



**MILDURA WEST
PRIMARY**
INTERNATIONAL
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SCHOOL



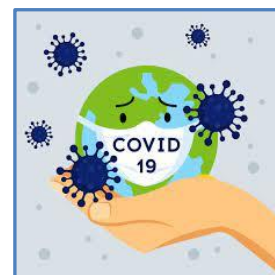
Lots happening at West this week.

Our Cubby Town Co-ordinators, Ida Van Olphen and Elizabeth Lock (Grade 3 students) are trialling the new Cubby materials this week they will officially open Cubby Town Monday. These 2 students have been working hard during their lunch times, planning for Cubby Town. They listed all the materials needed and came up with a plan for Cubby Town next term. Everyone is so excited to start creating, building, collaborating, having fun and simply, playing.



COVID Exposure notification process

When I am informed that a person/ people with COVID-19 have been on school site while infectious, I then notify the class that impacted. I do not notify the entire school population, unless the infected person has had possible contact with all classes. Please remember that it is advised all students should continue with twice-a-week rapid antigen testing on school days. These can be collected from the front office – we have lots available.



MWPS Annual Report

The Annual Report to the School Community provides principals and school councils with an opportunity to share the year's achievements and progress with the school community. This includes reflecting on the school's performance and explaining the positive impact of school improvement efforts on student outcomes.

The preparation and publication of an Annual Report is a legislative and regulatory requirement for all schools. Please go to our website if you are interested in reading our 2021 Annual Report.

MWPS Centenary Celebration

Mildura West School was officially opened by the Earl of Stradbroke on July 1st 1922.

Due to a variety of reasons, we are unable to have this celebration this year, instead, we will be celebrating this milestone in **July 2023**. At this stage we would like to call for volunteers to form a committee to organise our celebration. If you are able to be part of this team please contact the office and provide you name and contact details.



Parent and Family Helpers/Volunteers

We believe that the involvement of parents/carers and other volunteers from the community can play an important role in children's development and learning.

We seek to provide a safe, open and friendly learning environment which values and actively encourages volunteers and visitors to our school. We recognise our duty of care to ensure a safe environment for our students, staff, visitors and volunteers and to maintain these standards, we require volunteers to have a *Working with Children Check* (WWCC).

Our School Council and our staff, are hoping that this year we will have lots of parents volunteering in our school. Due to COVID 19 restrictions, our parent helpers/volunteers were not able to support us for 2 years. So, we are looking forward to connecting again with you very soon.

We encourage parent helpers/volunteers in all aspects of school life:

- Gardening
- The school yards
- Helping in the Environment Area
- Helping in the classroom
- Breaky Club
- Fundraisers
- School Council
- Offering any "special skills"
- Sporting expertise



All parent helpers/volunteers are required to provide the school with a Working with Children's Check. Please complete the insert included and return to the office if you are interested in helping.

New paperless excursion permission notes on Compass

Our school will be using the Compass app (and website) to collect consent and payment for your child to participate in school events (Excursions, camps, etc) We will still be accepting paper forms for a short time as we transition to the compass app. Please see insert for details.



RUBBISH FREE LUNCH

Mildura West Primary School promotes **Rubbish Free Lunchboxes**. This is a practical, real and positive way to encourage healthy eating and teach waste minimisation.

Students are encouraged to bring food without packaging. There are many types of lunchboxes that support this program.

Now is great time to start thinking about what goes into your child's lunchbox and considering healthy alternatives.

Like all schools, *Mildura West Primary School* can produce large amounts of waste. However, it is our aim to send as little waste as possible, to landfill. This will lead to financial savings for the school, considerable benefits for the environment and many opportunities for the students to learn environmentally-sound attitudes and habits. It is also our aim to have the least amount of litter in the school buildings and grounds. Our school is committed to a whole school approach to environmental education, waste minimisation and rubbish free lunches play a vital role in this process.

Benefits of Rubbish Free school lunches include:

- Students eating healthier lunches, as they are being provided with less pre-packaged 'gimmicky' snack foods and more fresh food in appropriate amounts.
- Less waste being produced and sent to landfill.
- Cheaper lunches, as food items bought in bulk are less expensive than pre-packaged products.
- A reduction in waste collection and disposal costs to the school, as less waste is being generated by the school community.
- Providing students with a practical example of how we can address a widespread environmental issue.



2022 Mildura West Cross Country

Friday 1st April - All students can dress in their house colours as this adds to the fun atmosphere of the day. Please make sure to label a drink bottle and hat. The starting and finishing line will be on the oval for all students. Families and friends are very welcome to come along and watch, cheer and support the children. There will also be a coffee van available to you on the day. Please see the order of events below, to know when grades are running. Hope to see you there!

Cross Country Timetable – Friday 1st April (How old children are on the 31st December)

9.15am – 11-year-old Boys: 3km

9.40am – 11-year-old Girls: 3km

10.05am – 12 and above Boys: 3km

10.30am – 12 and above Girls: 3km

10.50am – Prep Boys: 1 lap of oval

10.55am – Prep Girls: 1 lap of oval

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11:40am – 10 and under boys: 2km

12:05am – 10 and under Girls: 2km

12:30pm – Grade 2 Boys: 3 laps of oval

12:50pm – Grade 2 Girls: 3 laps of oval

1:05pm – Grade 1 Girls: 2 laps of the oval

1:20pm – Grade 1 Boys: 2 laps of the oval

“Partners in print” Prep parents

Keep your eyes peeled for the upcoming information regarding our Prep Partners in Print nights.

