

MWPS Newsletter



Resilience

Respect

Excellence

Pride

2nd February 2017

14th February

- Grade 2-6 Hockey Clinic

28th February

- School Photos

NO SCHOOL ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

**Whole school Assembly next Friday
10th February**

From the Principal and Assistant Principal...

Welcome back everyone!

I hope you have had an enjoyable school holiday break. The children have certainly had lots of exciting stories to share. I trust you managed to enjoy some family time.

We've had a super first week. Our children have come to school so excited to see their friends and to be back. On Tuesday we had a school assembly to start our year off on a positive note. We welcomed all of our new children and our 2017 preps. Everyone danced around and had some fun too! Our Preps have settled in beautifully and appear to be a very confident group. We welcome our 15 new students and their new families. I know our school community will make these new families feel welcome. We also welcome back returning students Oscaray, Abigail and Annabella Fletcher.



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Mimi Curran, Oscaray Fletcher, Gabriela Marrone, Oscar Crisp, Dakoda Stringer, Abigale Fletcher, Sophie Burns, Nathaniel Drew, Annabella Fletcher Jean-Marie, Ace Srbinoski, Oscar Hall, Elanor Chant, Levaka- Hope Kiriu-Gill, Alana Sakkas

Thank You parents/carers for ensuring the children are in MWPS uniform. They look fantastic. My only concern is that some children did not have a hat so please purchase one and write your child's name on all items.

Remember we operate an **open door policy**. Please pop in to visit your child's classroom and say hello to the teacher. We love it when our parents/carers spend time in our classrooms. Book an appointment with your child's class teacher if you have questions or concerns that are of a private nature. A date for parent/teacher meetings to get to know your child will be announced next week.

We want the very best for your child. Please continue to work with us so your child can grow in confidence, with a love of learning, and a determination to be the best person they can be. We will do everything we can to help your child to do their best. Let us know if we can support you in any way.

As you know one of our school values is **Respect**. We endeavour to ensure that all children show respect for everything (friends, adults, property) and we constantly remind learners of the values that underpin our every action. This week we have been focussing on reminding children to greet others and use their name. Please help us reinforce this courtesy.

Pokémon Cards

Please understand that we cannot supervise the trading of Pokémon cards.

Talk with your children about which cards they can swap and which ones they cannot swap. If your child brings the cards to school, it is the child's

responsibility to take care of them. If they are really special to the child then they should probably stay at home.



Home Routine

Although we are all busy people, please try to put a routine in place whereby children know they must do their homework. Reading from real books is important for children to develop a love of books. They should be reading at home every day. It's also important for parents/carers to read **TO** their children. Having a range of books at home and regular visits to the library also encourages this.

From Anne & Luke

School Council Members Wanted

School Council Elections will take place in March.

At Mildura West Primary School, the School Council plays an important role in supporting the principal to provide the best possible educational outcomes for students. Participating as a school council member is a rewarding and challenging experience. It's a great way to get involved and have a real say in what your school is doing for its students.

This year we are looking for 4 new members.

Interested parents, carers and community members can enquire at the school office. We welcome all people willing to get involved to make our school, a great school.



Grade 3 iPads Delayed

Unfortunately our new iPads for Grade 3 students have been delayed.

We are hoping that they will arrive in the middle of February so we can get them all setup for classroom use. Sorry for the delay, we know our students and teachers are enthusiastically looking forward to integrating the iPad into their everyday learning.



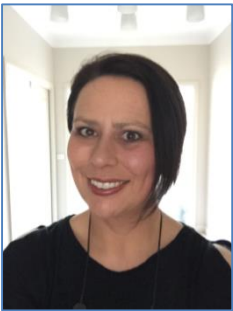
Meet Our New Teachers



My name is Cambell McKenzie and I am a new teacher at Mildura West Primary School, teaching grade 3. I have recently completed my Bachelor of Education at the La Trobe Mildura campus. I am very excited to finally be where I have dreamed of being for a very long time, in a school environment changing the lives of students and providing them with life long skills. I am very down to earth, friendly and humorous so I am always happy for a chat around the school. I love spending time with friends and family, meeting new people, testing my skills and playing various sports within the community such as tennis.



