



Southie Scoop

POSITIVE EDUCATION SCHOOL

Friday 15th March, 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

March

27th Festa Della Italiana e Specialiste
28th Last Day of Term 1
2.30pm FINISH

Term 2

15 April – 28 June, 2024

April

15th First Day of Term 2
22nd-23rd Grade 5 Camp (Group 1)
23rd-24th Grade 5 Camp (Group 2)
24th School ANZAC Day Service
25th ANZAC Day
29th – 3rd May Gr 3/4 Swimming

May

6th – 10th Gr 3/4 Swimming



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Festa della Italiana e Specialiste

Buongiorno a tutti!

The Festa della Italiana e Specialiste is back again!!! This year we invite our Southie famiglie on **Wednesday 27th March (Mercoledì 27 Marzo) at 5:30pm - 7pm** to join our Specialiste teachers and staff. They will run fun, creative activities for you and your famiglia to join in and enjoy!

There will be free sausages and gelati for all of us to enjoy together.

Please mark this off in your family calendar as we really want to celebrate with you on this occasion.

A note will be sent home next week about the food that will be provided on the evening. Please return your note before the due date if you don't want to miss out.

Mangia! Mangia! Mangia!

See you there!

Ci vediamo :)

Parent Club Fundraiser

Thank you to the families who are ordering Hot Cross Buns. All students have taken order forms home. Please return your order form and money by 9am on Wednesday March 22nd



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Easter Raffle

Thank you to families and carers who are returning the Easter Raffle books. All books are due back by Wednesday, March 27.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN began this week and will continue next week.

Information regarding 2024 NAPLAN has been shared on Compass for families with students in Grades 3 and 5.

Please check your News feed.

Students have also brought home a hard copy letter outlining the NAPLAN information.

Zooper Doopers

Zooper Doopers were sold today at recess. Our Student Leadership Team will be selling Zooper Doopers every Friday afternoon at recess time - 50c each.

School Review Parent and Carer Forum

On **Wednesday April 17 at 9am in the Staff room**, Parents are invited to meet with our School Reviewer Mr David Allibon. This is an important part of the School Review process, where David will have the opportunity to ask our Families and Carers questions and seek to understand your perspective as a member of the Mildura South Primary School Community.



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I will be very grateful to anyone who makes the time to present at this Forum. Your voice, thoughts and insights are an important part of our capacity to continue in providing the best learning environment and education for our students.

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.



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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.

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



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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.

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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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.

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.



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School Lunches

The school is supported by Cowards Cakes 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.

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.

Marie-Therese Milani

Principal



2024 Junior School Council Representatives

Class	Class Representative	Vice Representative
3/4H	Mariah Kaya	Asher Memon
3/4I	Zayden Coward	Quinn Devereux
3/4M	Feliciano (Lissy) Rudkin	Cooper Minter
3/4R	Gemma Walter	Zoe McEwan
3/4T	Emily Dolan	Kruze McVeigh-Myers
3/4W	Rania Malik	Sanimer Kaur
5/6C	Abbie Freeth	Blake Fisk
5/6H	Millie Russell	Jai Hatch
5/6J	Vada Murnane	Ruby Crawley
5/6K	Mackenzie Martin-Hopkins	Holly Pilling



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Uniform Stall

FREE

On the Italian night on Wednesday 27th March from 5:30-6:45pm, there will be a uniform stall outside of the PERMA Room. There will be school uniforms and black shoes to give away for FREE! Some are pre loved, some are new.. but everything is clean and freshly washed. Uniforms will be organised in to sizes on tables for ease and range from size 4 up to size 16. We encourage all of families to come along and take whatever they need.





Parent

CLUB

Mildura South Primary School Parents Club meets each Friday 2-3pm (as able) at the onsite Parent Hub. We are currently looking for new or existing parents to join the team this year.

