



### Welcome Back!

Welcome back to Term 4. As well as lots of wonderful learning, our children will also be having other exciting experiences.

The concert is on November 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. Our wonderful dance teacher, Ryan Hawke, has been having lots of fun teaching the kids their dances this week.

And we have many camps also:

- Grade Prep - Activity Fun Day
- Grade 1 - Activity Fun Day
- Grade 2 - Sleepover & Activity Fun Day
- Grade 3 - Lake Cullulleraine - Happening right now!!
- Grade 4 – Campaspe Downs
- Grade 6 – Melbourne – next week!!



It's going to be a super term.

### Parents/Carers - Do you have any concerns? Any questions? Are you worried about your child?

If so, please contact your child's teacher or myself. We know that positive connections between parents and teachers have been shown to improve children's academic achievement, social competencies and emotional well-being. Let's work together to support your children.

### Hats on Please

Spring and Summer mean HATS must be worn. Please make sure your child has a navy, brimmed hat. Children who do not wear a hat need to head to the gym or the front shade sails. These guidelines are part of our MWPS SUNSMART policy and are designed to take care of your child. Australia has the highest incidence of skin cancer in the world. The major cause of skin cancer is cumulative unprotected exposure to the sun. It is estimated that about 80% of skin cancers are preventable through limiting exposure to ultraviolet radiation. Our SunSmart policy has been developed to ensure that all children attending this school are protected against skin damage caused by the harmful ultra-violet rays of the sun.



### Amazing Achievement for Okzana

Last term, Okzana attended a U12 Skills day held in Mildura in hopes of getting selected to attend the Jamboree which is a prestigious basketball event held over four days in Echuca, Moama. This event is via invitation only. The U12 skills day was held in about 10 different locations across Country Victoria that brought together 910 participants. Top age athletes whom excelled at the skills day were selected by region coaches. It was the best of the best; 120 girls and 120 boys, Okzana was one. She had the opportunity to develop her basketball skills at an elite level and made some friends along the way.

Okzana was also named the Mildura Basketball Association U12 Girls Division 1 League MVP for Winter 2022.

Well done and Congratulations Okzana



### Planning for 2023 – PLEASE HELP

We have started planning for 2023 and it would assist us if you could let us know if you are leaving our school. Once we have our definite numbers for next year, we can ensure we have adequate staff. If you know of any Prep children coming next year, please remind them to enrol as our numbers are growing rapidly.



A key practice that all PYP schools need to model is that: The school community demonstrates an understanding **of** and commitment **to** the **Primary Years Programme (PYP)**. The newsletter articles about IB are written to inform and involve the school community in our journey at Mildura West as an **International Baccalaureate World School**. This week's focus is on one of the ten **Learner Profile Attributes**.

### Inquirer

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*"Wisdom begins with wonder!" – Socrates*

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- Develop an understanding of the Internet. Work with your child/children when they use the internet to research ideas. Help them to look for reputable sites.
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#### See, Think, Wonder: A Visible Thinking Strategy

what they think they know. It helps to stimulate curiosity and sets the stage for inquiry. Why not encourage your child to engage in inquiry with those simple questions when walking in nature, camping or spending time at the park? What do you see? What do you think? What are you wondering?

## Enviro News

### Merbein P-10 Visit

At the end of last term, the 'Press Gang' from P-10 College visited our Enviro Area to make recordings of our Enviro programs in action. The 'Press Gang' are a dedicated group of students who are using their multimedia and communication skills to create a film of our Enviro programs at West. The Enviro Leaders



were interviewed, and footage taken of our Thursday lunchtime Enviro activities. We so appreciate them giving their time and expertise, it was really awesome! Stay tuned, we will share the film when it is ready to roll!

### Market Day

Next Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 3:15, families are invited to visit the Enviro Area for our 'Market Day'. We are all excited that our winter vegetable garden is ready to harvest, and invite you to come along and take home some yummy 'school grown' veggies to enjoy! There is no cost for the produce, however if you would like to leave a gold coin donation to help us improve the Enviro Area, you can!



# MWPS Concert

## THE JUNGLE BOOK

### The Actors

Our concert rehearsals have kicked off this week and WOW, the kids are loving them! Ryan has been so impressed with the student's attitudes and enthusiasm.

As you know, the theme for our concert is 'The Jungle Book'. To help the children understand the storyline and meaning behind the dances and costumes, each class will be watching the Disney version of 'The Jungle Book' over the coming weeks.

Costume information will be finalised this week and communicated to families soon after. We will be calling for parent helpers also over the coming weeks to help with costumes.



#### Claudia 6N (Bagheera the Panther)

I wanted to try out because I thought it would be fun. I've done dance, but nothing this big before. A challenge has been making up the voice for the character. Ryan is great! He always just says "Try again" and he knows how to make it fun!



