



Southie Scoop

POSITIVE EDUCATION SCHOOL

Friday 2nd 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

11th	Gr 5/6 Division 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



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593 Deakin Ave, Mildura



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Welcome Back

It is wonderful to see the students back at school settled into their new classes with their teachers. Special welcome to our new students and their families here at Mildura South. I am looking forward to getting to know you and working with you so that the very best outcomes are achieved for your children. I hope that all of our new students and families feel a very warm welcome from all members of our School Community.

Thank you to Mr Harwood and Mrs Hunt for our wonderful new school fence, shade sails and our well prepared school grounds. Your work makes a difference, and we are all very grateful.

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:



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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.**

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.



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Principal Class

This year the Principal Class Leadership looks different.

Mrs Lydia Sinclair who has previously been the Leading Teacher co-ordinating Special Education and Wellbeing has been appointed to an Assistant Principal position. In this role Lydia will continue to lead Special Education and Wellbeing.

During 2024 Mrs Di Hunt (Assistant Principal) and I will be sharing many of the Principal duties. This will be most evident Monday to Thursday when we are both on site. I will not be at school on Fridays in 2024 as I am going part-time. Mrs Di Hunt will be the Acting Principal on those days.

This will be my final year at Mildura South Primary School, as I will be retiring at the end of 2024.

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.



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New and Returning Staff

We welcome our new staff:

- Anita Trezise
- Kieran Harman
- Georgy Barrow
- Gemma Moiler
- Charlotte Hall
- Megan Lane
- Brodey Howard
- Esta Zappia

We also welcome the return of Melanie Paterson.

I look forward to working with and building relationships with our new staff. I know our MSPS School Community will be very friendly and welcoming.



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Specialist Classes

This year the students at Mildura South Primary will be participating in the following Specialist classes:

Physical Education – Mr Kennedy and Miss Tyza (Foundation – Grade 6)

Visual Arts – Mrs Tregeagle (Foundation – Grade 6)

Performing Arts – Miss Bicker (Foundation – Grade 6)

STEM – Mrs Humphris (Grades 3 – 6)

Digital Technology – Mrs Humphris (Foundation-2)

Humanities – Mr Watson (3-4)

Italian – Mrs Tukul (Grades Foundation – 6)

Outdoor Education – Mr Pettit (Foundation – 6)

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.



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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.

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.

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 first School Assembly will be taking place on **Monday, February 5 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.

Private Singing Lessons

Students will have the opportunity to receive private singing lessons at Mildura South Primary on a Tuesday. If you are interested, please contact Fiona via email fionatassone@hotmail.com.

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.



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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.

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.



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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

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**.

CDC 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.



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

Privacy Reminder for 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.

Positive Education

As a Positive Education School, we are committed to each child 'flourishing' and achieving their very best outcomes. Our School Mission 'We bring our best selves to school and love the work that we do' inspires us each day.

The School Vision at Mildura South Primary is:

All students can achieve high standards given the right time and the right support.

Teamwork ● Respect ● Integrity ● Courage ● Kindness



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All teachers can teach to high standards given the time, coaching, professional learning and the right assistance.

High expectations, teaching to point of need and early ongoing intervention are essential.

All leaders, teachers and students can articulate what they are learning and what success looks like.

Lyn Sharratt 2019

We SEARCH for TRICK to live PERMA

We use the strategies of SEARCH: Strengths, Emotional Regulation, Awareness and Attention, Relationships, Coping, Habits and Goals to live our Positive Education culture.

We have a shared understanding of our school values TRICK: Teamwork, Respect, Integrity, Courage and Kindness.

In order to achieve our mission and vision we live, teach and grow in the culture of PERMA developing: Positive Emotions, Engagement, Relationships, Meaning and Accomplishment in our everyday life at school.



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Wellbeing for Breakfast

This year Mrs Belej and Mrs Sinclair are collaborating with Sunraysia Community Health and facilitating the Wellbeing for Breakfast event at The Gateway, Verde on Tuesday March 5.

This is an opportunity for a partnership between Health and Education to take place in our Mildura Community. Professor Lea Waters will be speaking to a range of Community Members from across Mildura, along with representatives from Health and Education on the importance of prioritising Wellbeing in the workplace.

