



**MILDURA WEST
PRIMARY**
INTERNATIONAL
BACCALAUREATE
SCHOOL



WEEK 1

NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 14TH JULY 2022

Welcome Back

We've had a super start to the term. Lots of happy children and staff bouncing around! It's great to be back! This week is an exciting time, as our teachers and students are presently involved in lots of assessments, reflection and goal setting, getting ready for next week. Students have been thinking all about their learning in Semester one and the goals they need to set for this term. Teachers are writing student reports which go home Wednesday 20th, and our students are working hard preparing for their Three Way Conference next Thursday 21st. As you know, education is a partnership, and your involvement is vital. Attending your child's Three Way Conference next week is a great way to show how much you value them and their learning. **Please try to come. If you are having trouble booking a time on Compass, just phone the office and we will help you.**

Three Way Conferences



Written Reports: Will be sent home on Wednesday 20th July 2022

Three-Way Conferences: Will take place on Thursday, 21st July 2022 between 8.00am – 7.00pm.

On this day your child comes to the Three Way Conference only and then goes home.

Booking a time: Log on to Compass <https://mildurawestps-vic.compass.education> Or use the Compass mobile app, available from Apple iTunes or Google Play. If you require assistance to make your booking, please contact our school office on 5023 1336.
PLEASE REFER TO BOOKING GUIDE INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER

Booking Times: Thursday, 21st July Between 8.00am – 7.00pm. Your child's conference will be in their classroom

Creche: The Three Way Conference is a very special time for each student. We will provide a creche for siblings in the library to support this process.

Resilience

Respect

Excellence

Pride

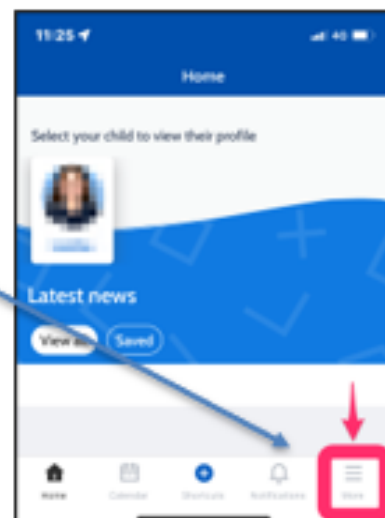
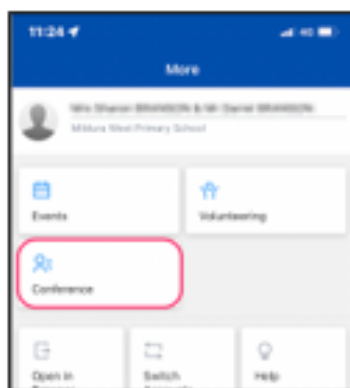
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Booking Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences on Mobile

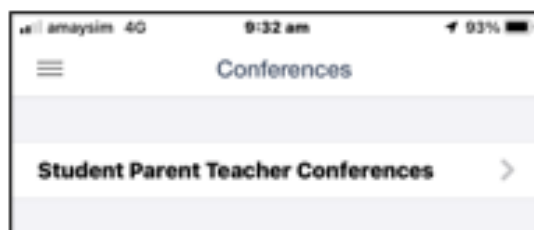


1. Log on to Compass using the mobile app and choose the menu pictured.

2. Choose Conference



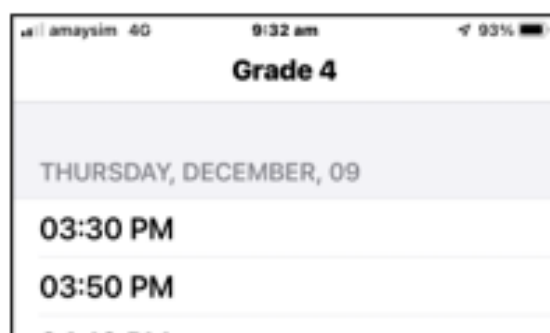
3. Choose 'Student Parent Teacher Conferences'



4. Choose your child's teacher.



5. Choose an available time.



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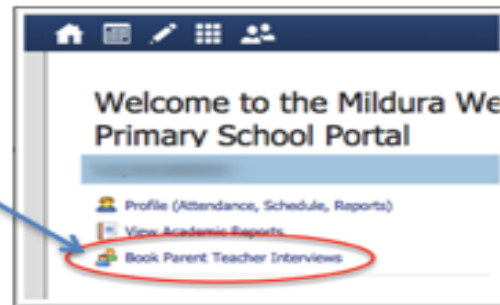
Booking Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences **on the Internet**