Hi everyone! My name is Mrs Trudy Sakkas. I am super excited to be teaching at Mildura West Primary School this year in a fabulous Grade 1 class, and with wonderful teaching colleagues and support staff. In my family I have my husband George (who attended MWPS as a child), my sons Johnno (15), Connor (13), and Alex (4), and daughter Alana (9) who is also starting in Grade 3 this year at Mildura West. In my spare time I love cooking, reading, playing tennis and DIY projects at home. I am really looking forward to meeting new students and their families over the coming weeks. 2017 is going to be a great year!



Hi, my name is Tracy Pope and I am teaching Grade 5 this year. I have previously taught at St. Paul's Primary School in Mildura and at Yulara School, which is a primary school located at Ayers Rock Resort in the Northern Territory. Literacy is my passion and I am looking forward to getting to know everyone at Mildura West. Out of school, I am married with two teenage daughters. I love to spend time with my family, walk the dogs, swim and play netball. If you see me around, please say hi and stop for chat!

Breakfast Club is on again!!!!

Breakfast Club will be available every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday commencing next week. All students are welcome to come along, and enjoy from a selection of Toast, Cereal, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt, Smoothies & Milo. Breakfast Club is in the Foyer of the Canteen and runs from 8:30am-8:45am-there is no cost involved to students.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum. CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
•• \$125 for primary school students
•• \$225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Canteen News

The canteen is open with a fresh new menu

Open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

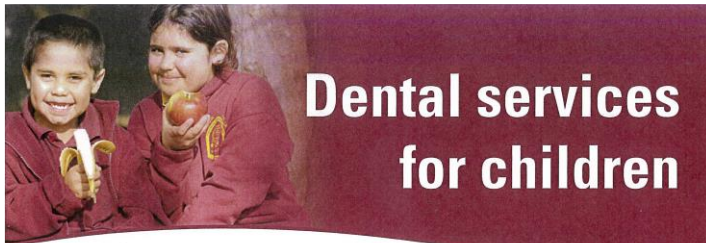


Orders must be in by 9.00am to the canteen

Stars of the Week



Class	Star of the Week	Reason
Prep / 1 M	No SOTW this week	
Prep / 1 P	No SOTW this week	
Prep / 1 B	No SOTW this week	
1 H	Faith Baxter	For her respectful listening during learning time and trying her best.
1 S	Yuleerah Thorpe	For being an amazing role model in the classroom!
1 / 2 L	Memphis Nunn	For being a kind and polite class member.
2 N	Tyson Hall	For the positive example he has set with his listening and following instructions.
2 S	Maryum Al - Saimary	For being organised and ready to learn.
3 M	Kael Purdue	For always being ready to learn and demonstrating excellent work in writing.
3 C	Paymana Poya	For being a thoughtful friend and hardworking team member.
4 A L	Ashlyn Garraway	For demonstrating our school values and showing kindness
4 A T	Ryleigh Belle McDonald	For being kind to all her new classmates.
4 / 5 K	Jack Ward	For being an outstanding team member.
5 O H	Evin Tas	For always showing kindness.
5 P	Jamal Laurie	For being a consistently respectful and attentive listener.
6 C A	Riley Barnes	For making an excellent start to the year.
6 C R	Milate Miki	Being a supportive and encouraging friend to all.



Dental services for children

Your local community dental service offers

LOW-COST dental services for all children FREE if you have a Centrelink concession card

Dental health is essential for overall health and wellbeing. Regular dental check-ups are important to catch any problems early.

To make an appointment contact
Sunraysia Community Health Services
137 13th Street, Mildura
Ph 50210944

 dental health services victoria
oral health for better health

For more information visit www.dhsv.org.au
or follow us on Twitter: [www.twitter.com/dhsv](https://twitter.com/dhsv)

CHANGE OF DETAILS

Have you changed jobs, got a new phone number or moved house?

Please take the time to fill in your contact details below, cut out the slip and return to the front office.

Student's Name _____ Class _____

Change of Address: _____

Phone Number (home) _____

Phone Number (work) _____

Mobile _____

Emergency Contact (Name and Phone) _____
