



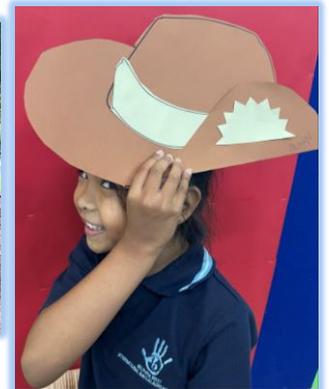
ANZAC Day Ceremony

Today we held an ANZAC ceremony to not only remember the battle at Gallipoli over 100 years ago, but to also pay tribute to all current and former members of the Australian Defence Force.

Our Student Leaders prepared a commemorative address and spoke beautifully.

We were also fortunate enough to have two special guests assist us with our ceremony. Rob Birnie grew up in Mildura and enlisted in the Australian Army as an Infantry Soldier, serving over 10 years. He completed several tours of duty in Iraq and East Timor. Rob spoke to the students about what ANZAC day means to him.

Don Mayne also attended and played the Bugle. It was hauntingly beautiful to hear the Last Post and the Rouse sound out across our ceremony.



New Staff

We have been so fortunate this term to welcome 5 new staff members. Michelle Carson is our new Administration officer alongside Sharnie in the front office. Michelle has a lot of in-school experience and is so excited to be working at West.

We also have four new Education Support staff (ESS) working across the school. These wonderful people will be supporting students in the classroom – providing further guidance, structure and encouragement while supporting the class teacher. Jennah is working in PS, Amber is working in Grade 1, Karlee is working in Grade 2 and James is working in Grade 3. Please make our new staff members feel very welcome.



Karlee



Amber



James



Jennah



Michelle

New students

This term we have also welcomed 5 new students. They have all settled in very well and have appreciated the support and care their fellow classmates have shown them.



Brodie Gr 5



Lachie Gr 6



Oliver Prep



Finn Prep



Ayden Gr 1

COVID-19 Update

Please ensure you have logged onto Compass to view our latest Parent COVID-19 Update. This update has NEW information regarding the easing of some restrictions for our children.

RAT Tests continue to be available from the front office. Please call past and collect your child's test.



The West Archaeologists begin their journey...

Each year, our Gr 6 students turn into archaeologists. This Unit of Inquiry is absolutely amazing! Our student's just love getting dirty digging up artefacts and finding out all about each one. Such an engaging way to learn about Australia's history. We are so lucky to have our local archaeologist, Emma Oliver (West parent) lead this student Inquiry. There will be lots of updates in this newsletter and on Seesaw in coming weeks.

During the holidays a band of dedicated parents and children prepared the Dig Site. A VERY BIG THANK YOU to the following: Emma Oliver, Dan Rosendahl, Joe McBrien, Erin Kelly, Krissy Hederics, Denise Woodford, Dave Woodford, Tessa Lock-Mooibroek, Jenny Bravin, Glen Cavallaro and all the kids



Harmony Day Celebrations Friday May 27th



This year we are celebrating **Harmony Day** on Friday, May 27th during Education Week. Students will be involved in many different activities to celebrate the special meaning of the day 'Everyone Belongs'. We will be holding a Harmony Day Assembly in the Gym Friday 27th May from 9:00-9:30am. All parents, carers and guests are welcome to attend and learn about the amazing cultural diversity we have at Mildura West!

A note is attached to this week's newsletter asking for parent help to cook different foods or help serve food on the day. Please fill in and return the note to your child's teacher if you are able to help. Any questions or queries please contact the school or email Lisa Allen at lisa.allen@educatin.vic.gov.au for further information about Harmony Day will be shared in the coming weeks!

ENVIRO AREA

Wow, a huge thank you to Bridget and Judy for their hard work in the holidays beautifying in and around our garden beds! The bark chips look amazing and are great for keeping the dust down too. We are so lucky to have you at West!

It's fabulous to see Grade 5 students and their Prep Buddies bringing in Rubbish Free Lunches to school. Grade 5 children have a great opportunity to teach their buddies about what it means to be 'Rubbish Free'! Well done to our Preppies, many of whom are bringing rubbish free lunches to school every day!

Stay tuned for some exciting Environmental initiatives this term. We will be opening up the Enviro Area to various grade levels throughout the term at lunchtimes on Thursdays.



BLACKBOARDS ARE BACK!

