



Southie Scoop

Thursday 12th February, 2026

"Mildura South Primary School acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land as we choose to bring our best selves to school and love the work that we do, striving for excellence in learning and wellbeing"

Dates for your diary

February

11th	Foundation Students do not attend
18th	Foundation Students do not attend
25th	Foundation Students do not attend

March

12th-23rd	Naplan Testing Grades 3 & 5
17th	Welcome BBQ 5pm to 7pm
25th-27th	Kings Billabong Excursions Grades 5/6
27th	Grade 3/4 T20 Cricket Grade 5/6 T20 Cricket

April

2nd	Last Day of Term 1 2:15pm Finish
20th	Term 2 School Returns

Principal's News

Firstly, thank you all for your warm welcome. For those who don't know, I commenced my teaching career in Mildura back in 2005, having 8 wonderful years as a classroom teacher at Mildura South. Since then I have gained valuable experience through my leadership roles at a number of schools across our district including Ranfurly Primary School and Irymple Primary School. It is with immense pride that I have returned to Mildura South as your Principal.

A focus on High Expectations

It has been wonderful to see the positive and purposeful way our students have begun the school year. From the very first day, our school community has focused on maintaining **high expectations for learning, behaviour and effort**, and the results have been evident across classrooms and playground spaces.

Our students have demonstrated a strong commitment to being ready to learn, showing respect for one another, and taking pride in their work. Teachers have been explicitly teaching learning routines, building strong relationships, and setting clear goals so that every student understands what success looks like and how they can achieve it.

We know that high expectations support student confidence, resilience and achievement. When students are challenged and supported, they rise to the occasion — and we are already seeing this in the quality of student learning, engagement and collaboration.

Together, we are creating a school culture where every child is known, supported and expected to succeed. We look forward to building on this strong start as the year continues.

Mathew McLeod
Acting Principal



Mildura South PS



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School Council Elections Announcement and Call for Nominations

The Mildura South Primary School Council election process has now commenced.

Mildura South Primary School School Council is calling for nominations for three parent member positions available on our school council.

Parents/Carers are encouraged to nominate for a position.

Membership Category	Parent Membership Category
Number of Positions Available	3
Length of Term	March 2026 to March 2028 (2 years)
Nominations Close	4PM, Friday 20th February, 2026

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school and communicated via Compass and/or the School Newsletter.



Celebration of Strengths

Foundation Orange	Foundation Blue	Foundation Purple	Grade 1A	Grade 1H
Leo L.	Daniel O.	Maezy B-K.	Hannah Rose F.	Astro O.
Grade 1T	Grade 2M	Grade 2P	Grade 2S	Grade 3G
Nate M.	Hannah E.	Ruby J.	Aster M.	Josh L.
Grade 3M	Grade 3P	Grade 3W	Grade 4B	Grade 4E
Reid S.	Yeganeh A.	Rogan P.	Zenah O.	Miyah H.
Grade 4S	Grade 5C	Grade 5H	Grade 5T	Grade 6B
Elodie M.	Su D.	Alara R.	Sophie K.	Adrienne S-B.
Grade 6K	Grade 6Z			
Heaven K.	Lylah T-V.			
Art	Performing Arts	PE with Mr. Kennedy	PE with Miss Tyza	STEM
Jayden R. 1H	Xavier B. 5C	Maci P. 3G	Connor D. F. Orange	Charlie E. 5H
Italian	Outdoor Ed			
Connor D. F. Orange	Asenaca V. 5H			



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's financial circumstances and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS and EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school excursions, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or support an out of home care student you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid directly to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is \$400 for all school students.

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>





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TEENS TENNIS

@ RED CLIFFS LAWN TENNIS CLUB

TERM 1 - 2026

MON 4:45pm – 5:30pm | TUE 5:15pm – 6:00pm
\$10 p/session

Boost your skills and technique to become a more competitive player in a social tennis environment.
BONUS > it will get you off your screens and help you keep fit!

ALL
STANDARDS
WELCOME!

To enrol or for more information
Lisa Hill – Community Play Coach/Coordinator
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COMMUNITY COACHING

TERM 1 - 2026

4 & 5 years	>	MON	3:30pm – 4:00pm	- \$7 p/session
5-12 years	>	MON	4:00pm – 4:45pm	- \$10 p/session
5+ years	>	TUE	4:30pm – 5:15pm	- \$10 p/session
4-12 years	>	SAT	9:00am – 9:45am	- \$10 p/session
MATCH PLAY	>	SAT	9:45am – 10:15am	- \$3 p/session



Includes a **FREE Hot Shots T-Shirt!**
Racquets available. Learn the fundamentals of tennis in a safe, fun, and social environment!

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4-WEEK POP UP BLAST

Sign up to our 4-week action packed program!

CRICKET VICTORIA- POP UP BLAST
4 WEEKS OF CRICKET FUN
VENUE: MILDURA SPORTING PRECINCT
DATES: SUNDAY 22ND FEB & 1ST, 8TH, 15TH MARCH
TIME: 8.30AM-9.30AM
EVERY PARTICIPANT RECEIVES A POP-UP PACK-
HAT, TOTE BAG AND MASCOT BALL



SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER

THREE COLOURS SOCCER CLUB COME & TRY DAY

WHEN:

SUNDAY 1ST & 15TH FEBRUARY 2026
10AM - 11:30AM

WHERE:

PITCH 10 AT SOCCER PARK
OLD AERODROME OVALS
(CENTER VIA FLORA AVENUE)

ALL AGES WELCOME

FOR UPDATES FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK - 3
COLOURS SC FACEBOOK
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PRESIDENT- STEFAN KNUDSEN
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Youth myki

From 1 January 2026, public transport is now free for children aged between 5 and 17 years. To access free travel, all young people need to carry a Youth myki card and tap on and off each time they travel.

Youth myki can be purchased for \$5 online via the [Transport Victoria website](https://transport.vic.gov.au) or from a staffed station or the PTV Hub.

- Youth myki cards purchased online will be registered to the customer and will expire when they turn 18
- Youth myki cards purchased in person from a staffed station or the PTV Hub aren't registered and will expire in 4 years. For a list of staffed stations and their operating hours, visit <https://transport.vic.gov.au/plan-a-journey/public-transport-tools-and-resources/travel-tips-and-resources/staffed-train-stations>

Children under 18 travelling on ticketed V/Line services require a paper ticket or e-ticket and must present their Youth myki to obtain a \$0 ticket. On booked V/line services, the Youth myki card number can be used to access free travel.