



Southie Scoop

Thursday 26th 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

March

12th-23rd	Naplan Testing Grades 3 & 5
25th	Welcome BBQ 5pm to 7pm *CHANGE OF DATE*
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

Importance of Community

Can you believe it is Week 5 already? Whilst I have high expectations for student learning and growth, I continue to be reminded that a school is so much more than classrooms and curriculum — it is a community.

Our strength lies in the relationships we build: between students and teachers, between families and staff, and importantly, between families themselves.

In **Week 9**, we are delighted to be hosting our **Family Barbecue**, which has now been moved into **Harmony Week** — a time to celebrate inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all.

Harmony Week reminds us that:

- Everyone belongs.
- Diversity strengthens us.
- Respect builds strong communities.

Our Family Barbecue will be a relaxed opportunity to:

- Meet new families
- Strengthen friendships
- Connect with staff in an informal setting
- Celebrate the rich diversity of our school community

A formal invitation will be sent out soon!

Together, we are not just educating children — we are building something much bigger.

Warm regards,
Mathew McLeod

Acting Principal



Mildura South PS



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★ GET TO KNOW OUR LEADERS ★

Hi everyone! My name is Lily Lynch and I am one of your 2026 School Captains.



Lily

Some of my strengths are kindness, perseverance, teamwork and respect. I enjoy helping my peers when they are stuck, and I always try my best even when things are challenging. I think being a good leader means including others, listening to everyone's ideas and setting a positive example for younger students to follow.

I chose to become a School Captain because I want to make our school the best it can possibly be. I like being someone that younger students can look up to and come to for help if they need it. This year I will model leadership by showing responsibility, respect and encouraging others to have a go and try new things.

The legacy I would like to leave behind is helping to create a school where everyone feels safe, included and supported. I want people to remember that I tried my best to make this school the best it can be.

Hello my fellow community! My name is Anu (short for Anumanat) and I am one of your 2026 School Captains.



Anu

I thought I would be a great candidate because I have strong qualities such as creativity, kindness, accountability, sportsmanship and honesty.

This year I hope to improve the school and help create a community full of love, friendship and integrity.

The legacy I would like to leave behind is a school that is safe and inclusive for everyone, and for people to remember me as someone who always did their best.



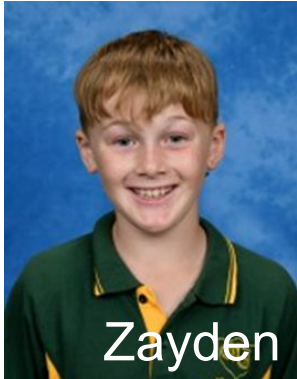
Hi, my name is Zayden and I am one of your 2026 School Captains.

I chose to be a leader at this school because I want to make our school a positive environment for students and teachers. I am going to help kids have fun and support them to make positive friendships.

Some of my character traits are humour, kindness and leadership. I enjoy helping others when they need it, modelling responsibility and being the best learner, I can be.

This year I hope to be recognised by students, teachers and parents as a responsible and kind leader. I am not afraid of being challenged and always strive to be my best self.

The legacy I would like to leave behind is that people recognise the hard work and dedication I put into my learning. I hope people will remember that I was kind and showed leadership every day.



Hi, I'm Eva and I am one of your School Captains this year.

Some of my character strengths are kindness, humour and sportsmanship. I don't like seeing anyone frown, which is why I love making people laugh and helping others enjoy school. I never get upset over games and always try to ensure fairness.

I applied for the role of School Captain with a dream of helping to create a better and safer school environment. So far, we're on the right track!

This year, I want to show leadership by modelling maturity and responsibility everywhere, not just in the classroom.

The legacy I want to leave behind is a trail of positivity and fun. I want future students to recognise the dedication I showed to this role.





