Hi everyone and welcome back to Mildura Primary 2014. I have loved getting back to school and seeing our smiley little faces ready to learn. We have 60 new Preppies this year which is terrific for our school so please make their families feel welcome. Mildura Primary is the greatest school to be a part of and these new families just make us better!!

**Connecting ‘Online’**
Well done to you all on using lots of different ways to connect to our school. This year we will continue our student Report Card online, and our students and teachers will be working in this space regularly. Look out for the GenEd (Generation Education) ‘Apps’ to help you use your Smart Phone to access. This will be online soon and notes will go home when they are available.

Our Mildura Primary ‘App’ is now available so make sure to go to the iTunes store and download it. This is another great way to know what’s happening in the school and contact us if you need to.

Don’t forget that Mildura Primary is on Facebook and this is also a terrific way to stay in touch with what’s happening around school.

**Staffing**
We would like to welcome three new teachers to our school this year. Miss Ford will be working in our grade 3/4 classes in term 1 and is based in 4N on Thursdays. Also we have been very lucky to have Mr McLeod and Mr Nicholson start working with us at MPS. These two teachers are Leading Teachers in our school and coming with great skills and professionalism for their craft. They both are very good teachers and are looking forward to learning the way we do things at MPS. It is terrific to have these new teachers at our school and I ask you all to make them feel very welcome.

**School Council Elections**
This week I will be calling for nominations for this year’s school council, please keep an eye on this as it is a very important role to play in the school and if you think you have something to offer please make sure you let the school know you are interested.

**Car Parking and Pick up**
Picking up our students at the end of the day can be very dangerous if we don’t all act safely. I, Principal Dennis Mitchell would like to remind parents that double parking, parking in driveways and parking on the nature strips is not allowed at our school, and I personally think this behaviour is extremely unsafe. I ask that you all please act in a safe manner when picking up your children and I look forward to seeing you at pick up times.
Dear Parents & Carers,
Welcome back to school. Art classes have started for the year. If you are able to send along a smock or an old shirt/apron for your child to wear, that will help protect their school clothing especially when we are painting. The art room would be quite happy to accept donations of recyclable items such as buttons, material, small clean containers, cardboard, wire coat hangers, old birthday/Christmas cards, ribbon and other such items. You can send these along with your child or drop them into the art room or main office.

Thank you
Mary Kafegellis
Visual Art Teacher

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**Wombat - a child's first Book Club**

*Wombat* is for children aged 0-5 and will nurture a love of reading.

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**Lucky Book Club - for young readers**

*Lucky* is for children aged 5-8 who are learning to read independently.

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**Arrow Book Club - for Middle Primary kids**

*Arrow* is for children aged 8-10 who are beginning to make their own reading choices.

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**Star Book Club - for Upper Primary and teenagers**

*Star* is for children aged 10-14, and is designed to make reading 'cool' and keep them reading.

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**Scholastic**
Welcome back to another year of Scholastic. Please make sure you label your order with your child’s name and classroom. Send your orders along to school in an envelope with the correct money. You are able to pay with cash, Visa, Cheque, Online or money orders. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask class teachers or pop into the Art Room and ask me. The first order is due on the 14th of February.

Thank you.
Mary Kafegellis, Book Club Organizer
Book Club Organizer
Welcome to our new Preps!

It’s cool to be at school... It’s not OK to be away!
MPS Breakfast Program
Mildura Primary School students are welcome to come and have a light breakfast of cereal and toast. Every Monday and Friday from 8:30am in the canteen area. All students are welcome.

Student Banking
Remember, every Tuesday is student banking day! Bring your bank book into the office or to your teacher every Tuesday and start saving!

If you don’t have a Commonwealth Dollarmite account and would like to open one, application forms are available at the School office or visit the Commonwealth Bank.

Emotionally Intelligent Parenting
A six-session group for parents.

Would you like to learn how to:
- Be better at talking with your child?
- Be better at understanding your child?
- Help your child learn to manage their emotions?
- Help prevent behaviour problems in your child?
- Teach your child to deal with conflict?

TUNING IN TO KIDS shows you how to help your child develop emotional intelligence. Children with higher emotional intelligence:
- Have greater success with making and keeping friendships
- Are more likely to attend school regularly
- Are more able to calm down when upset or angry
- Are less likely to have childhood illnesses

WHERE: Mildura Base Hospital, Main Conference Room

WHEN: Wednesday Evenings 6-8pm
First session: Wednesday 26th February, 2014
The course runs for 6 weeks.

CONTACT: To register your interest in the program, please contact:
Natalie Byles
0451 087 489
nataliebymail.com

REGISTRATION CLOSES 21.2.14

COST: $15 per person / $25 per couple

It’s cool to be at school...

It’s not OK to be away!
What can parents and carers do to help their child’s asthma at school?

If your child is self-managing their asthma, or capable of taking their asthma medication independently, ensure that your child is always carrying their reliever medication (e.g. Ventolin, Asmol, Aironir and Bricanyl) as well as a spacer while at school.

Ensure that you have provided your child’s school/preschool with an updated Asthma Action Plan.

Ensure that your child knows how to recognise early symptoms of an asthma attack and check to make sure they are using their reliever medication properly.

Ensure your child will seek help from school/preschool staff if they experience asthma symptoms.

Ensure that your child’s asthma is being well managed and that their medication and management is reviewed annually by your GP (this is a good opportunity to also update the Asthma Action Plan required by your child’s school/preschool).

For more information, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or www.asthma.org.au.

Parents Club News

Welcome back to the new year! We hope everyone enjoyed the holidays.

Parents Club will be having a ‘meet and greet’ meeting on Thursday 20th February at 9.15am. Everybody is welcome to come, and we would love to see some new faces.

Our first fundraiser for the year is Vision Portraits. This will be held on Sunday 2nd March. Photos will be taken in the canteen area. Parents can book on line or fill in their detail on the voucher provided and return to school. This would be a great mothers day idea! Booking information has been sent home with your child, if you haven’t received it, there are spare forms in the office.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have no size 10, 12 or 14 polo shirts at the moment. An order has been placed but the manufacturer has notified us that they will be unable to deliver them until the end of April. If your child is needing school uniform a plain navy blue shirt is acceptable, which are available from local shops such as Target, Kmart etc. The office has available both iron or sew on school logos if you require them. Our apologies for the inconvenience but it is out of our control.

School Uniform Price List

All uniform purchases can be made through the office.

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Imperial Junior Football Netball Club

Registration Night
U/10, U/12, U/13, U/14.5 & U/16
Friday, February 28, 2014 from 4pm-6pm
Imperials Clubrooms, No1 Oval, 11th Street
All registered players will receive a club shirt.
Auskick Registrations online only at aflauskick.com.au
For more info, contact Fiona Keogh (Secretary) 0428 571 974
Don’t forget to join our Facebook group.

CHILDREN LEARN THROUGH PLAY

The Mildura Toy Library is a non profit organisation offering a wide range of quality toys, games, puzzles, musical instruments and equipment for children from birth to approximately 7 years. All interested parents are welcome to come down to the Mildura Toy Library during opening times to view the toys that are available for borrowing. We are in the Mildura Primary School grounds 12th St side, look for our sign near the school crossing during opening times. Tue 9.30-11.30 Sat 9.30-11.30. Phone 0409 502271 for more info.