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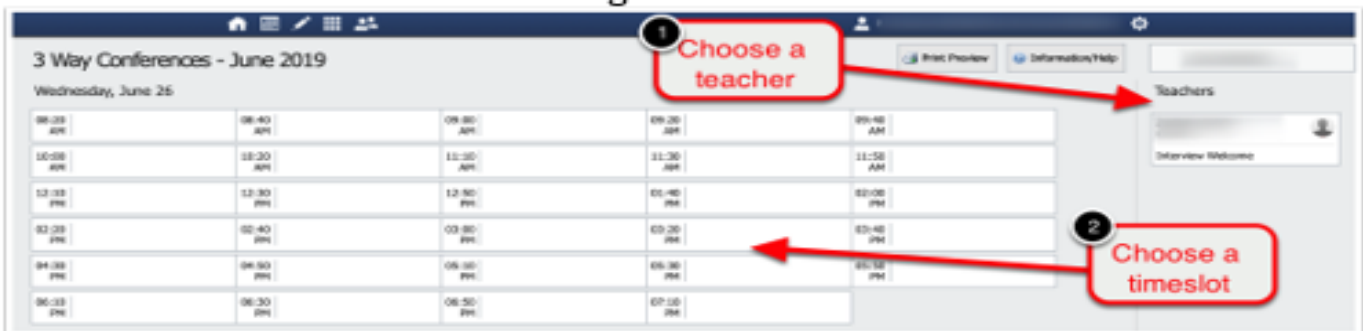
2. Choose 'Book Parent / Teacher Interviews'



3. Choose my bookings.



4. Choose a teacher from the right and then choose a timeslot.



Maths Competition

Please write the correct answer, cut out and place the problem in the Maths Competition Box, located next to lost property in the office. You can complete the problem as a family or individual. The winner will be drawn at our school assembly and will win a prize from the principal's prize box!

How many numbers can you make using the numbers 5, 6, 7 and 8?

Answer:

NAME _____ CLASS _____

14th July 2022

Important Dates

20th July

- Reports go home

21st July

Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences
8.00am – 7.00pm (Students only attend their conference. They are not at school for the remainder of the day)

5th August

- MWPS Athletics day

Camp Dates

Gr 3 – Lake Cullulleraine

- 6 - 7th October

Gr 4 - Adelaide

- 17th – 20th October

Gr 5 - Grampians

- 5th – 7th September

Gr 6 - Melbourne

- 10th – 14th October

Student Led School Assembly

- 29th July – Gr 3K
- 12th Aug – Gr 5N
- 26th Aug – Book Week
- 9th Sept – Gr 1A
- 16th Sept – Gr PS

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EVERY DAY COUNTS - SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Due to COVID, our students have had a great deal of disruption to their education. Although children must stay home if they display any COVID symptoms, it is really important that they come to school every other day. I have been very concerned with some student absences when the child is not sick.

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind. We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

BEING AWAY FROM SCHOOL FOR ONE DAY A FORTNIGHT EQUALS MISSING 1.5 YEARS OVER 13 YEARS OF SCHOOL

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Training Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Chronic or ongoing attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice being issued to parent/s. If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

Top attendance tips for parents

- Schools want to work in partnership with parents – act early if you have any concerns by contacting your child's school and asking for advice and support
- Remember that every day counts
- There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes and their social connectedness
- Talk positively about school and the importance of attending every day
- Open and prompt communication with your child's school about all absences is a good idea
- Avoid making routine medical and dental appointments during the school day or planning family holidays during the term



Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs)

Tomorrow, each child will receive 2x RATs in their bag for their future use. If you require further tests, please contact the front office.

Managing COVID-19 Positive Cases – At School and At Home

AT HOME: Students and staff will do the tests at home; they only need to report their result if it is COVID-positive.

If your child returns a positive result, your child has COVID-19. You must:

- Quarantine your child at home for seven days
- Advise the school about the positive result – contact the front office
- Your child must stay home until their symptoms have resolved and they are well

If your child was at school when they were infectious you need to report the positive case through the

[Student COVID-19 Test Portal](#) or you can notify the school in writing or by phone.

You must also report your child's positive test to the Department of Health via the [COVID-19 Positive Rapid Antigen Test Self-Reporting Form](#) or call centre on 1800 675 398.

AT SCHOOL: Students who show symptoms of COVID-19 cannot attend school and should get tested. **Any child who comes to school with symptoms will be sent home.**

For information on symptoms visit: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/symptoms-and-risks>

Close Contacts – New Information

Students who are close contacts of a positive case are **no longer required to isolate for seven days**. They will need to complete 5 RAT tests in 7 days and wear a mask indoors (if they are 8 years or older). If students are symptomatic, they should stay home until they are well.

