



11th December

Term 4 Week 10

2025

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## Kindness—Integrity—Determination—Safety

### End of year Newsletter

The end of the year is almost here, and a lot of our end of year celebrations and organisations is happening

#### School Concert

It was great to see so many families and friends come along to our end of year concert last Thursday. It was a time to sit and enjoy each of the students perform with the other students in their year level. This was happy end to many weeks of practice to learn the dance moves as part of the Performing Arts sessions each week. Thank you, Miss Quayle, for working with our students and organising this special event.

#### School Captains

Our 2026 School Captains were announced at the school concert. The school community were able to vote for who they thought would show our school values of Kindness, Integrity, Determination and Safety after each candidate shared their speeches.

Our Captains are Preston Peterson and Chau Doan

Vice-Captains are Renay Akdemir and Rydah Doyle

Thank you to Jaz Baxter and Brody Hill for their continued commitment as captains for this year. I really appreciate their presence and support at each assembly.

#### Grade 6 Graduation

I would like to take a moment in congratulating our grade 6 students who graduate on Thursday. An exciting day has been planned to mark this special occasions. I wish all the grade six students the very best as they finish of the last of their primary school days with us and prepare for secondary school. Most were able to attend the transition day on Tuesday at the Secondary school and find out home groups and get a better understanding of where everything is at their new school.

#### Thank you to families

A thank you to families who will be ending their time with us at the end of the year. For some it has been 7 years of many shared experiences and for others not so long. Thank you for being part of the Mildura Primary School Community.

#### Staff farewells

Mrs Fulton will be finishing up with us this year to move onto her next adventure. All the best and thank you Mrs Fulton.

This time of year, also brings a time to say farewell and see you later to Mrs Wright and Mrs Luitjes. Mrs Luitjes retired part way through this year and Mrs Wright will be retiring at the end of the year. I would like to thank them both for their commitment in working with many of our students and being very caring members of our school community. Their time here has been greatly appreciated and they will be missed. Wishing them all the best.

#### Classes for 2026

On Tuesday our student spent half the day in their new class groups with their new teachers. Grade 5 (next years grade 6) will get to experience this opportunity once they return from camp. This was a good opportunity to get to know each other and start getting ready for 2026. Staffing for next year is below:

#### Specialist Team

Art – Jamie Groenwald  
Barkindji – Ivan Johnson  
Phys Ed – Bree Mazzini and Shannon Thomson  
Library/Health – Tania Stone

#### Prep Team

Bianca Laity – (Team Leader)  
Cleone Quayle  
Amanda Penington  
Emma Hudson

#### Grade 1 Team

Tracey Coulson  
Tania Anderson  
Rachel Slade

#### Grade 2 Team

Sarah Gaskin (1and 2 Team Leader) and Beri Turk  
Cheryl Smythe and Corinne Ryder  
Matthew Baker

#### Grade 3/4 Team

Stacey McCoy (Team Leader)  
Seraya Murray  
Dianne McNabb  
Lindi McHugh

#### Grade 5 Team

Brandon Thomson  
Monica Van Soest and  
Claire O'Reilly

#### Grade 6 Team

Marjie James (5/6 Team Leader)  
Ty Schorback

#### Lit Program Support

Carol Allen  
Trudie Clarke

#### Whole School Assembly

Our last whole school Assembly for this year will be on Wednesday 17th December at 2.45pm in the school gym.

KIDS Bucks House points

Landy	Elliott	Jackson	Cuthbert
4324	2716	3492	4468

#### End of term

- Friday 12th December is a pupil free day dedicated to staff for planning the 2026 curriculum
- Thursday 18th December is the last day of school for students. We will be finishing at the usual time of 3.15pm

**Students return to school on Thursday 29th January 2026.**

Wishing everyone a happy and safe break.

# MILDURA PRIMARY SCHOOL

## GARDEN CLUB UPDATE



The Garden Club has been buzzing with activity this term. Our sunflowers have shot up beautifully, bringing a burst of colour to the garden beds, and the zucchinis and lettuce are ready for picking. Students have also been excited to see our strawberry plants producing their first sweet berries of the season. The garden continues to be a calm, welcoming space where students can unwind, dig in the soil, and help with the daily watering. Their commitment and teamwork have made a noticeable difference, and the garden is looking better than ever.

