



Southie Scoop

POSITIVE EDUCATION SCHOOL

Friday 31st May, 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”

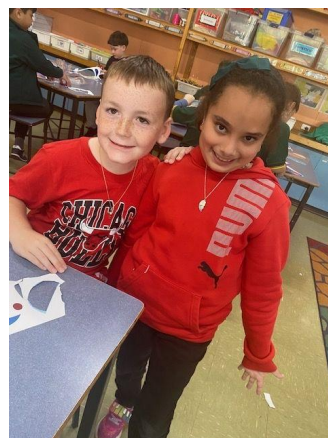
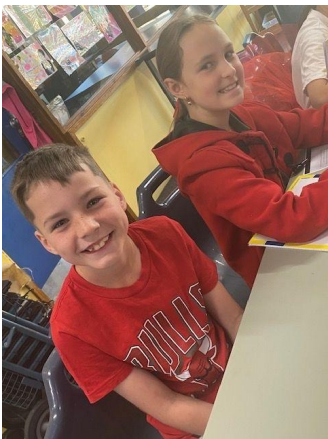
Dates for your diary

Term 2

15 April, 2024 - 28 June, 2024

June

- 6th Foundation Swimming notes due back
- 7th Curriculum Day - no students at school
- 10th Kings Birthday Public Holiday - No Students at school
- 11th-14th Foundation Swimming
- 17th Foundation Play Afternoon from 4.00pm
- 21st Curriculum Day - no students at school
- 24th-28th Dental Van visit
- 28th Last day of Term - 2.30pm finish



Mildura South PS



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593 Deakin Ave, Mildura



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School Crossing - Child Safety

Mildura Rural City Council have decided to change the times starting next week Monday the 3rd of June.

New times will be 8:10am-9:10am & 2:50pm-3:50pm

Walnut Crossing will stay the same 8am-9am & 3pm-4pm

Red Shield Appeal

Thank you to all the families who supported this very worthwhile charity. We had a sea of red on Monday and it was wonderful to be united in helping our Mildura Community.

As a School Community we raised \$534.40. A fantastic effort!

Regional Cross Country

Congratulations to Elissa Humphris who represented Mildura South Primary School in the Regional Cross Country at St Arnaud. We are very proud of Elissa. She finished 52nd on the day.



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Interschool Sport

Today students from Mildura South Primary School competed against students from Ranfurly Primary School in Football, Hockey, Soccer and Netball.

Football and Netball took place at MSPS and Ranfurly hosted Hockey and Soccer.

All students continue to demonstrate exceptional teamwork, pride in their school and respect for one another.

Eisteddfod

The Eisteddfod began yesterday and continues until June 17. Our staff and students have been working hard to prepare for this event. We are so proud of our students and the practice they do in order to perform at the Eisteddfod.

Special thanks to Miss Bicker and Miss McGann for the time and support they give our students during the Eisteddfod season.

Bike Education Reminder

This is just a friendly reminder that Bike Education will run for the whole term for all Year 3-6 students. We encourage all students who can, to bring

Teamwork ● **Respect** ● **Integrity** ● **Courage** ● **Kindness**



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their own bikes/scooters and helmets. We understand that not all students can do this and are happy to support them by lending them bikes/scooters and helmets if required. However, we have many students who are not bringing their own helmets, so they are borrowing the school helmets. This is not ideal as many students are required to have helmets fitted each lesson which takes away learning time and there is also the risk of head lice being spread. If your child has a helmet, can it please be brought to school to support the Bike Education program.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Professional Practice Days

Friday June 7 and Friday June 21

Students not required at School

OOSH available to support families on these days

Whole school professional development in Literacy was identified as a priority by the School Review Panel in our recent School Review. At Mildura South Primary we are working towards all staff having a full and common understanding of the Science of Reading, to ensure that the students receive a streamlined successful approach to teaching Literacy.



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The school has chosen the Little Learners Love Literacy approach in teaching synthetic phonics.

Little Learners Love Literacy is an explicit and sequential literacy approach for teaching children to read, write and spell with confidence. Evidence-based literacy research stresses the importance of explicit and sequential literacy teaching from the beginning. Little Learners Love Literacy is a systematic and engaging approach with focused explicit lessons. The seven stages ensure that children are never asked to read something that is too difficult for them or that they have not been taught the skills to read yet. Decodable Texts only use the sounds and letters children have been explicitly taught, allowing them to apply their learning and build confidence.

Little Learners Love Literacy explicitly teaches and practises phonemes (speech sounds), graphemes (print) and vocabulary (meaning) to build connections in the brain that are needed for automatic reading.



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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.

Thank you

School Uniforms

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.



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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 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.

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.

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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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.

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.

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.

Marie-Therese Milani
Principal



Every Day Counts

Dr Justin Coulson

There's a relationship between how much your child attends school and their overall academic achievement.

Regular school attendance is strongly correlated with academic success, and chronic absenteeism, or prolonged periods of school absence, can have a negative impact on a child's educational attainment.

There is also a relationship between attending school and social and emotional outcomes. On average, we see that regular interaction with peers and teachers fosters social skills, emotional intelligence, and a sense of belonging.

Children who consistently miss school may experience feelings of isolation, struggle with forming positive relationships, and face challenges in developing essential life skills. School is often a place where students receive emotional support from educators and peers.

Additionally, completing education is often associated with better employment prospects, higher earning potential, and an improved overall quality of life. Children who miss substantial amounts of school may face difficulties transitioning to higher education or entering the workforce. This can limit their options and hinder their ability to pursue fulfilling and rewarding careers.

Based on research from around the country and the world, most Australian states have a mantra (and a marketing message) that every day counts. QLD Education, for example, states on their website that: "Every Day Counts is a state-wide initiative that aims to assist in improving student attendance at school through a shared commitment by students, parents, caregivers, schools, and the community."

