

MWPS Newsletter

22nd April 2021

Resilience

Respect

Excellence

Pride

Welcome back to Term 2 everyone. It's been a great week. Lots of very happy kids and staff! And as usual, there's lots happening. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any queries or concerns.



Welcome Rachel – New Teacher of Grade 2A

A big Welcome to Rachel Eastwell who will be teaching G2A once Amber Clark goes on maternity leave (Friday 30th April). Rachel is originally from the UK. She has taught at international schools in Colombia and Malaysia, and also has experience teaching the International Baccalaureate. Parents of children in Grade 2A please drop in and say Hello to Rachel.



Welcome Chantel – New Wellbeing Officer

A big welcome to our new Wellbeing Officer, Chantel Cameron. As most of you know, Annie is on maternity leave. Chantel was previously employed at M.A.S.P. and is very excited to be joining our school community.



2021 Cross Country- Friday, April 23rd



Timetable

9:20 – Under 10 Boys

9:35 – Under 10 Girls

9:50 – 11-year-old Boys

10:10 – 11-year-old Girls

10:30 – 12/13-year-old Boys

10:50 – 12/13-year-old Girls

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11:40 – Prep Boys

11:50 – Prep Girls

12:00 – Grade 1 Girls

12:20 – Grade 1 Boys

12:40 – Grade 2 Girls

1:00 – Grade 2 Boys

The annual Mildura West Primary School Cross Country is fast approaching. After being hit by COVID last year, the students are very eager to get back into it and give their best efforts for themselves and their house. All grades will participate this year.

WHEN: FRIDAY APRIL 23rd, 2021

VENUE: MILDURA WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

The purpose of the event is for students to be active while participating, earning points and being a great team member for their house.

Students are encouraged to dress in House colours. (Green- Macquarie, Yellow- Murrumbidgee, Blue- Murray, Red- Darling)

We are looking for **volunteers** to assist with certain jobs (Track Marshalls & Lap Counters). If you are able to lend a hand can you contact Sam on Samuel.Brinsmead@education.vic.gov.au or call the school on (03) 5023 1336.

IB Corner



Approaches to Learning Skills



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). These newsletter articles 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 the Approaches to Learning Skills. These skills aim to support children of all ages to become learners who **know how to ask good questions, set effective goals and pursue objectives with the determination to achieve them.** The ATLs are transdisciplinary, meaning they are not specific to a particular area or subject. The infographic above, represents how ATLs can be developed.

At home, an example of helping a child develop their 'Thinking Skills' is by asking questions such as; ***I wonder what would happen if you...? I wonder why you chose...? Why do you think...? How do you know...? What do you think made this happen?***

WORD AT WEST

"What's the best thing about being back at school?"

By Student Leaders Tom Taylor & Will Laphorne



Being able to see my friends

- Makayla 6N



I get to learn more about writing

- Yaser 2A



Getting to play on the play ground

- Jess 5W

Seeing my teacher again

- Ashton Prep P



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:

Joe McBrien, Erin Kelly, Krissy Hederics, Nicole Stylianou, Denise Woodford, Dave Woodford, Tracey Woodford, Dan Rosendahl and all the kids.



RUBBISH-FREE HERO

This week's rubbish-free hero is Isla Sutherland from 4M. Here is some info about Isla.

Isla likes to be rubbish-free because she doesn't like to make waste or rubbish. She's been rubbish-free for 2 years.

Isla likes to help make her lunch box by packing some snacks by herself.

Her favourite thing to eat for lunch or snack is popcorn, it's really yummy. Vegemite scrolls is the yummiest snack that she knows how to make at home.



RUBBISH-FREE ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

The week's rubbish-free encouragement award goes to Josh Holland.

Josh thinks it's important to try to be rubbish-free because if you are rubbish-free, our world can be healthier and we will have less gases in our atmosphere.

Josh likes to help make his lunch box by trying to choose healthy snacks. His favourite thing

To eat for lunch or snack is vegemite scrolls.

Sandwiches is the yummiest snack that he knows how to make at home.