The Parent Club is a group of interested parents that make up a communication link between the school, the school council and the school community – to establish strong partnerships between the groups, and create an encouraging, educational and fun school environment for young learners.

If any new/existing parents would be interested in joining the parents club this year, could you contact the school front office.



WELLBEING FOR BREAKFAST

Our Wellbeing for Breakfast event took place last Tuesday & it was a huge success! Approximately 90 members of the Mildura community attended breakfast at The Gateway Verde to hear [Lea Waters AM, PhD](#) speak about prioritising wellbeing in the workplace. Following breakfast Lea and the Visible Wellbeing team worked with teams at MSPS to build our work in teaching wellbeing to our students. Thank-you to all who were involved in the day & to our sponsors - [Verde Mildura](#) | [Mildura Gateway](#), [Barry Plant Mildura](#), [MFL - Mildura Finance](#) & [Sunraysia Community Health Services](#). Thanks also to [Mildura Waves Aquatic & Leisure Centre](#) & [Woolworths Centre Plaza](#) for their kind donations & to [Simon Jackson at Multimedia Enterprises](#) for his filming on the day. We hope to make this an annual event!





The Science Behind Raising Readers

Dr Justin Coulson

Literacy is one of the main pillars of early education. There's a big focus on learning the ABCs, strengthening comprehension skills, and understanding literary devices.

Being able to read and understand text is a foundational skill that enables learning in all other subject areas.

Additionally, when children are exposed to book reading from an early age, it begins a 'causal spiral' - the more they are exposed to books, the greater their reading skills, which in turn encourages them to read more, culminating in greater academic outcomes.

To focus on only the academic angle is a pretty narrow view of the benefits of reading. Adult book lovers innately know that there's a lot more to the benefits of reading than just academic achievement.

Here are just a few of the benefits: · Reading is an antidote to stress. For example, a study of children hospitalized in the ICU found that listening to a story for just 30 minutes reduced their levels of cortisol (stress hormone) and increased their levels of oxytocin (the love hormone).

Similarly, over a whole academic year, a study of college students found that recreational reading was associated with reduced psychological distress. In other words, reading can



help people cope with mental and physical health challenges by boosting resilience to stress.

Reading allows us to connect meaningfully with our fellow humans. Neuroscientists have determined that reading fiction provides readers with the opportunity to strengthen a certain neural network, which in turn makes them better at being able to use theory of mind capabilities (being able to consider the mental state of others).

Reading makes us happier. A study of older adults found that frequent fiction readers report greater life satisfaction and greater positive affective well-being.

Reading helps us live longer! A longitudinal study of 3675 participants found that book readers experience a survival advantage. This line from the study sums it up best: "The benefits of reading books include a longer life in which to read them."

Clearly, a love for reading leads to a much more fulfilling life and that's something we definitely want to pass on to our children!

So how can we implement a reading culture in our home? Read together. This is the easiest and most effective way to encourage reading in children of any age. Reading aloud has a strong and long-lasting effect on reading and cognitive skills.



The best way to go about this, per cognitive psychologist David Willingham, is to (1) choose books that are rhyme-heavy; (2) engage them by asking questions as you go, (3) having books available in places and at times when they are likely to be bored (like in the car).

Have physical books. Make them available and accessible throughout your home. Literally, show children how important books are by giving them valuable space in your home. Having lots of books in your home has a greater relationship with your child's reading ability than even being a good reader yourself.

If you're not sure how to get started, the first stop is a visit to your local library! There are thousands of books waiting to be discovered: picture books, graphic novels, folk tales, poetry. Borrow as many as you can carry!

Be a model. Show children that you enjoy using your free time to read. Children imitate us, so we can inspire them to read simply by picking up a book and reading in their presence. No pressure. There's a lot of pressure towards reading at earlier and earlier ages. However, the evidence doesn't support pushing our children to read early.

A focus on early reading (that is, teaching reading before age six or seven) shows only short-term effects that even out with time, such that by the time the child is 12 (or even earlier), their reading skills are not any better than those who learned to read later.