Celebration of Strengths

Foundation Orange	Foundation Blue	Foundation Purple	Grade 1A	Grade 1H
Evie H	Laiylah T	Farishta H	Hareem H	Jayden R
Grade 1T	Grade 2M	Grade 2P	Grade 2S	Grade 3G
Chelsea R	Maddison B	Lexie H	Harper W	Elijah L
Grade 3M	Grade 3P	Grade 3W	Grade 4B	Grade 4E
Braxton H	Mayla M	Darren C	Mason P	Arya P
Grade 4S	Grade 5C	Grade 5H	Grade 5T	Grade 6B
Jordan F	Keegan LE	Zoe Mc	Ruby L	Tare T
Grade 6K	Grade 6Z			
Kobe M	Apollo K			
Art	PE Mr Kennedy	PE Miss Tyza	Performing Arts	Band
Atticus C 2S	Jack B 3G	Cooper S FPurple	Grace S 6Z	Harry W 6Z
Italiano	Outdoor Ed			
Ramin M 1A	Reece B 3G			



Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' privacy policy](#) and the [Schools' privacy collection notice](#).

Our Photographing, [Filming and Recording Students policy](#), describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use Google Workspace for Education safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' privacy policy: information for parents](#). This information is also available in eleven community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Chinese
- Dari
- Gujarati
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese



VICTORIA POLICE

24 February 2026

To parents,

VIC

Neighbourhood Policing Team
Mildura
Division 6
Western Region

62 Deakin Avenue
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Dear parents,

I have noticed a lot of E-Scooters being ridden by school age children around our town. These scooters are being ridden both on the road as well as footpaths, with many riders not wearing helmets or protective gear. E-Scooter related injuries has caused an increase in the number of Emergency Room visits, a large proportion of these are School aged children presenting with injuries such as broken bones, spinal injuries and serious head injuries resulting in ABIs (acquired brain injuries).

'More than five Queenslanders per day are ending up in the emergency department due to e-scooter injuries, according to new state hospital data.' (Queensland hospital data shows e-scooter injuries escalate to five per day. ABC News 11/02/2026)

Children have been shown to take greater risks as they are still growing and have not achieved the brain development required to always make good decisions.

"A teen's developing brain places them at greater risk of being reactive in their decision-making, and less able to consider the consequences of their choices." (Why teenagers make terrible decisions: A guide for parents ABC news 22/01/2018 By James McCue, Edith Cowan University)

E-Scooters are high powered, heavy transportation devices that require sensible decision making to avoid risk of injury to themselves and those around them in public. The Victorian government creates legislation to govern the safe use of these devices and Victoria Police are responsible for enforcing the laws. You may not be aware of these laws, so I have put some of them below. The brackets contain some of the contributing factors as to why these laws were created.

E-Scooter riders must:

- be at least 16 years old. (Under 16 yr olds not developed enough to make safe choices)
- not ride with a second person. (The brakes are not designed for this)
- not ride on the footpath. (Danger to pedestrians)
- wear an approved bicycle helmet. (High chance of head strike with footpath in collision)
- not travel faster than 20 kph. (The faster they go the more dangerous they become)
- not travel on roads signposted above 60kph. (High speed vehicles present a large risk)
- not use mobile phones while riding. (This is a massive distraction)

The above offences may attract fines of up to \$611.

The use of headphones for music while riding an E-scooter, while not illegal, is strongly discouraged. This can act as a distraction and may prevent your child from hearing any approaching danger.

I am asking parents to please consider the safety of their children when they are considering purchasing one of these devices for their kids and please reconsider. If your child is 16 or over and has an E-Scooter, please have a discussion with them about the importance of riding on the road, wearing a helmet and being safe.

Thank you for taking the time to read this message,

Nick RAYNOR
Senior Constable 41794



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MILDURA SPORTING PRECINCT

FRIDAYS 6/3 to 27/3
Time: 4.30pm - 5.30pm
Auskick: 4-12 years old
Cost: \$55 for 4 week program
+ \$55 Discount for T2 Community Auskick

REGISTER



BECOME A SWIM TEACHER!

JOIN US NOW!



APPLY HERE

**Tuesday
March 3rd 2026
1:30pm-2:00pm
and
7:00pm-8:00pm**

**Mildura Waves
180-190 Deakin
Avenue**

Learn about flexible swim teaching opportunities

Pop into one of our casual info sessions

MILDURA WAVES



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.