



**MILDURA WEST  
PRIMARY**  
INTERNATIONAL  
BACCALAUREATE  
SCHOOL



**WEEK 3**

**NEWSLETTER**

**THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022**

Its GREAT to be back. Although I had a lovely time with my family, it's always such a JOY coming back to the Mildura West community. I feel so lucky to be the principal of this school.



## Education Week – May 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>

Now in its 78th year, *Education Week* celebrates the strengths and achievements of Victoria's government education sector.

This year's theme is 150 Years of Public Education, to coincide with this milestone anniversary for Victoria.

*Education Week 2022* is an opportunity for all primary and secondary schools, higher education providers, and early childhood education and care services to commemorate the past, celebrate the present and imagine the future of education in Victoria.



We've always conducted many super activities in *Education Week*, but of course COVID has impacted this over the last 2 years, so we are super excited for this year and have lots planned. Please see the outline on the flyer.

More detail to be distributed to parents early next week. I do hope you are able to pop along to school for some of our activities.

## Winter Uniforms Please

It's getting cold and we would really appreciate it if all children could PLEASE wear a school sweater. Wearing school uniform is School Policy and this includes the sweater. This needs to be navy and can be purchased at LOWES in Centro. Please clearly NAME your child's sweater so it can be returned if lost. Thank you for your support with this.



## Rapid Antigen Testing

Free rapid antigen tests are available from the office. Voluntary by the Health Department. We have MANY so please pop into the office and pick some up.



## NAPLAN

Our grade 3 and Grade 5 students have completed a NAPLAN test each day this week. They have demonstrated very positive attitudes, taking risks, and persisting, even when the test items became challenging. We are very proud of the effort they have shown. Well Done West students!



**Resilience**

**Respect**

**Excellence**

**Pride**

## CATS up this week – Your child’s Report

C.A.T.S (Common Assessment Tasks) are small student reports. This week, a CAT will be uploaded onto Compass for the following year levels:



- Prep
- Gr 1 & 2
- Gr 3 & 4
- Gr 5
- Gr 6 (next week)

Please log onto Compass and read your child’s latest C.A.T. If you have any difficulty with this process please contact your child’s teacher.

### Why are we doing this?

Assessment and Reporting is more effective if it is ongoing, throughout the year. We know that education is best when you, your child and the schoolwork together. Online reporting offers an opportunity for parent to become more involved on the learning process.

### What does Compass assessment provide?

- A Student Online Assessment and Reporting system
- A Parent Portal that will allow you to view and comment on your child’s assessment tasks
- A place to teacher to provide feedback
- Ongoing reporting on your child’s learning

### Assessment tasks

- Students will complete regular assessment tasks (CAT’S), across a range of subject areas.
- These tasks (CAT’S) are designed to asses student abilities against the Victorian curriculum at the expected grade level.
- These tasks (CAT’S) will provide you with valuable information about your child’s progress.
- The tasks are samples of your child’s work and will give you an example of how your child has performed against criteria

## Bullying Lessons in Grade 3/4

Last week, Grade 3/4 students engaged in 3 different workshops about Bullying. Students learnt about what bullying is and the different types of bullying (Physical, Social, Verbal and Cyberbullying). Students also learnt about the strategies they can use to deal with bullying, who to turn to for help and what to do if a friend is being bullied (Be an Upstander!). We hope students have a better understanding of what bullying looks and sounds like and what to do if they witness bullying.

We asked some students to reflect on what they learnt.



I thought that there was only 1 type of bullying but I learnt that there are 3.

**Maddison 3K**



I learnt how to be an Upstander. It’s a person that sees bullying and does something about it

**Noah 3L**

I know there are a few types of bullying. It is important to tell an adult you trust if you are being bullied.

**Mace 4T**



Being an upstander means helping someone who is being bullied. Be a buddy to that person. Interrupt them to say stop to the bully and speak out and let an adult know what has happened.

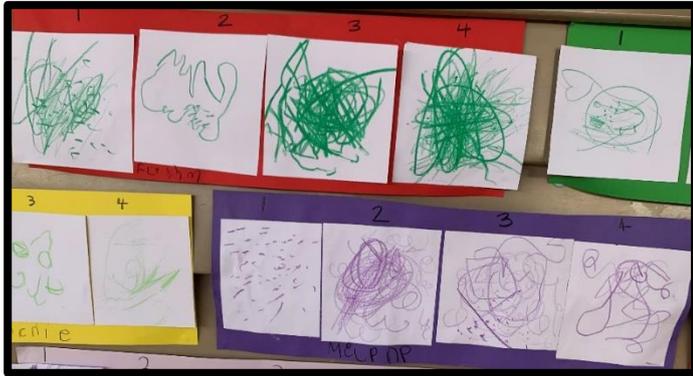
**Demitri 3/4L**



# 'How We Express Ourselves.'

Our Prep's current Unit of Inquiry is 'How We Express Ourselves.'