So, when the children are asking for days off, what's the best way forward? Understand Root Causes If children are pulling a "sickie," understanding what's really going on is vital. It's obvious, but often we miss the mark on this. Sometimes children choose not to tell us what's really going on. This is where we get curious, not furious.

Do they need your attention because things aren't good at home? Do they need your attention because things aren't good at school? Are they saying they're "sick," but they're struggling with a teacher, a peer, or a bully? Are they complaining about school, but they feel nervous about being at school?



Pausing to really explore and understand is key. **Explore, Explain, Empower.**

When faced with the dilemma of children wanting a day off, explore, explain, and empower. Discerning the underlying reasons, communicating a clear rationale for what you're asking, and developing solutions together will usually be the best way forward.

If it's something deeper (that could lead to school refusal), this process will generally help you discover that issue faster. In doing these things we gain perspective, and we open a dialogue with our child that is more likely to lead to productive conversation and resolution.

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



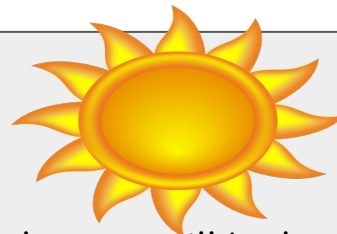
Please do not use the gates and walk through the Staff Carpark. Cars are coming and going all the time and it is not safe.

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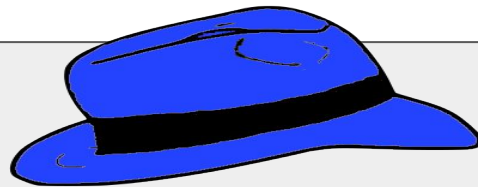
Playing on the Playground after School

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

Students will not be required to wear hats in the school yard during Term 2 and Term 3.

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

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.



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 Purple
Riley W-W.

Grade 2
2B
Lily O.

Foundation Blue
Rees H.

2C
Jackson H.

Foundation Orange
Sophie L.

2P
Lilliana R.

Grade 1
1B
Tavari C.

Grade 3/4
3/4H
Asher M.

1H
Taimoor A.

3/4I
Vaida W.

1S
Darren C.

3/4M
Cole D-P.

1T
Annabelle P.

3/4R
Iliah-Marie B.

3/4T
Liam N.

3/4W
Spencer L.



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Prudence



Hope



Humor

Grade 5/6
5/6C
Juliana M.

5/6H
Isaiah C.

5/6J
Layla S.

5/6K
Natasa S.

Specialists
ART
Japkirt K.
2B

PERFORMING
ARTS
Archie S.
5/6H

PE
Lissy R.
3/4M

ITALIAN
Tessa W.
3/4I

STEM
Iliah-Marie B.
3/4R

DIGI TECH
Tahiem K.
Foundation Blue

OUTDOOR
EDUCATION
Zoe McE.
3/4R

HUMANITIES
Anumanat C.
3/4I

HUFF & PUFF
Kirah F.
5/6C

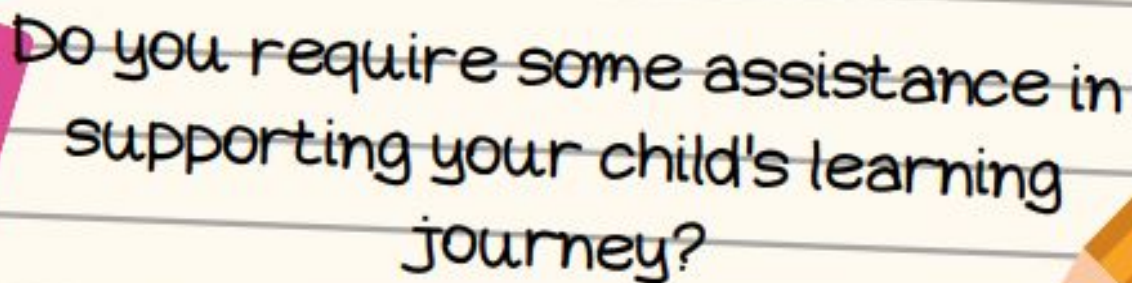


We would like to take this opportunity to say a big Thank you to Jo Chisari of Barry Plant Real Estate' for his generous donation of: Trophy and \$50.00 Book Voucher to our Aussie of the Month recipients.



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PARENTS' HOMEWORK CLUB



Do you require some assistance in supporting your child's learning journey?

Come join us for a morning tea where you can receive learning support, connect with other parents, and explore services that can assist you in supporting your children.

commencing
3rd May 2024

FRIDAYS

term time only

9:30-11:30

HomeBase

Youth Hub

89-91 Pine Ave,

Mildura



SCHS
Sunraysia Community
Health Services

**Bookings essential
contact**

**Sunraysia Regional
Consulting on
03 5023 7612**



**Children
welcome**



HOT SHOTS Tennis 4-12yrs

Where: Sacred Heart-St Andrews Tennis Club

Aero Complex 11th Street Mildura

When: Saturday Mornings 9-9.45am

Cost: \$10 Per Lesson

Match Play: 9.45-10.15am @\$3

{an opportunity to play a couple of modified sets}

Receive free Hot Shots T-Shirt

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

<https://hotshots.tennis.com.au/already-playing/>

To enrol or for more information

ph: Lisa Hill 0400 726824

email: lisa.joy.hill70@gmail.com

Community Play Coordinator



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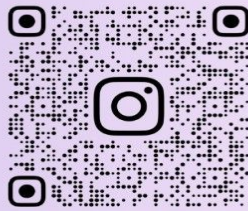
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