



## Reminder - Pupil Free Day Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August

### Principal Message:

On Friday we will be having a PUPIL FREE DAY.

Of course, staff will be at school as usual. They will be learning lots. We have a thought-provoking day planned. Teachers will be continuing to learn how we can develop effective learners so that we can provide the best education possible.

### Book Week Plans

Kids - dress up as their favourite book character and bring their favourite book to share. Parents and children can bring morning tea to share too – it's going to be so much fun!

#### Our Plans:

- 9:00am – Book Character Parade. All welcome!
- 10:30 – 10:50 – Parents and kids share their snack and read a book outside, on the lawn. Parents may head off home after this lovely time together.
- 10:50 - Students take part in lots of exciting activities about books. They will be in mixed age groups, making new friends and having fun!



### CATs – Have you seen your child's latest report? Do you have any questions about it? Any feedback?

At West, we know that regular, ongoing *Assessment and Reporting*, is far more valuable than merely providing just 2 reports each year. Our approach means that parents are continually kept informed with their child's progress and can speak with the teachers to discuss any concerns. It also means that parents can celebrate their child's achievements throughout the year. This is a GREAT process BUT only successful if parents are actually accessing these CATs (small reports).

Please pop on Compass and look at your child's progress. This week we have the following CATs going up on Compass.

- Prep – Writing CAT
- G3/4 Transdisciplinary CAT which includes several Learning Areas - science/research skills/ social skills.
- G5/6 - Maths & Reading CAT

### Children online at home unsupervised can lead to BIG concerns.

- **Is your child on the internet unsupervised?**
- **Is your child on sites not age appropriate?**
- **Is your child chatting to other children online late at night?**



### Talk with your child about these questions. Please find out if this is happening.

Unfortunately, it has come to our attention that some of our children are online chatting to each other at home, at night – as late as midnight. Many parents do not know this is happening. Some of the conversations the children are having is also concerning. They are hurting each other's feelings and becoming upset, even bullying. We are thankful that some of our students have brought this to our attention. This week, we have met many children and parents to discuss our concerns with this issue. **Although this is happening at home**, it is still impacting the health and wellbeing of many children and also their education. Some students are coming to school very tired and also upset.

The online world is part of everyday life for many children and young people. It is packed with great information and resources for playing, learning, and socialising, but there are real risks too. The best way to keep children and young people safe is by staying actively involved in their digital world. You don't have to be an expert. Ensure you are communicating with your child about the digital world.

Find out – **WHAT IS YOUR CHILD DOING ONLINE?**

**PLEASE Ensure your child is supervised when on the internet.**

I've included a brochure that I hope you can find time to read.

## Toothbrushes for our Preps

Last week Tankard Dental generously gave all our prep students a free toothbrush and toothpaste. The Preps wrote a procedure on 'How to brush your teeth.' They took their procedures home to help them, and practice their brushing.

"The toothpaste was minty!"

"I had to brush and brush"

"The toothpaste was spicy"



# 2023 Mini Olympics

The 2023 SSV Mini Olympics is going to be held at the Athletics Track, Old Aerodrome Oval Sports Complex Mildura on **THURSDAY 31ST AUGUST 2023.**

Mildura West Primary School is limited to one competitor for each event. Any one student can only compete in 2 individual events and the relay. As a school we select them from the best results on Athletics day and compare them to the suggested standards expected. We do also need to combine our 9 and 10year olds students for the Mini Olympic events. Students that have been selected for Mini Olympics will receive their notes on Monday.



## WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All families are invited to participate in the survey that was sent via Compass today.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is open to **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English.

*We encourage all families to participate, and we value your feedback.*



## **IB Corner**

### **PYPX - Exhibition**

The Exhibition, also known as PYPX is the culminating project for the PYP. This year our Year 5 and 6 students will be engaging in PYPX. It is a collaborative inquiry, in which the students explore and inquire into their passion and requires them to apply their knowledge and skills acquired over their previous years within the PYP. The experience will allow the children to demonstrate their initiative for taking action and ultimately celebrates who they are as whole learners.

The process of the Exhibition, from reflecting, brainstorming, researching and rehearsing will take around 10 weeks. We will hold our celebration in Week 5 of Term 4 and welcome all school and community members to attend.

Grade 5/6 students are inquiring into the theme 'Sharing the Planet'. They are selecting high interest issues which affect the student at a local or global level. A real-world issue that is based around the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

The PYPX journey has already begun, and students are busy creating their inquiries and planning the direction they will take.

**'I'm excited to explore the global problems in the world and to work with people who have the same interest as me.'** – Paige 5/6M

**'I'm looking forward to getting into it and working on all the different elements.'**  
- Mace 5/6A

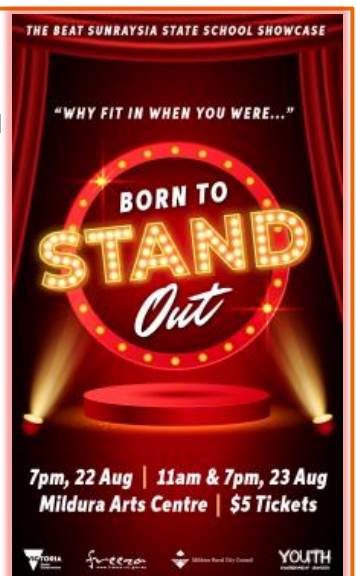
**'I can't wait to share with others about what I find out and express what I'm passionate about.'** – Cobi 5/6N

**'I am really excited about following my passion and making an impact on the world, because even the smallest action can make a big difference.'** – Zara 5/6J



## **The Beat**

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, the Grade 3 – 6 Choir will be performing at the matinee and evening shows of 'The Beat' at the M.A.C. This fantastic show is the inaugural production put on by primary and secondary schools around the district to showcase the performing arts. The Choir have been so committed, rehearsing twice a week during their lunchtimes in readiness for the event. Tickets are only \$5 each. We are all so excited and hope you can come along and enjoy the show. Tickets are on sale at the Mildura Arts Centre website. Book early as tickets sell very quickly!



August 17th 2023

## Important Dates

**August 18<sup>th</sup>**  
Pupil Free Day

### August 23<sup>rd</sup>

- Book Week Dress up Parade
- The Beat Performance  
(Matinee & Evening performance)

### September 11-14<sup>th</sup>

Grade 6 Camp

### September 15<sup>th</sup>

Last day Term 3  
- Early Dismissal 2:15pm

## Assembly Dates

23/8 (Wed) - Book Week Parade  
(Dress up/activities)

1/9 - Prep C/L

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# SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS NOW OPEN!!

Venue: No.3 Sarah Oval

Time: 9am - 12pm

Age Groups: 5 - 12

Week 1: Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th

Week 2: Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th



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