We listened to different types of music and thought about how it made us feel. Students expressed the different feelings through drawing, such as **Happy**, **Sad**, **Angry** and **Surprised**.



*'I did lots of dots when the music sounded happy.'*

*'The soft music was a bit sad.'*

*'I had dark lines when it was angry.'*



## ENVIRO NEWS

### **Veggie Vote**

Thanks to everyone who voted for their favourite vegies last week in the RREP Zone. The top 5 vegies were broccoli, snow peas, spring onion, cabbage and beetroot

### **Thursday lunchtimes**

Each week, at lunchtime on Thursday, we will be inviting a different group of children to come to the Enviro Area for some wonderful enviro activities. While you're there, have a look around at the chooks, smell the beautiful herbs and check out the 'Frog Bog' and worm farm. The Enviro Leaders, Bridget and Judy have worked hard to get the Enviro Area looking super slick for all to enjoy! Today Grade 1 students will be starting to plant our winter veggie garden! Stay tuned next week for some happy snaps!

### **Rubbish Free Lunch**

This week, we started a Rubbish Free Lunch program. Each day, the Enviro Leaders have been choosing a few people who have a 'Rubbish Free Lunchbox' to receive a rubbish free lunch container as a prize. Each child also writes their name on a piece of paper and at the next assembly, one student's name will be chosen at random to win an **extra** special prize!



12<sup>th</sup> May 2022



# WEST STAR



## Important Dates

### 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> May

- NAPLAN  
(Gr 3 & 5 catch up sessions)

### 17<sup>th</sup> May

- School Council Meeting

### 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> May

Prep Partners in Print (6.15pm)

### 20<sup>th</sup> May

Walk Safely to School Day

### 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> May

- Education Week

### 27<sup>th</sup> may

- Harmony Day

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Class	West Star	Reason
Prep L	Callum Higgins	For having a positive attitude to his learning. Super effort Callum
Prep P	Arya Howard	For being a risk-taker and always trying her best. Awesome effort, Arya!
Prep S	Ava Southwell	For being principled and always doing her best. Well done Ava!
1A	Maya Geyer	For being a great inquirer and asking questions about her learning.
1J	Lucy Beavis	For being a great communicator and confidently sharing her thoughts and connections with the class. Great work Lucy!
1T	Bobby Harris	For being an inquirer and using his research skills to find out new information! Well done Bobby.
2N	Scarlet Southwell	For being a Risk-Taker in Maths and challenging herself so she can keep improving! Fantastic work, Scarlet!
2O	Landon Farmer	For being an inquirer and always asking questions. Well done Landon!
3K	Robert Lazar	For his excellent Self-management and Research skills during our Unit of Inquiry. Fantastic effort, Robert!
3L	Zaidyn Magoga	For being a kind and principled student by helping his classmates when they need it. Terrific Effort Zaidyn!
3/4L	Rasin Paul	For showing a terrific Growth Mindset in his approach to NAPLAN. Well done Rasin!
4B	Boston Carter	For being a risk-taker with his learning and attempting new tasks with perseverance. Well done Boston!
4T	Harley McKerrow	For being a risk-taker in Writing by recording interesting ideas. Well done, Harley
5B	Riley McKerrow	For showing this amazing thinking and reflective skills during NAPLAN.
5N	Linkon Hobson	For showing excellent test taking skills and always having a great mindset
6N	Demie Robinson	For showing excellent social and self-management skills during 'The Dig' Well done Demie!
6R	Danika Kirby	For working hard and being a Risk-taker with her learning. Excellent effort Danika!
Digital Technology	Christopher Prum	For being a great inquirer during Digital Technology classes
Music	Eli Monks	For being a risk-taker and wanting to experiment with different rhythms in Music. Thanks for always being principled and caring in the Music Room Eli!
Physical Education	Maddison Sutton	For her persistence and showing a positive Growth Mindset while overarm throwing! Well done Maddy!
Visual Arts	Matias Lock	For being an amazing risktaker and creative thinker when using tools to help him create in the Art studio. Just like Henri Matisse! Great work Matias!

## ACTIVE KIDS ARE SMARTER KIDS



FRIDAY 20 MAY 2022

Until they're ten, children must always hold an adult's hand when crossing the road

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## The walking school bus is back!!

Next Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May is National Walk Safely to School Day. We encourage children and family's to jump on board the Walking School bus..

The Walking school bus will leave from the netball courts at Mansell Reserve Cnr 7<sup>th</sup> street and Ontario Ave at 8.30am Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Everyone is welcome to join the Walking school bus.

