q.

Grade 2
2B
Payton C.

Foundation Blue
Malik K.

2C
Elodie M.

Foundation Orange
Bradyn H-F.

2P
Arleo G.

Grade 1
1B
Josh L.

Grade 3/4
3/4H
Shaylee G.

1H
Quinn McC.

3/4I
Xavier I.

1S
Jagatveer S.

3/4M
Amalia E.

1T
Muhammad H.

3/4R
Gemma W.

3/4T
Hunter W.

3/4W
Addie H-G.



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Leadership



Love of Learning



Gratitude



Spirituality



Prudence



Hope



Humor

Grade 5/6
5/6C
Macey R.

5/6H
Henderson I.

5/6J
Jaxon J.

5/6K
Mackenzie M-H.

Specialists
ART
Khajija J.
3/4R

BAND
Lincoln T.
3/4H

PERFORMING
ARTS
Rees H.
1S

PE
Kieren G-M.
5/6H

ITALIAN
Arish M.
1S

OUTDOOR
EDUCATION
Ethan H.
1H

DIGI TECH
Harper C.
Foundation
Orange

STEM
Rania M.
3/4W

HUMANITIES
Jax R-B
3/4H

HUFF & PUFF
Vada M.
5/6J

Child Safety Standards



School Crossing

Last year we had the ongoing concern of adults and children not using the School Crossings when crossing Deakin Avenue and the service road (often while holding a toddler or pushing a pram and holding 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 Crossings on both roads 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 and/or the service road outside of the School Crossing that you can ensure their safety - this is not the case. If a Parent chooses to cross Deakin Avenue and the service road without using the School Crossings, 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 Crossings 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 Crossings, I am obliged to speak to that person and support that person in adhering to our Child Safety Standards and use the School Crossings.

Staff Car Park



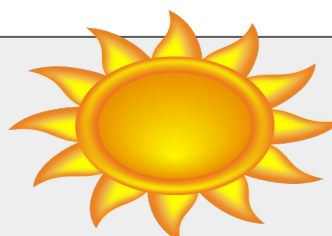
Please do not use the gates and walk through the Staff Carpark. Cars are coming and going all the time and it is not safe.

Child Safety Standards



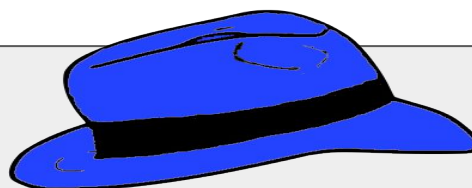
Playing on the Playground after School

No children are to play on any of the Play Equipment after school. I am grateful to the Parents who assist staff after school by asking their children to leave the Play Equipment, particularly the Grade 1/Foundation Play Equipment at the front of the school.



Hot Weather

When the temperature is 36 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.



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.



We would like to take this opportunity to say a big Thank you to Jo Chisari of Barry Plant Real Estate' for his generous donation of: Trophy and \$50.00 Book Voucher to our Aussie of the Month recipients.



MILDURA OUTDOOR & TACKLE

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2024 KIDS FISHING CLINIC



Mildura's first ever Kids Fishing Clinic. FEBRUARY 17th, 9am.

Over \$20,000 of Freebies. Limited spots available.

Pre-Registration in store, 103 Lime Avenue, NOW.

Facebook link for more info. <https://fb.watch/q3MSyYITFy/>



2024 Registration Day
Sunday 25th Feb, 12 - 2 pm
@ Henshilwood Recreation Reserve

Mini roos - U6, U8, U10 Juniors - U12, U14, U16

With a successful 2023, our club has grown significantly with increased members, junior participation and female participation.

We have some exciting things planned for 2024! All welcome.

Come along to Registration Day. Register, Meet coaches, Play, Volunteer or just enjoy a BBQ! See you there!





TERM 1 2024 Coaching – Community Play

Red Cliffs Lawn Tennis Club

Monday

3.30-4pm 4 & 5 yrs Hot Shots @ \$7

4-4.45pm Hot Shots 6-12yrs

4.45-5.30pm Tennis 4 Teens 12-17yrs

Tuesday

3.30-4.15pm Hot Shots 5-12yrs

4.15-5pm Tweens Hot Shots 10-12yrs

5-5.45pm Tennis 4 Teens 12-17yrs

Saturday

9-9.45am Hot Shots 5-12yrs

Match Play 9.45-10.15 @\$3

Cost: \$10 Per Lesson-Receive free Hot Shots T-Shirt

**To enrol or for more information please contact
Lisa Hill Community Play Coach Mob 0400 726 824**

Email lisa.joy.hill70@gmail.com

**Racquets available - Learn the fundamentals of tennis in a social fun
environment**



**HOOK In
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**FIRST SESSION IS FREE!
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Club: Sunraysia Hockey Association

Venue: Eleventh Street, Gate C, Old Aerodrome Ovals, Mildura, Vic,
3500

Program 1 Start Date: Saturday, 10 February 2024

Program 2 Start Date: Wednesday, 14 February 2024

Time Program 1: 9.00am - 10.00am

Time Program 2: 6.00pm - 7.00pm

No. of Weeks: 7 Weeks

Coordinator Name: Jane Finch

Coordinator Email: sunraysiahockey.junior@gmail.com

Coordinator Phone: 0429 143 332



To register:

<https://www.sunraysiahockey.com.au/events>

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First Session is FREE 'Come & Try'

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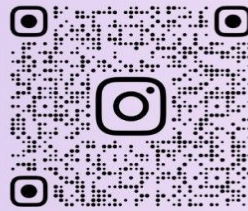
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COME & TRY DAY

Three Colours SC is inviting Boys and Girls, Men and Women aged from 5 years—50 years old at any level of ability to come and try soccer.

Take advantage of the opportunity to have fun in an inclusive, social and non-competitive environment.

Wednesday 28 February 4:30pm—6pm

Pitch 10, Old Aerodrome Ovals Sporting Complex

Please remember to bring a water bottle and shin pads

For more information please contact

threecolourssc@live.com.au or Lucy 0439 302 090