They will be happening next term on Thursday the 12th of May at 6:15pm and the same again on the following Thursday the 19th of May at 6:15pm

This will involve you and your child coming to school (in your pjs!!) to learn about Reading and Writing! There will be more details to follow but Prep Parents please save the dates!



Everyone Belongs!

It was absolutely wonderful to see so many families enjoying the performance at assembly this morning! Prep, Grades 1 & 2 and the Grade 3-6 Choir loved performing 'Everyone Belongs', a song about celebrating diversity and including everyone. The song is all about everyone having a voice and being heard. It fits in beautifully with the 'Who We Are' Unit of Inquiry that all grades have been covering this term. Awesome job. Be proud!



31st March 2022



WEST STAR



Important Dates

1st April

- MWPS Cross Country

8th April

- Last Day Term 1 (2.15 finish)
- Whole School Assembly 9am

26th April

- Term 2 Begins

29th April

- Whole School Assembly 9am

Notes Home

- Parent Volunteers
- Compass
- Payment arrangement

Class	West Star	Reason
Prep L	Savannah Nunn	For taking risks in her learning every day. Well done Savannah!
Prep P	Lily Nasoufis-Phillips	For being a risk-taker and always trying her best. Super effort, Lily!
Prep S	Amos Martin	For being principled and always doing his best. Well done Amos!
1A	Elana Noll	For being a risk-taker and trying her best with her writing goal. Well done!
1J	Ethen Saville	For being a risk-taker in his learning and trying his best at everything. Keep working hard Ethen
1T	Toby Fitzsimmons	For being a great communicator and sharing your thinking during your Reading Conference! Well done Toby!
2N	Rory Hermon	For being a Risk-Taker in his learning and seeking feedback to improve. Fantastic effort, Rory!
2O	Georgie McKerrow	For being a communicator and always asking for ways to improve in her learning. Keep it up Georgie!
3K	Ali Hussain	For excellent use of feedback and resources in the room to improve his persuasive writing. Great work, Ali!
3/4L	Elizabeth Lock	For being a reflective learner by using feedback to improve
4B	Katelyn McMaster	For being a risk-taker and using her writer's voice when creating her persuasive text. Well done Katelyn!
4T	Olive Rosendahl	For being a risk-taker in her writing. Well done Olive
5B	Okzana Fono	For demonstrating her thinking skills in her writing
5N	Chase Legin McKelvie	For working hard and having a growth mindset towards writing.
6N	Connor Button	For working hard with your partner during the Unit of Inquiry and making an impressive Advertisement. Well done Connor!
6R	Van Bridgett	For working hard with your partner during the Unit of Inquiry and making an impressive Advertisement. Well done Van!
Digital Technologies	Perri Maynard	For being a great thinker and inquirer when programming in Digital Technologies.
Music	Victoria Lazar	For being a Risk Taker and wanting to try her new idea in Music. Amazing agency Victoria!
Physical Education	Chamnankhaw	For amazing listening skills and trying her absolute best during Table Tennis.
Visual Arts	Ben Dimasi	For being a creative thinker and researcher, resolving the problem of displaying our 3D wire portraits. Thank you Ben!

Annual School Council Fundraiser The Easter Raffle

With Easter just around the corner, it is time to organise our Easter Raffle.

Raffle books have been sent home with students last week.

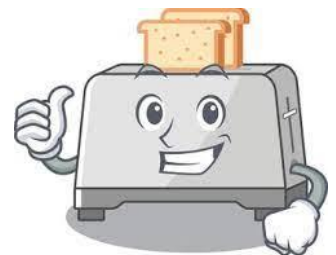
It would be wonderful if each family could bring a little donation to put in their class basket eg. soft toy, activity sets, creative items, bunny ears or anything related to Easter!!

Raffle tickets and money are due back to school no later than **Tuesday 5th April** with the winner of each class being drawn and announced. **Wednesday 6th April.**

Breakfast Club is Back!

On Tuesday we will be holding our first Breakfast Club for the year, from 8.35 – 8.55. We have some wonderful volunteers (Peg Hobson, Malinda Rose, Shakirra O'Donnell, Michelle Robertson) who have offered to help again this year.

If you also would like to help with Breakfast Club next term, please contact Natalee (Wellbeing Officer) through the front office. Next term, we will be holding Breakfast Club on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. More information about this next term.



Acceptable Use Policy for Internet and Digital Technologies Grades 3 to 6

DUE BACK – FRIDAY 1ST APRIL

Mildura West Primary believes the Internet and Digital Technologies are valuable learning resources but acknowledge they must be used responsibly. Safe and responsible behaviour is explicitly taught at our school and parents/carers are requested to reinforce this behaviour at home. The school's AUP (Acceptable Use Policy) has been sent home with all students this week. This is a great opportunity to discuss technology use with your child. Students and parents are required to sign the agreement and return it to school as soon as possible.

If you have any further questions around our policy, please contact Darrel Branson at school.