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## Kindness—Integrity—Determination—Safety

### From The Principal

Welcome back everyone and a special welcome to our Prep students and new enrolments across the school.

Our 2025 school year has started, and we have spent last week setting the scene around expectations around how we behave in line with our school values.

Students have been working towards getting our newly designed K.I.D.S bucks for their house points and at our next whole school assembly on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February we will announce the up-to-date total.

KIDS Bucks



Congratulations to our Captains as they officially start the year:  
Captains: Jaz Baxter and Winter Kroek  
Vice Captain: Brody Hill and Maddison Felton.



Our Teaching teams for this year are as follows:

#### Leadership Team

Principal – David Midgley  
Assistant Principal – Nathan Black and Sommar Briggs  
Leading Teachers – Warren Guild and Marieta May  
Acting Leading Teacher – Jason Tonkin  
Learning Specialist – Sarah Crisp

#### Classroom

Prep – Bianca Laity, Lindi McHugh and Harriett Arthur  
Gr 1 – Amanda Pennington, Kerry Wright and Tracey Coulson  
Gr 2 – Sarah Gaskin and Tania Stone  
Gr 3/4 – Stacey McCoy, Dianne McNabb, Melissa Fulton, Bree Mazzini, Helen Luitjes and Carol Allen  
Gr 5 – Brandon Thomson, Tahlia Freckleton/Shannon Thompson  
Gr 6 – Matthew Baker, Cheryl Smythe and Shannon Thompson, Sarah Crisp and Shannon Thompson

#### Specialists:

Barkindji - Ivan Johnston  
Humanities - Marjie James  
Performing Arts - Cleonie Quayle  
Visual Arts - Corinne Ryder  
STEM - Rachel Slade

#### Hats

We strongly encourage all students to be wearing hats when they are outside playing so they are protected from the sun. If a student is unable to wear a hat they will be directed to play under the shade sails.

School hats can be purchased from the main school office.

#### Bus Travellers

Please remember that all students are expected to use the bus service with safety and respect to all passengers. This means remaining seated, using kind words and following the bus drivers instructions. If this is not possible students will not be able to travel on the bus.

#### School Crossings

A reminder that we should be using the school crossings to cross the roads around our school. The roads are very busy before and after school and to ensure safety use the crossings.

#### Farewells

It is with some sad feelings I announce that Mrs Keeghan will be finishing up with us at the end of the week as she takes up a new position at Werrimull P-12 College. We welcome Ms Arthur for the following few weeks, while we make arrangements for a new teacher to enter the classroom. I wish Mrs Keeghan all the best in her new position.

#### School Council




We are calling on nominations for parents/carers who would like to be part of our school council. It is a great opportunity to help make decisions about the school and to help share your perspectives about what is needed to make education at Mildura Primary School a success. If you are interested in being a school councillor please refer to the attached information sheet and contact the school. It is a commitment of two meetings a term at school from 6pm to no later than 7.30pm.

- Call for Nominations to be a school councillor open - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February
- Nominations close – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February  
Our Annual General Meeting will be on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

Here is to a great 2025 School Year!

# 2025 Term 1 Calendar

February

Sun-	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
9th	10th	11th	12th Preps No School 2:45PM 	13th	14th	15th
16th	17th	18th	19th Preps No School	20th	21st	22nd
23rd	24th	25th	26th Preps No School 2:45PM 	27th	28th 	1st
2nd	3rd	4th	5th Preps No School	6th	7th	8th



Breakfast Club is on each day from 8.30am.  
Entry is via the Gym door  
with the exit via the oval door.

All students will be required to use hand  
sanitiser upon entry and will be directed to the  
designated eating area.

## 2025 School Council election process and timetable

This document shows Mildura Primary Schools School Council election process for 2025. The process must be completed on or before 31 March 2025.