I would like to thank the following sponsors of this event:

- Professor Lea Waters
- Gateway Verde
- Sunraysia Community Health
- Barry Plant Real Estate
- Mildura Finance Limited

We are very grateful for the generous sponsorship these businesses have offered, supporting Mildura South Primary School and Sunraysia Community Health in reaching out to our Mildura Community on the importance of Wellbeing being a priority.



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Information for parents

School council elections 2023

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

There are three possible categories of membership:

- * **A mandated elected parent category.** More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be parent members at their child's school.
- * **A mandated elected DET employee category.** Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The Principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- * **An optional community member category.** Its members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be community members.



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Membership Category	Term of Office	Number of Positions
Parent Member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2024* to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2026*	4

The term of office for members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, and this creates vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in February or March each year.



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However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider:

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The Principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March. For parents, this notice will probably be given to your child so you may need to check with them whether it has been sent home.

If you decide to stand for election, you will need to arrange for someone to nominate and second you as a candidate in either the parent category or DET employee category. Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the school office within the time stated on the notice of election.



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If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do.
- Consider standing for election to council this year.
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the Principal for further information.

NOMINATIONS

Nomination Forms for both Parent and DET representatives are available from the office.

Schedule 4.

Notice of election and call for nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the **School Council of Mildura South Primary School.**

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school office and must be lodged by 4.00pm on 16/2/24.

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories



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and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows -

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Notes:

1. "Electorate of the school" means the DET employee electorate of the school and the Parent electorate of the school.
2. "Parent electorate of the school" means all persons (except the Principal) who are Parents of students of the school, other than those who are DET employees and who opt or are deemed to opt in accordance with clause 22 to be members of the DET employee electorate of the school
3. "DET employee electorate of the school" means the principal of the school and –

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If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

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4. "Electorate of the school" means the DET employee electorate of the school and the Parent electorate of the school.
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DET employees engaged in work at and for the school (other than those who are Parents of students of the school and who neither opt nor are deemed to opt in accordance with clause 22 to be members of the DET employee electorate of the school); and
(a) other DET employees who are Parents of students of the school and who opt or are deemed to opt in accordance with clause 22 to be members of the DET employee electorate of the school.



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4. "DET employee" -

(a) means a person employed for eight hours or more per week in either an on-going capacity or for a fixed term of at least 90 days -

(i) under the *Teaching Service Act 1981*; or

(ii) by the DET under the *Public Sector Management and Employment Act 1998*; or

(iii) by a school council of a State school; or

(iv) under section 5 or 5A of the *Education Act 1958*; or

(v) under more than one of the paragraphs

(i) to (iv) above, and

(b) does not mean a person employed, under a contract for service or the employees or the contracted personnel of such a person.

5. Votes may be posted to the principal or placed in the ballot box at the school on any day up to the closure of the ballot. Further details on how votes may be lodged will be provided when ballot papers are sent to the electorate of the school.

Marie-Therese Milani

Principal



Strength

Kindness



Doing good deeds for others: helping them and taking care for them.

How might students connect with this strength:

- * I notice when people around me need things and I act on this
- * If someone is upset, I care for them
- * I share

Family Activity

In the evening when at the dinner table or at bedtime family members share an act of kindness that they saw on the day.

Children share when someone was kind to them in the day. Talk to family how they could pay that kindness forward.

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



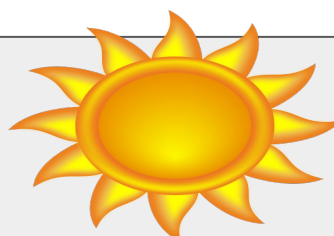
Please do not use the gates and walk through the Staff Carpark. Cars are coming and going all the time and it is not safe.

Child Safety Standards



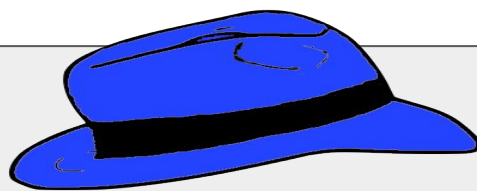
Playing on the Playground after School

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.

ELECTRIC LIGHT THEATRE PRESENTS

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FEBRUARY

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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**



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2 HOCKEY**



**FIRST SESSION IS FREE!
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CALL OR EMAIL FOR DETAILS!**

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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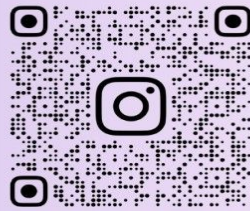
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