Friday 20th September, 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"



### September

20th Curriculum Day Student Free Day - NO SCHOOL

#### October

14th-18th 5/6 Kayaking Excursion

18th 3/4 Basketball Interschool Sport

21st Hot Shots/Volleyball **Division Summer Sport Finals** 

28th - 31st Grade 4 Camp

#### November

5th Melbourne Cup Day NO SCHOOL

11th - 14th Grade 3 Camp

14th Foundation Orientation Day

15th Colour Fun Run

## Dates for your diary Principal's News

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you the entire Mildura South Primary School community for making my first term such an amazing experience.

As a school community we have enjoyed some amazing experiences during this term, some of which include:

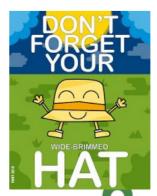
- The Beat
- Athletics Day
- Book Day
- JSC Pyjama Day
- School Variety Night
- NAIDOC Assembly

The support of our families has helped to ensure that this term has been one of impact and growth for our students. I am truly grateful for what each and every one of you do for your children. It truly does take a village to raise a child and I am appreciative for the positive partnerships that are on display each and every day within our community.

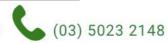
I hope that you all have a safe and restful holiday break and we will see you all back for the first day of Term 4 on Monday 7th October.

#### **Don't Forget Your Hat**

From the first day of Term 4 ALL STUDENTS will need to ensure that they have their hat at school. At this time of year the UV levels in Sunraysia becoming extremely high and it is imperative that we protect ourselves from its effects. Hats must be broad brimmed (including bucket hats), <u>caps are not acceptable</u>. School hats can be purchased from Totally Workwear.





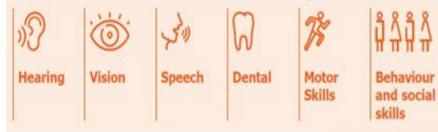






A reminder to Foundation families about the School Nursing Program. It isn't too late to complete the questionnaire.

# The Primary School Nursing Program is a free health and wellbeing service offered to all Victorian students in their first year of school.



The Online School Entrant Health Questionnaire is accessed through this QR code or link on your mobile device or computer. Or via the link https://students.educationapps.vic.gov. au/sehq/s/

The Primary School Nurse also provides advice, information and referrals to other health and support services for students across all primary school years.



Your Primary School Nurse is Emma Page T: 0475 975370 E: Emma.Page3@education.vic.gov.au

#### **School Saving Bonus**

#### Information for government school parents and carers

#### **About the School Saving Bonus**

The Victorian Government is making life that little bit easier for families by providing a one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

This support will help cover the cost of school uniforms, textbooks, and school activities like camps, excursions and sports.

The School Saving Bonus is in addition to existing and continuing means-tested supports for Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) and the Affor

dable School Uniforms Program.

The School Saving Bonus will be provided to schools and families in Term 4, 2024.

#### Who receives the School Saving Bonus

The School Saving Bonus is available for parents and carers of all Victorian government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025, except for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

#### **Actions for parents and carers**

Parents and carers of children who meet the School Saving Bonus eligibility above are required to do the following by **Friday 18 October 2024**:

#### Complete enrolment

If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025, please complete enrolment. For more information, read about <a href="Enrolling in School"><u>Enrolling in School</u></a>.

#### **Check your contact information**

Ensure your contact information is up to date with your School. You can check this information by contacting your school directly.

#### **Accessing the \$400 School Saving Bonus**

You do not need to apply for the School Saving Bonus.

The Department of Education will email you in November 2024 with your \$400 School Saving Bonus. You will be able to access it via an online system.

You can decide how to best use the School Saving Bonus for your family's needs. You can choose how to allocate the \$400 in the online system.

The bonus can be used towards 2025 school costs, which may include:

- \* camps, trips, excursions and incursions
- \* swimming and sporting programs
- outdoor education programs
- \* graduations
- school uniforms
- \* textbooks.

The bonus can be used at your school's approved textbook or uniform suppliers either in-store or online, or through State Schools' Relief. The list of suppliers may include a school uniform or bookshop. Any amount that you choose to allocate to textbooks and uniforms will be valid until 30 June 2025. It will then transfer to your child's school account for future activities.

Funds will roll over for use in future years if it is not all spent in 2025.

#### Families with more than one eligible child

Families who have more than one child at the same school can combine their School Saving Bonus payments to use on one child, or for a specific activity. So, for example, a family with 3 children who are all government school students would receive support to the value of \$1,200 and choose how they spend those funds. The School Saving Bonus cannot be combined across different schools.

#### **More information**

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus visit <u>vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus</u>. Translated information will also be available on the School Saving Bonus website in the next few weeks.



#### **COME AND TRY DAY**





GET YOU'RE KIDS INVOLVED IN MILDURA'S MOST POPULAR SUMMER SPORT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON CONTACT JOSH- 0417 122 396

2PM-3:30PM Tuesday 24th September at the Mildura Sporting Precinct.

Open to Boys and Girls from 5 years of age to 16 years old. No cost involved, just bring a hat and a water bottle.



















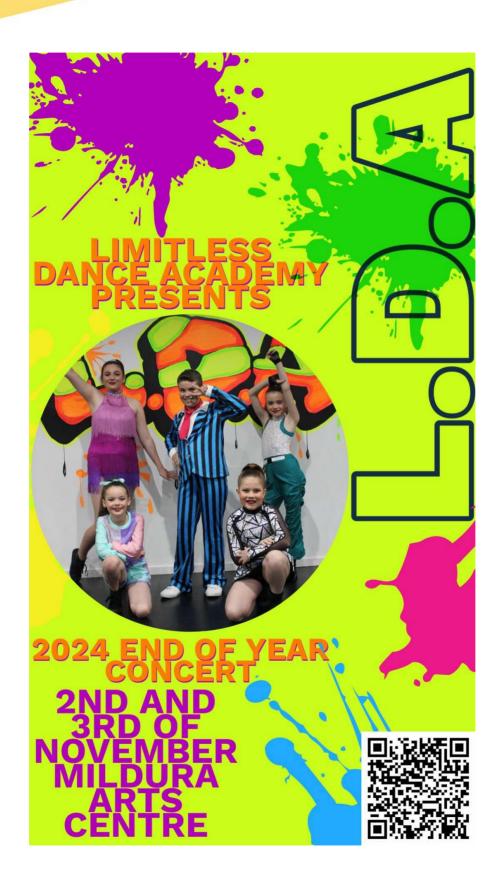






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