Over the holidays, Jumbo installed two blackboards against the library walls for our students to use during recess and lunchtimes. Students have enjoyed drawing and writing with chalk – a new experience for some!



2nd Hand Uniforms – Wanted

If you have any Mildura West School uniforms at home that your child has outgrown, our Wellbeing team would love to take them off your hands. Please drop any donations to the front office.

Prep Parents – Save the Date “Partners In Print”

Session 1

WHEN: Thursday 12th of May from 6:00pm-7:15pm

WHAT: How we teach Reading, Writing and Maths at West

WHO: **Adults only** (a crèche will be provided, if required)

WHERE: School Library



Session 2

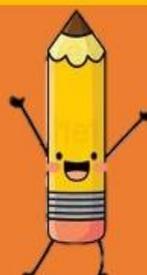
WHEN: Thursday 19th of May from 5:30pm- 7:00pm

- 5:30- 6:00pm- Sausage Sizzle
- 6:00-7:00pm- Session

WHAT: Fun night learning with **your child**

WHO: Adults and **your prep child** (a crèche will be provided for siblings, if required)

WHERE: School Library



Grade 3 iPad information and Q&A session

On Thursday May 5th at 3:30pm there will be a 15 to 30 minute iPad information session in the library. This is an opportunity for parents to find out more information about the iPad program but also, an opportunity to ask questions about the iPad program at Mildura West. Students are welcome to attend with their parents.



28th April 2022

Important Dates

29th April

- Whole School Assembly 9am
- Gr 5 Excursion

5th May

- **Division Cross Country**
- Grade 3 iPad information session (3.30pm)

10th - 13th April

- NAPLAN (Gr 3 & 6)

12th & 19th May

Prep Partners in Print (6.15pm)

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WEST STAR

Class	West Star	Reason
Prep L	Aubree Davies	For being a risk taker and always trying her best. Well done Aubree
Prep p	Eli Monks	For being a great thinker and sharing his ideas with others. Super job Eli.
Prep S	Neena Shammursaleen	For being a principled class member and taking pride in doing her best. Well done Neena!
1A	Ashlyn Hamilton	For being a risk-taker and having a great go at learning new words in Chinese. Amazing work Ashlyn!
1J	Tamsyn Sutherland	For being a great thinker and sharing her questions and wonderings with the class. Fabulous effort Tamsyn!
1T	Ava Bland	For being an inquirer and asking questions to further her understanding.
2N	Uleena Lawson	For always being Principled and encouraging others to act the same way. Fantastic work, Uleena!
2O	Noah Hannigan	For using his time wisely and ensuring he completes his work to a high standard. Well done, Noah!
3K	Naufal Endy	For his persistence and effort during NAPLAN practice. Well done, Naufal!
3L	Crystal Hay	For working hard towards achieving her goals in Reading. Fantastic Effort!
3/4L	Ida Van Olphen	For being focused in her learning and having a positive attitude! Fantastic effort Ida!
4B	Inakura Temoana	For collaborating exceptionally well with her peers during group activities. Well done Ina!
4T	Zarius Cochrane	For working hard on his Written Response and sharing his ideas with the class. Well done Zarius!
5B	Melanie Beswick	For demonstrating her communication skills during maths.
5N	Izaiah Ellis Evans	For being a Risk-taker and Communicator while learning about Chance
6N	Chelsea Piscitelli	For showing great determination when rehearsing for assembly. Well done Chels!
6R	Shujaat Jeffery	For being a positive and successful learner in his Chinese lessons. Well done Shujaat!
Digital technology	Jordyn Belsham & Khloe Partington	For being great communicators when programming and designing a digital music machine.
Music	Evie Taylor	For making great connections between our new song and the 'Sharing the Planet' UOI. Amazing thinking Evie!
Physical Education	Jack O'Callaghan	Jack shared his expertise of AFL skills and tips to help his peers succeed. Great agency and action Jack!
Visual Arts	Neena Shammursaleen	For always having a growth mindset and doing her best work in Art.



Mother's Day Stall

Wednesday 4th May 2022

The last day for Mother's Day order forms and payment to be returned is Monday 2nd May. Late orders can't be accepted as gifts are pre-ordered. Please make sure your orders are in so you don't miss out.

If you can spare an hour or 2 on the morning of the mother's day stall to help, please email Rohan Robertson on robertsonscj@bigpond.com