Do you have a prep child starting school in 2015?  
Are you leaving Mildura / moving to another area in 2015?  
Please let us know.

This is the time of year that classes are being planned for 2015. To decide how many classes we will need, it is important to know how many students we will have.  
If you have a child ready to start Prep please collect enrolment papers from the office and return as soon as possible.  
If your child will be leaving Mildura Primary School at the end of 2014 for any reason, please contact the school as soon as possible to let us know.

Sri Chinmoy Oneness – Home Peace Run  
Two weeks ago we had the pleasure of being visited by members of the Peace Run team. It was really interesting to hear about the different countries the runners have come from and the distance travelled while in Australia. The Peace Run is a world wide torch relay promoting hope for a better world and a brighter future. The Australian leg of the relay started at Uluru on the 17th October and headed towards Adelaide and through Mildura and aiming to finish in Canberra on Monday 24th November. While at school the students were able to hold the torch and make a wish.

NAIDOC Awards  
On Monday a very special award was presented to Alice Hill. It was in recognition of her efforts in the NAIDOC colouring in competition earlier this year. She was presented with a gold medal and a brand new decorated bike helmet. Congratulations Alice!

Swimming Programs  
The term four swimming program has kicked off again. This week the 3/4 students have been very excited each day as they have headed off to the Mildura Waves learning various survival and water safety skills. Next week it will be the grade 5/6 student’s turn.

2015 Preps  
It has been wonderful to see the 2015 Preps coming to school for the Orientation mornings and afternoons that are currently being held. Yesterday we saw the first of three orientation mornings for next year’s preps. If you missed yesterday’s time, it is still okay to come next week and to come Friday afternoons. More information is included in the newsletter.

Enrolments for next year  
If you know of anyone who is going to be coming to Mildura Primary School next year and has not yet contacted the school please encourage them to make contact. As soon as we know we can begin to organise class groups.

David Midgley  
Acting Principal  
Mildura Primary School
Now taking enrolments for Prep 2015.

**Orientation Dates:**

Prepare your child for a positive start at Mildura Primary by attending our orientation days.

Prep teachers will familiarise children with our school layout.

Sessions will include an activity and a morning snack for the children.

**DAY 1 - Wednesday 19th November:** 9.00am - 10.30am

**DAY 2 - Wednesday 26th November:** 9.00am - 10.30am

**DAY 3 - Wednesday 3rd December:** 9.00am - 10.30am

**Parents** please stay on day 3 for our Information session and morning tea.

**Open Afternoons:**

Mildura Primary School offers afternoon sessions from 2:15pm - 3:00pm on Fridays.

Parents, carers and children are most welcome to come and join in with a Prep classroom.

**November** - 21st & 28th

**December** - 5th & 12th

Please contact the school on 5023 1851 for further information.

### SRC Disco

The SRC will be having a disco in the gym, on Thursday 27th November. Prep to grade 2 student’s disco will be held in the afternoon from 2-3pm. Grade 3-6 will be held in the evening from 4.30-6.30pm. G3-6 students must return their signed permission note to attend, and must be collected at 6.30pm by an adult. Admission will be $2 with all money raised from the disco going towards prep resources.

Drinks and lollies will be available for students to purchase at the disco.

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### You Can Do It!

**Persistence**

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It’s cool to be at school...
5S have been working hard this semester getting ready to move on to grade 6!

- Maths
- Cooking
- Reading
- Writing

It’s cool to be at school...
Parents Club News

School Uniform Price List
School uniform is compulsory at Mildura Primary School. School uniforms are available at all times from the office. Please keep an eye out in the newsletter for information regarding 2nd hand uniform sales throughout the year.
Parents club has sunscreen in the office for parents to purchase. 75ml roll on sunscreen is now $5.

- Polo – Short sleeve $20.00
- Polo – long sleeve $20.00
- Basketball Shorts $10.00
- Trackpants $15.00
- Fleecy Zip Jacket $20.00
- Windcheater $15.00
- Bucket Hat $8.00
- Surf Hat $9.00
- Badges – sew on $3.50
- Badges – Iron on $2.00
- Library Bag $8.00

This weeks Parent’s Club News...
Firstly a big thank you to everyone that supported the cookie dough fundraiser by buying and selling tubs to family and friends it has been a great success.
Our next fundraiser, and our last for the year, is the Big Christmas Raffle. We’ve had great support from local businesses once again so there are a great assortment of prizes on offer. We are also seeking donations of non-perishable items of food or Christmas decorations from parents and carers to make up into hampers. Any parent donations can be left at the office.
Raffle books were sent home this week to those that returned their notes. If you would like a book of tickets just return the note with your child and we will send one home or alternatively you can collect a raffle book from the office. The raffle will be drawn at the ‘It’s Almost Christmas’ Concert on Thursday the 11th of December.
Parent’s Club will be holding a uniform stall on the Wednesday 3rd of December.
The next Parent’s Club meeting will be held on Thursday 4th of December in the Stepping Stones after school care room at 9am.

2014 Term 4 Calendar

November

December

School Holidays

It’s cool to be at school... It’s not OK to be away!
Information about changes to Education Maintenance Allowance as a result of the School Reform Agreement made between the Victorian Government and Commonwealth Government.

What is EMA?
The Education Maintenance Allowance currently provides financial assistance to low-income families to help meet costs associated with the education of their children.

How it is paid?
Parents can currently elect to have their EMA paid in one of the following ways:

- paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into the parent’s bank account; or
- paid directly to the school to be held as credit which the parent can use towards education expenses; or
- paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2013 over 70 per cent of parents receiving the EMA chose to have their EMA paid directly to their school. Each school would then use the funds for a range of expenses for that child.

Who is eligible?
The EMA currently provides financial assistance to Victorian families on a low income to help with the cost of educational items such as textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions.

It is a means-tested payment - parents must hold a Centrelink or Veterans Affairs concession card to be eligible.

What is changing?
In the recent School Reform agreement signed with the Commonwealth, the Victorian Government has changed the way it helps low income families with education expenses.

From 2015, the Government will distribute the funds previously used for the EMA directly to schools. DEECD will develop the arrangements to be used to distribute these funds to schools – consultation will occur with stakeholders about this.

Why?
Under the recent School Funding Reform an additional $12.2 billion will be allocated to Victorian schools.

Will my child be worse off?
No. Education funding for children will increase but will be delivered to your child in a new way through their school. The new agreement provides that schools with the most vulnerable students will receive the funding they need. The students who will benefit the most from this funding agreement are those who are the most vulnerable.
Every Minute Counts

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but.....

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Did you know your child’s best learning time is the start of the school day?

That’s when every minute counts the most!

Sunraysia Girls Sessions
Fun for the Girls each Sunday in Mildura

Born to Play

Free legal advice on child support

Victoria Legal Aid’s Child Support Legal Service is visiting Mildura this month. We provide advice about child support and 13 years of schooling.

The Child Support Legal Service is:
• Free and confidential
• Provides an opportunity to discuss legal problems with a child support lawyer
• Independent from the Department of Human Services (Centrelink and Child Support)

Call the Child Support Legal Service on (03) 9259 0408 during business hours.

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