Additionally, children who learn to read later acquire reading skills more readily (requiring about half as much formal instruction).

Moreover, a large study looking at the natural variability in school starting age between countries found no evidence for an association between when formal reading instruction starts and reading achievement at age 15. What does this mean? There is no need to push children to read early! Any initial gains are lost later on.

Additionally, the risk of pushing teaching to read too early or too hard is that it can backfire and can rob the fun and joy out of reading, leading to it being perceived as another pesky task or chore to complete.

Reading is life-changing. A child's curiosity is insatiable, and reading is the buffet that never ends. It is both a passport and time machine - taking readers to new countries, imaginary worlds, across the galaxy, to the distant past or forward to strange futures.

Learning to read is good. Learning to love reading is magical.



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
Arlo E.

Grade 2
2B
Ali K.

Foundation Blue
Annabelle A.

2C
Scarlett C.

Foundation Orange
Vihaan G.

2P
Rose E-M.

Grade 1
1B
Rogan P.

Grade 3/4
3/4H
Hugo C.

1H
Ethan H.

3/4I
Vivian C.

1S
Troy S.

3/4M
Lawson K.

1T
Maci P.

3/4R
Levi H.

3/4T
Domenic R.

3/4W
Lily H.



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Love



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Love of Learning



Gratitude



Spirituality



Prudence



Hope



Humor

Grade 5/6
5/6C
Abbie F.

5/6H
Talei V.

5/6J
Vada M.

5/6K
Olivia R-B.

Specialists
ART
Olivia R-B.
5/6K

BAND
Harvey B.
5/6J

PERFORMING
ARTS
Emirhan D.
5/6J

PE
Max P.
5/6H

ITALIAN
Charlie T.
5/6K

OUTDOOR
EDUCATION
Hudson I.
5/6C

DIGI TECH
Josh L.
1B

STEM
Xavier I.
3/4I

HUMANITIES
Xavier M.
5/6K

HUFF & PUFF
Gabriel W.
3/4I



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Prudence



Hope



Humor

Lucas A.	3/4H
Mia Y.	3/4I
Zayne R.	3/4M
Thanasi E-M.	3/4R
Airlie M.	3/4T
Tare T.	3/4W

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



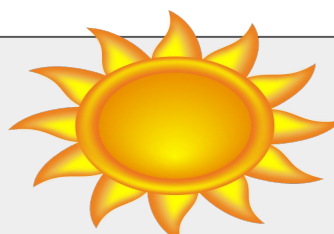
Please do not use the gates and walk through the Staff Carpark. Cars are coming and going all the time and it is not safe.

Child Safety Standards



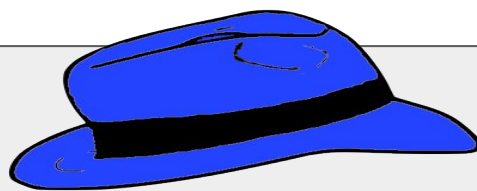
Playing on the Playground after School

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.



Rivaside Hockey Club

Ever wanted to give hockey a try?

Rivaside Hockey Club are looking for players in junior and senior grades. Come down to a training session for a run and see if hockey is the sport for you!

**Our training sessions are Mondays
Aero Ovals– Gate C**

Under 11's - 5.15 pm to 6.15 pm

Under 13's - 5.15 pm to 6.15 pm

Under 16's - 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm

Seniors - 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm

Season kicks off April 19, 2024

Please don't hesitate to email, text or call.



0435 054 012 Kerry Wood (President)



rivasidehockeymildura@gmail.com



www.facebook.com/RivasideHockeyClub



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

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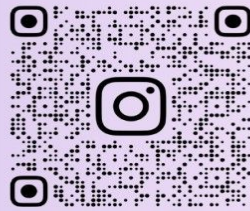
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