



# Southie Scoop

POSITIVE EDUCATION SCHOOL

Friday 28th June, 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*

28th - Last day of Term 2  
SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2.30PM

### *July*

15th First day of Term 3  
18th Division Finals for Girls and Boys footy

29th-3rd August Grade 5/6 Swimming



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# Principal's News

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## **New Principal**

We welcome Mr Simon Trembath as the new principal of Mildura South Primary School. Mr Trembath has been the principal of Cardross Primary School for the past five years and he brings a diverse range of leadership skills and experiences to this position. He is looking forward to meeting the Mildura South community.

## **Safe and Happy Holidays**

Term Two has been a most productive term with many wonderful events throughout. The students have worked extremely hard and are due for a well-deserved rest and I wish all of our families a safe and happy holiday.

Term Three begins on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July.

## **Football at the Precinct.**

Grade 5/6 Girl's and Boy's football will be held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July at the Precinct.

## **100 Days of Foundation and Grandparent's Day**

Can you believe that our Foundation students have been at school for almost 100 days!

The 100 Days of Foundation will be celebrated on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July. Here our Foundation students can dress up themed around the number 100. There will be a parade on the day with many wonderful activities. In addition on this day Grandparents will be invited to share some of the wonderful activities. A personalised invitation will be sent out early next term to our Foundation families with more details of this exciting event.

## **Swimming**

Our swimming program for our grade five/six students will be held in Term Three for the week starting 29<sup>th</sup> July at the 'First Stroke Swim School'. This program is fully subsidised by the school so it is hoped that every child can attend this vital program.



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## **Foundation Play Afternoon**

The next 2025 Foundation Student's play afternoon is scheduled for Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August at 4pm to 4.30. If you intend to enrol your Foundation child at Mildura South for 2025 please contact our office to pick up an enrolment form. Once we have enrolment details then we are able to inform families of the dates and times of our play afternoons which are an important part of transition.

## **Student Toilets – Child Safety**

As a Child Safety Issue, parents are asked not to use our student toilets. If you are needing to use our facilities please check at the office so that our Staff Toilets can be used.

## **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)**



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## **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.

## **Parent Contributions**

Mildura South Primary School is enjoying 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.

## **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](mailto:fionatassone@hotmail.com)**

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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.

## **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.

Building preparations for the new Kindergarten on Mildura South's site will begin on July 8th.



## **Being an askable parent**

**by Michael Grose**

In a recent conversation, a 16 year old told me how he's enjoyed some great conversations with his father. What I heard from this young man was that his father is not just an affable person but also a very 'askable' parent.

The young man told me that he could talk to his dad about anything, which I suspect would be music to his father's ears. I imagine that many parents would love to hear their children say that about them. The notion of being a parent that young people can discuss personal problems with and seek answers to some of life's bigger issues such as politics, religion and sexuality has been a source of personal reflection and study over many years.

While young people can be notoriously secretive about what's on their mind, parent attitude and behaviour certainly impacts on their willingness to communicate. The following strategies will maximise your chances of being seen as an askable parent in your young person's eyes:

### **Be there**

Proximity aids communication and relationship-building. The more time you spend in close proximity to a young person the more likely you are to have meaningful conversations.

### **Be attentive**

Pay close attention when a young person starts a conversation or asks a question, as they are easily put off by parental indifference. Many young people experience difficulty articulating their thoughts, so they are extremely appreciative when parents pay them full attention when they have something to say.

### **Listen without judging or advising**

Giving unsolicited advice is a sure-fire way to prevent young people confiding in you. Young people are more likely to discuss personal matters and difficult subjects if they know their thoughts and feelings won't be judged adversely or that they'll be deluged by advice. The use of Ahh statements ("Ahh, so that's what's bothering you?") is great way to show young people that you are listening without judgement or advice.



### Be prepared to challenge

There are times when you need to challenge the validity of a young person's views, their behaviour or the values they express. Misinformation, disrespectful attitudes and revelations about unsafe behaviour need to be discussed rather than ignored or criticised. It's wise to pick a time and a place that's likely to promote rational discussion rather than responding when emotions are high.

### Engage in banter

Respected Australian educator Dr. Tim Hawkes writes in his book *Ten Conversations you must have with your son* that light-hearted banter is a prelude to more serious discussions. Not only does banter build relationships but it gives parents' permission to discuss thorny or personal issues with children.

At a time when a parent's voice is easily drowned out by increased media and digital noise, it's more important than ever to connect with a child or teenager on a personal level. Being an 'askable parent' will help you build deeper connections with the young person in your life.

Diane Hunt

Acting Principal

# 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.



## 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.



## 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

Foundation  
Foundation Purple  
Aafira M

Grade 2  
2B  
Morgan L



Zest



Honesty



Social Intelligence

Foundation Blue  
Mason M

2C  
Kye J



Fairness



Teamwork



Forgiveness

Foundation Orange  
Harry H

2P  
Mia C



Self-Regulation



Humility



Appreciation of Beauty

Grade 1  
1B  
Aria Mc

Grade 3/4  
3/4H  
Ethan W



Perspective



Bravery



Perseverance

1H  
Olivia H

3/4I  
Letty O



Kindness



Love



Leadership

1S  
Jack B

3/4M  
Summer S



Love of Learning



Gratitude



Spirituality

1T  
Avery E

3/4R  
Khajija J



Prudence



Hope



Humor

3/4T  
Jaxon D

3/4W  
Peyton G



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Bravery



Perseverance



Kindness



Love



Leadership



Love of Learning



Gratitude



Spirituality



Prudence



Hope



Humor

Grade 5/6  
5/6C  
Mackenzie R-G

ITALIANO  
Aymira E  
1S

5/6H  
Jai H

OUTDOOR  
EDUCATION  
Sophia Parsons  
5/6K

5/6J  
Sienna S

HUMANITIES  
Deliah Stone  
3/4I

5/6K  
Holly P

HUFF N PUFF  
Charlie T  
5/6K

ART  
Eli K  
1T

PERFORMING  
ARTS  
Mason P  
2C

PE  
Emirhan D  
5/6J



**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.**

# 2025 kindergarten registrations now open!



## Three and four-year-old kindergarten registrations are now open for:

- Playalong Early Learning Centre
- De Garis Kindergarten
- Pasadena Preschool
- Shine Bright Irymple Kindergarten
- Kathleen Kelly Kindergarten
- Shine Bright Mildura South Kindergarten
- Nangiloc & District Kindergarten
- Mildura West Kindergarten
- Red Cliffs Kindergarten
- Shine Bright St Margaret's Kindergarten
- Shine Bright Merbein Kindergarten

Mildura Rural City Council coordinates registrations for these kindergartens through an online process.

For more information visit [mildura.vic.gov.au/kindergarten](http://mildura.vic.gov.au/kindergarten)

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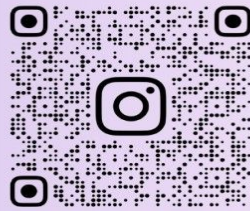
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