WEST STAR

Class	West Star	Reason
Prep L	Jessie McKee	For being a risk-taker in her learning and having a super start to term 2!
Prep P	Morgan Tyres	For being a risk-taker and trying his best with his learning
Prep S	Bobby Harris	For being a great thinker and sharing his ideas
Prep T	Maya Geyer	For being a great communicator and sharing her ideas with others! Well done Maya!
1A	Billy McMaster	For being a great thinker and sharing his ideas during our Unit of Inquiry.
1N	Saiesh Arvapalli	For always trying his best and continuing to improve himself! Well done Saiesh!
1/2R	Georgie - Anne McKerrow	For being a risk-taker in all areas of her learning and always willing to share her thoughts and ideas with the class.
2A	Sienna Blake- Blundell	For being an excellent Communicator and writing a wonderful 'Autumn' poem!
2K	Lilly Coates	For being a deep thinker and asking questions.
3A	Addyson Cox	For being a great communicator and sharing her ideas with others!
3K	Adrianna Etherington	For showing excellent social skills and creativity during our Newspaper Fashion Challenge.
3L	Cooper Webb	For being a risk-taker and trying his best with his learning.
4T	Caleb Kemp	For being open-minded and working well in groups.
4M	Atticus Cochrane	For being open-minded and a risk-taker in our Unit of Inquiry.
5N	Chelsea Piscitelli	For being knowledgeable and sharing her work with others.
5S	Aylah Ross	For being knowledgeable in many areas of learning and helping others achieve their best.
6M	Corbin Copeman	For showing great leadership skills during group work.
6N	Conner Kemp	For being open-minded and a risk-taker in all areas of his learning.
Physical Education	Luke Robertson	For being a risk-taker and showing great determination in his Cross Country training.
Visual Arts	Julian Butcher Connor Button Simrat Somal Liam Smith	For being great thinkers when responding to artwork and making connections to their own knowledge and experiences
Digital Technologies	Darci Woodford	For being an excellent 'Communicator' and sharing her new learnt knowledge with others.
Music	Jessie McKee	For a wonderful start to Tem 2 in Music and your enthusiasm to sing in each weekly lesson

Grade 3-6 Waste Audit

On Tuesday, Emily Quinn Smyth, Waste Management Officer from Mildura Town Council, visited our school to help all students from grades 3-6 conduct a waste audit. Students learned about the school bin system and why it is important to put rubbish in the correct bins. Over the next term, our school's Enviro Leaders and their peers, will be trying hard to reduce waste at Mildura West and be more rubbish-free. The 3Rs was a really useful idea that helped students to understand how they can help our planet.



Quotes from students about the Waste Audit:

'I've realised we need more yellow recycling and green waste bins in our school, there was a lot of contamination in the red bins' **Olivia Newberry**



'I've realised we use a lot of soft plastics, just in one day there was a red wheelie bin of soft plastics' **Alisa Hobson**

'I learned that if you put plastics and food in landfill, it makes really bad gases for our planet' **Paige Fitzsimmons**

'I learned that soft plastics can be recycled, they don't have to go to landfill' – **Leisha Branson**

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Important Dates

23rd April

- 2021 Cross Country

30th April

- Whole School Assembly – Run by 4T

Notes Home

Every Child

- Mother's Day order form

Bunnings BBQ School Fundraiser

Our school will be running a BBQ at Bunning on Saturday 8th May 2021. We would love some help from our school community on the day. If you can spare some time to help please contact the school office to put your name down or contact Jason Torney via email: jason.torney@delwp.vic.gov.au



Cubby Town at West – EXCITING NEWS!

As soon as we have enough materials we will be starting our fantastic new project – “CUBBY TOWN at West”.

We plan to gather lots of materials to build the cubbies. Once we have lots of materials, construction will begin! We already have some big boxes and hessian. “Cubby Town” will be all along the fence (running next to the railway line). This will allow us to use the fence as one wall. It’s going to be fantastic. The teachers cannot wait to build their Cubby!

If you have anything you think would be super “Cubby House” material, please send it along to school or contact me and we can pick it up with the trailer (if its big).

We are looking for such items as:

- Tape measures
- Wooden Pallets
- Ropes
- Large Tarps
- Large pieces of Hessian
- Timber pieces (no nails)
- Dowel
- Brush fencing screens
- Hessian
- Hammers
- Small wheelbarrows
- Dip tins



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Open Night 2021

Tuesday 27th April from 5.30PM-7.30PM

Merbein P-10 College invites prospective 2022 Year 7 students and families from across Sunraysia to our 2021 Open Night. Everyone interested in learning more about our school is welcome to attend. Open Night is a perfect opportunity to meet our staff, experience our vibrant learning spaces and programs and hear from our students about the unique school life our College offers. There will be a short presentation for families in the gym at 6:00pm, with tours & activities running from 5.30pm - 7.30pm. We look forward to meeting you!



For further information, please contact the College on 03 5025 2501 or visit www.merbeinp10.vic.edu.au



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