We are also thrilled to share that Mildura Primary School placed second in the Victorian Schools Garden Program 2025 Regional Awards.

This is a fantastic achievement and a reflection of the students' hard work. We will receive a certificate later this week along with a gift voucher that will go straight back into improving our garden. Well done to all our Garden Club members. Your efforts are growing something truly special.



# DECEMBER - JANUARY



Term 4	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Week II	16	15 GRADE 1 FUN DAY 16 GRADE 3/4 FUN DAY	16 WATER PARTY 2:15-3:15	17 GRADE 2 FUN DAY 2:45 SCHOOL ASSEMBLY	18 GRADE 6 POOL DAY LAST DAY OF TERM 3:15PM FINISH	19 PUPIL FREE DAY NO SCHOOL	20
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	21	22	23	24	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26	27
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	28	29	30	31	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2	3
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	18	19	20	21 SCHOOL OFFICE OPEN FOR UNIFORM SALES	22 SCHOOL OFFICE OPEN FOR UNIFORM SALES	23	24
	25	26 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	27 PUPIL FREE DAY	28 PUPIL FREE DAY	29 BACK TO SCHOOL	30	31
	1	2	3	4 NO SCHOOL FOR PREPS	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11 NO SCHOOL FOR PREPS	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18 NO SCHOOL FOR PREPS	19	20	21

## UNIFORM SHOP

The school office will be open  
for uniform sales  
in January on



Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
from 9am - 3pm



## MPS WATER PARTY 2025

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> of December MPS will be holding a Water Party to celebrate the successes of 2025!

Time: 2:15pm-3:15pm

Where: On the oval

What to bring: Bathers, Towel and Water Squirt Toy

No water balloons and goggles are optional.



## Refrigerated Bubble Taps are HERE!

Throughout the year, our SRC has worked hard to raise more than \$2,000, contributing significantly to the purchase of our new \$8,000 refrigerated bubble tap. Fundraising efforts included Zooper Dooper Days, Casual Dress Days and a range of student-led initiatives that were well supported by our school community.

Thanks to this collective effort, students can now enjoy cold, refreshing water on hot days and easily fill their drink bottles before school or throughout the day. A big thank you to our School Captains and all SRC members for their commitment, leadership and enthusiasm in making this improvement possible.



# WHOOPING COUGH

Whooping cough cases are continuing to increase across Victoria, particularly among school-aged children. Whooping cough is a very contagious infection, mostly spread through coughing or sneezing.

Symptoms include:

- blocked or runny nose
- tiredness
- mild fever
- severe bouts of coughing, often followed by a 'whooping' sound on breathing.



**Whooping cough can lead to life threatening infections in babies.**

If your child is unwell, they should not attend school.

Please see a doctor if you or your child develops whooping cough symptoms. Early diagnosis and treatment will help reduce the spread of the infection.

Students diagnosed with whooping cough must not attend school.

If your child is diagnosed with whooping cough, they must not attend school for 21 days after the onset of the cough, or until they have received 5 days of antibiotic treatment. You must notify the school if your child is diagnosed with whooping cough. To further reduce the spread of infection to your child and the school community, the Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2019 require that students who were in the same classroom as a student diagnosed with whooping cough should not attend school.

Your child should not attend school for 14 days after they were last exposed to a person diagnosed with whooping cough, or until they have taken 5 days of a course of antibiotic treatment if they are:

- aged less than 7 years; and
- not fully vaccinated with 3 doses of whooping cough (pertussis) vaccine.

This exclusion is required by law – refer to the School exclusion table for primary schools and children's services. If your child is diagnosed with whooping cough, please contact the school to let us know.

**For more information about whooping cough, refer to Whooping cough on the Better Health Channel.**

Vaccination is the best way to reduce the risk of whooping cough. The Department of Health recommends staying up to date with immunisations, including booster doses.

A free booster dose of the pertussis vaccine is covered under the national immunisation program for students aged 12 to 13. If you are unsure about your child's vaccination status for whooping cough, please discuss with an immunisation provider, such as your doctor.

**I really appreciate your support in keeping our students safe**