



Division Tennis Results

A very BIG CONGRATULATIONS to our talented G6 student, Layla Searle, who competed this week in the Sunraysia Schools Tennis Championships and WON!!



Today I went to the Sunraysia Schools division tennis championships for 2023. I won all 3 of my matches 4-0, 4-1, 4-0. I made it straight through to the finals and WON 4-0. I am now off to Swan Hill in April and I can't wait.

School Council Thankyou

We had our first School Council meeting this week. Several parents have nominated for membership for 2023, which is super! And some of our members are leaving. A very big Thank You to the following members:

- Dave Woodford – 5 years on School Council
- Krissy Hederics – 4 years on School Council
- Jenny Bravin – 2 years on School Council
- Isobelle Connell - 2 years on School Council

On behalf of our School Community I would like to thank them for their hard work. Dave Woodford in particular, has giving 5 years of service to our school as a member, Vice President and President. Well done Dave.



SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

We are excited to trial a **Second Hand Uniform Process** for West! Please read the attached flyer carefully for details.

If you have uniforms that no longer fit your child OR if you require some extra discounted uniforms, this might be for you.

Our Wellbeing Officers, Nat and Annie, will be available to help you during the advertised times.

We hope you embrace this initiative, which has been driven by School Council.



Seesaw at Mildura West!



What is Seesaw?

Seesaw is a secure online Journal to record photos, observations and comments, to build up a record of your child's experiences during their time with us. This platform allows us to work with parents and carers to share information and communicate the children's learning in and outside of the classroom.

Why use Seesaw?

We are always looking at ways we can improve our communication with parents. Seesaw will allow us to share more of what your child is doing at school and provide a window into the classroom.

How does Seesaw work?

Seesaw provides each individual child with their own Journal held online. Parents and carers are given their own log-in. All our staff are given a secure log-in. They can then upload observations, photos or videos; recording children's achievements.

Parents can change their settings so that an email is then automatically generated informing them when an observation has been added so they can have a look and add any comments of their own.

Attached to this flyer are instructions to download the Seesaw parent app and a unique code for your child.

How can I view my child's Journals?

Once logged in, you will see your child's observations on your home screen in a list – selecting any one of these will open up the observation for you to look at. You may add comments in the box at the bottom of the observation if you would like to – and we would love to receive such comments!

Who can access my child's Journal?

At school we have access to all of the children's Journals. The only other people that can see your child's account will be yourselves and anyone that you share your log in details with. If your child is featured in a group observation, their phot may appear in another child's journal. We really hope you enjoy using Seesaw. If you have any questions or problems using Seesaw please let us know.

WORD AT WEST

What's your favourite thing about West?

By: Isla Sutherland & Perry Maynard Gr 6



Playing with my friends

-Pia, Prep C



Getting to do Maths

- Nate, Prep C



Getting to do Art

- Scarlett, Prep L

Coming to School is Crucial

We've noticed some children have already missed several days of school this year. It is vital that parents do all they can to get their child to school unless there is a valid reason.

Coming to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day. Attending and participating in school will help your child develop:

- important skills and knowledge to help them learn
- social and emotional skills such as good communication, resilience and team work.

Children who attend school every day and complete Year 12 have:

- better health
- better job opportunities
- higher income across their lives.

There is no safe number of days for missing school. Each day a student misses puts them behind.

SAME-DAY NOTIFICATION OF UNEXPLAINED STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify us as soon as possible on the day of absence using one of the following methods:

Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.

Schools need to know when and why a child is absent and you need to know if your child isn't at school.

All Victorian government schools are required to contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained student absence. If your child is absent on a particular day and you have not contacted the school to explain why, the absence will be marked as unexplained.

You are legally required to ensure your child attends school every day or you must provide an explanation for their absence. You should let the school know in advance of any upcoming absences or let them know in the morning if your child won't be at school. In order for schools to implement the same day notification requirement, it's essential that you provide the school with your most up-to-date contact details.

Generally one notification will be sent per family. Should there be circumstances that require both parents and carers to be notified, please contact the school to make the necessary arrangements.

Please refer to the Victorian Education Department insert regarding School Attendance.