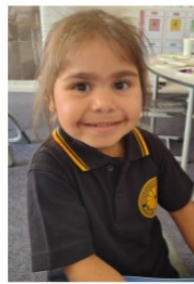
### School council election process and timetable

Name of the school: **Mildura Primary School**

Letter	Event	DATE
a)	Notice of election and call for nominations	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
b)	Closing date for nominations	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
c)	Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
d)	Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	On or before Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025
e)	Close of ballot	Thursday 28 <sup>h</sup> February 2025
f)	Vote count	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2025
g)	Declaration of poll	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
h)	Special council meeting to co-opt community members (the principal will preside)	<u>Posted if needed.</u> ..... / ..... / .....
i)	First council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside)	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2025



# Welcome • 2025 PREPS





## SAFE BUS TRAVEL



### Welcome on board. Enjoy. Be aware.

- Leave home with plenty of time to get to the bus stop 10 minutes prior to the scheduled departure time.
- Always walk as far away from the road edge as possible.
- Do not push others when the bus is approaching the stop.
- If you are using headphones these **MUST** be removed before leaving the bus as they distract you from being fully aware of danger.
- Make sure you always treat the driver with respect. They have the important job of getting me, you and others to school and home safely.



**ROAD USERS** - Please slow down and be aware around bus stops. Look out for the lights flashing on the outside of the bus, which means children are leaving or boarding the bus.

Do stand well back when at the bus stop and wait until the bus has completely stopped.



Never cross in front of the bus. Never cross the road until the bus has moved away.

Do wait until the bus moves well away and you can see clearly in both directions, before crossing the road.



Do sit down on your seat quietly and quickly. If there are no seats, move to the back of the bus and use the handgrips on the side.

**PARENTS & CARERS** - Parking or waiting opposite the bus stop is dangerous and is one of the most frequent causes of accidents at bus stops. All children, especially little ones, are excited to see you after a day at school and are likely to run across the road to meet you.



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## SEEKING INTERESTED PLAYERS FOR SEASON 2025!

### UNDER 14 & 16'S

(Training Monday & Wednesday's @ 4.45pm from February 3)

### UNDER 10'S

(Training Wednesday's @ 4.30pm from March 5)

### UNDER 12'S & 13'S

(Training Monday & Wednesday's @ 4.30pm from February 17)

Training Monday's at #3 oval | Training Wednesday's at BWO

**AUSKICK PROGRAMS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON SOCIALS. STARTS 1ST WEDNESDAY OF TERM 2.**



**EVERY JUNIOR REGISTRATION GETS A FREE WARM UP TEE!**

Head to Play HQ to register for the 2025 Season

[www.playhq.com/afl/register/90a70b](http://www.playhq.com/afl/register/90a70b)



## MILDURA SCIENCE FAIR

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**Hands on Activities!**

**Wildlife and Magic!**

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**Sunday 23rd February 2025**

**Mildura Sporting Precinct**

**9:30AM-12:30PM OR 1.00PM-4.00PM**

**TICKETS**

**\$10**  
**FAMILY \$35**

**TICKET** [www.thesciencecollective.com](http://www.thesciencecollective.com)



### Supporting Your Child's Home Reading

Reading at home is one of the best ways to support your child's literacy development!

Here are some tips to make reading an enjoyable experience:

#### 1. Create a Reading Routine

- Set aside **10-20 minutes** daily for reading. Choose a quiet, comfortable space for your child to read.

#### 2. Make Reading Interactive

- Ask questions: *"What do you think will happen next?"* or *"How would you change the ending?"*

- Discuss the story: *"Did this remind you of anything?"*

Encourage predictions: *"What do you think this book is about?"*

#### 3. Be a Reading Role Model

- Let your child see you reading books, newspapers, or magazines.

Read together—take turns reading pages or acting out voices!

#### 4. Use Different Reading Materials

- Encourage a mix of **storybooks, comics, recipes, magazines, and audiobooks.**

Visit the library together to explore new books.

#### 5. Celebrate Reading Achievements

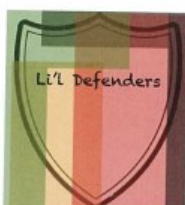
Praise your child's effort, not just their ability (*"Wow! You worked hard on that tricky word!"*).

### Need More Books?

Check out your local **library, school resources**, or free digital reading apps like Epic! or Storyline Online.

Happy Reading!





BOOK IN YOUR  
**FREE TRIAL**  
NOW

# CLASSES IN IRYMPLE



## **SELF-DEFENCE PROGRAM FOR KIDS UNDER 10!**

- Small class size
- Learn the basics of Self-Defence.
- Improve Balance, Co-ordination & Reflexes

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