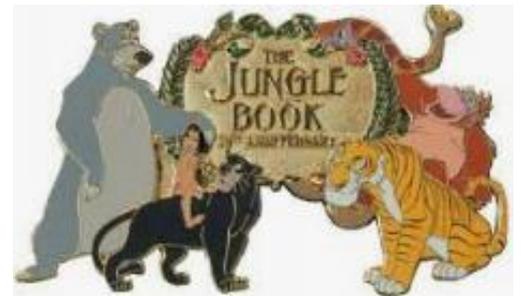
#### Lana 6N (Rama the Wolf)

I do some performing anyway and I thought it would be fun to perform at school. When we're moving we have to be big and dramatic. I'm a wolf so I act protective. Ryan connects with us, like one of the kids!



#### Kayden 5B (Kaa the Snake)

It's going to be challenging being on stage with thousands of parents in front of us. I wanted to try something new and I've never done anything like this before and none of my friends wanted to try out. It's been fun working with Ryan and making up the movement of the snake. I've got the voice right though!



#### Ayla A 6R (Raksha the Wolf)

Being an actor is a nice opportunity and a fun thing to do. We had to 'get into the animal' which means walking and moving like them. It's a challenge to walk and move like the animals and remember all the lines.



#### Ivy 6R (Baloo the Bear)

I wanted to try because I remember seeing the grade sixes on stage when I was younger, and I wanted to be like them. I think it's a challenge to stay in character the whole time. Ryan is a great actor and is helping us all.



#### Shelby 5B (Mowgli)



#### Leisha 5N (Basu the Sloth)

I'm looking forward to representing the school and being on stage. I've not really done anything like this before. There are a lot of lines to learn but I think the challenge will be catching up on classwork.

6th October 2022



# WEST STAR



## Important Dates

### 1st November

- Melbourne Cup – Public Holiday

### 16th & 17th November

- MWPS Concert evenings

## Camp Dates

### Gr 3 – Lake Cullulleraine

- 6 - 7th October

### Gr 6 - Melbourne

- 10th – 14th October

### Gr 4 – Campaspe Downs Vic

- 24th – 26th October

### Gr 2- Sleepover at School

- 27th October

### Gr 1/2 Activity Day

- 28th October

### Prep Activity Day

- 25th November

## Student Led School Assembly

7th Oct – School Leaders

21st Oct – Gr 4B

4th Nov – Gr 3/4L

11th Nov – Gr 3L

25th Nov – Gr 1J/1T

2nd Dec – Gr 2O

16th Dec – Final assembly - Gr 6

## Class

## West Star

## Reason

Prep L	Izzie Ratabua	For being so principled and such a great learner. What a fantastic start to term 4, Izzie!
Prep P	Frankie Etherington	For being a risk taker and always trying her best! Well done on a great week of learning, Frankie!
Prep S	Salesi Grewe	For being caring and looking after his friends. Well done Salesi!
1A	Seilose Grewe	For taking risks and trying her best during Writing.
1J	Reagan Bailey	For being a great communicator and thinker. Well done on confidently sharing your ideas with the class Reagan!
1T	Amelia Tyers	For being a great thinker in maths and solving problems using different strategies. Well done Amelia!
2N	Lyla Schlammerl	For using her communication skills to express how she feels. Great work Lyla!
2O	Malahkye Rose	For being a Risk Taker in writing and thinking outside the box
3K	Rosalie Noll	For her excellent Social Skills when working in a group. Well done, Rosalie!
3L	Niamh McClaer	For being a terrific Risk-taker in all areas of her learning this week. Well done Niamh!
3/4L	John Murphy	For being open-minded and transitioning to his new class with ease and enthusiasm.
4B	Cooper Webb	For being a caring member of our classroom and welcoming our newest students with kindness and consideration.
4T	Sebastian Brain	For showing student agency with all of his learning
5B	Elih Noll	For being a great Communicator to seek feedback in his writing.
5N	Bayden Walsh	For using student agency to help improve his writing
6N	Joshua Wescombe-Sanders	For being a risk-taker in Mathematics, challenging yourself and sharing your thinking.
6R	Jess Prince	For having a wonderful attitude to all learning this week. Fantastic effort Jess!
Digital Technology	Alanni Schlein	For showing great student agency when creating awesome 3D models in Digital Technologies.
Music	Elana Clarke	For always coming to Music with a positive attitude and being a Risk Taker! Awesome effort Elana!
Physical Education	Latarnia Lawson	For being a great thinker and inquirer while investigating different ball games!
Visual Arts	Jessica Prince	For being a risk taker and managing her learning during her CAT task
RREP	Isla Surgey	For being a great communicator and teaching other students how to make Loom Band Bracelets in the Friendship Zone! Well done Isla!

# Cheerleading club

On Tuesday Blair, Sienna and Ruby held a Cheerleading Club at lunchtime. Everyone made pom poms, did some stretches and the fun began. Next week they going to hold a competition to see who the best cheerleader. Good luck everyone!

I loved jumping and dancing.  
- Havannah

I love gymnastics and cheerleading.  
- Marlee

I liked making the pom poms  
- Sage