Footy Star Academy

'Footy Star Academy' run by former A.F.L. Player and Assistant Coach Ben McGlynn is continuing this term! This is a great opportunity for kids to sharpen their footy skills leading into the season. Clinics will be run at Mildura West on the oval Tuesday afternoons from 3.30pm - 4.30pm. If you would like to register your child or want to read more, please visit the link below. <https://sportstaracademy.com/footy/programs/clinic?id=12023>



School Photos – Friday 3rd March

Academy Photography will be attending Mildura West Primary School on Friday 3rd March 2023 for this year's school photographs.

The payment method this year is **ONLINE ORDERING ONLY**. Your child will have bought home their own unique personalised flyer with instructions on how to order

Sibling Photographs. You will need to collect a unique personalised 'sibling' flyer with instructions on how to order online from the school office. The coloured sheet contains an area to complete your family details and needs to be handed back to the school office. If you have any questions, please contact the Academy Photography office – phone 1800 816 224



23rd February 2023



WEST STAR



Important Dates

1st March

- Prep Community Walk

3rd March

- School Photos

10th March

- Badge Ceremony

13th March

- Labour Day Public Holiday
– No School

17th March

- Pupil Free Day

23rd March

- Prep Parent Picnic

24th March

- Ride 2 School Day

26th April

- MWPS Cross Country

Student Led School Assembly

3rd March – 2J

10th March – Badge Ceremony

24th March – 3/4K

6th April – SRC Day

Class

1B

West Star

Finn Pain

Reason

For being a risk-taker and having a Growth Mindset during reading and writing. Well done Finn!

1J

Claire Sutherland

For being an excellent communicator, sharing your ideas in all learning and being a respectful and thoughtful listener. You are a super star!

1T

Ellieahna Woodford

For being Principled and always trying her best in all learning areas. Well done Ellie!

1/2A

Molly Dowdy

For being a risk-taker and always trying her best during Writing. Well done!

2J

Isaac Nshimirimana

For having a fabulous Growth Mindset and being a risk-taker in all learning areas. A wonderful start to the year Isaac!

2K

Tamsyn Sutherland

For using her self management skills and making great choices for her learning. Amazing, Tamsyn!

2N

Jessie McKee

For practising and using her Communication Skills in a positive way. Well done, Jessie!

3/4B

Noah Hannigan

For using great Research Skills and recording his ideas about different community groups. Well done Noah!

3/4K

Saia Miki

For being a great communicator by sharing his ideas confidently and respectfully listening to his teachers and peers. Well done, Saia

3/4N

Levi Davies

For being a Principled member of the class and being a role-model to others. Amazing work Levi!

3/4R

Jane Blackie

For being a risk-taker during Writing lessons. Well done, Jane!

5/6A

Cooper Webb

For being principled and ready to learn in all learning areas. Well done Cooper!

5/6J

Khloe Partington

For demonstrating the thinking and principled learning profile attributes across all learning areas. Khloe is actively engaged, asks questions, and always completes her work to the best of her ability. Great job Khloe.

5/6M

Izabel Taylor

For her open-minded approach to learning and working with others. You have been a delight to have in the classroom!

5/6N

Riley McKerrow

For being a great communicator through writing his narrative draft.

Digital

Freya McClaer

For being a great 'communicator' and sharing her programming knowledge with her peers.

Technologies

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Music

Vivaan Kothari

For being a risk-taker and having a growth mindset in Music. Fantastic effort Vivaan!

Physical

N/A

Education

Visual Arts

Maya Geyer

For always having a growth mindset in the Art room. Nothing is ever too hard for her to try and if she gets stuck, she thinks creatively about how to get past it.

Environment

Moayad Shaaban

For demonstrating how to have a growth mindset when in the Enviro Area. Thanks for regularly helping out with a smile on your face Moayad!

RREP

Archie Wakefield

For being principled and caring in the Friendship Zone by helping others to pack up. Well done Archie!

What helps me learn – Music Unit of Inquiry

During Music lessons, students in Grades 1 and 2 have been learning about how music helps us with our learning in other areas. Here's a few quotes from our clever musicians!

How Music helps us with our learning-

Music helps us have a better memory

- Nakiya

Music can help our brains focus

- Graicii

Classical and relaxing music is especially good for our brains.

- Ashton

Music can help us improve our learning in Maths

- Tobv F

Music helps our brain get stronger

