



COVID-19 - UPDATE

Based on advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer, wearing a face mask is now mandatory indoors (not at home) unless an exception applies – this includes all schools.

All parents and visitors to the school **MUST** sign in using the QR code located on each classroom door.

Welcome back

It's great to be back at school. Lots of very happy faces on Monday. This term we have great things happening. As always, it's wonderful to have our parents come to school and pop into classrooms. Just make sure you check in with the QR code when you enter the classroom.

The Dig

At the end of last term we had our Grade 6 Expo for 'The Dig'. It was about sharing the artefacts from many years ago that we found on the dig site. We had loads of fun sharing our knowledge with our parents and the grade 2-5 students. We had been working on the site for 4 weeks, but have been working on the inquiry 'Where We Are In Place & Time' for 6 weeks. We enjoyed that we were finally able to share what we found with everyone else. Another favourite part was when we got to answer questions that the students wanted to know. We would like to thank all our parents and community members that came and celebrated our learning.

**By Christina Perry and Ellie McKiernan-Yates
Gr 6 students**



NAIDOC Day Friday July 16th



Why do we celebrate NAIDOC day?

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. NAIDOC originally stood for 'National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee'. This committee was once responsible for organising national activities during NAIDOC Week and its acronym has since become the name of the week itself. We will be celebrating NAIDOC this Friday. We are thrilled to have lots of Indigenous guests joining us and many rich learning opportunities planned.

Annual Athletics Day Friday July 23rd

9:30AM – 2:45PM

AERODROME OVALS - 460 ELEVENTH ST, MILDURA VIC 3500

The annual Mildura West Primary School Athletics Carnival will take place next Friday!

This is always a great day. It would be super if parents could pop in to cheer their kids along. All children will require the following items:

- Their own lunch if not ordering a sausage.
- A drink bottle, sunscreen and hat.
- Correct clothing (preferably in their house colours) and footwear.
- A bag to keep their belongings in.



And it would be FANTASTIC if all children could wear their House Colours.

Please see the Athletics flyer, sent home Tuesday, for all the details or contact the office for one, if you didn't receive it.

Can you Volunteer?

We would love it if you can spare a little bit of time and help out on the day, there are various roles we require assistance with. If you can help out with any of the following please contact the person below:

Running of events etc: Samuel.Brinsmead@education.vic.gov.au

Sausage Sizzle: Jason.torney@delwp.vic.gov.au

Mallee Burger Van: sandihunter@hotmail.com

Coffee Van: krissy_hederics@hotmail.com / 0490 467 428



Pupil Free Day - Monday 26th July

We will be having a Curriculum Day on Monday 26th July. Teachers will be learning lots on this day. The focus of our learning will be *Guided Inquiry*. The *Guided Inquiry* process promotes learning through student investigation. Using inquiry-based learning gives students a chance to make their learning more relevant to their lives. We believe this approach engages our children and encourages their curiosity.

Students do not come to school on this day.

Student Agency

We believe Student Agency is a very important concept and we work hard to make it part of all that we do. *Student Voice, Student Agency and Student Leadership* contributes to improved student health, wellbeing and learning outcomes.

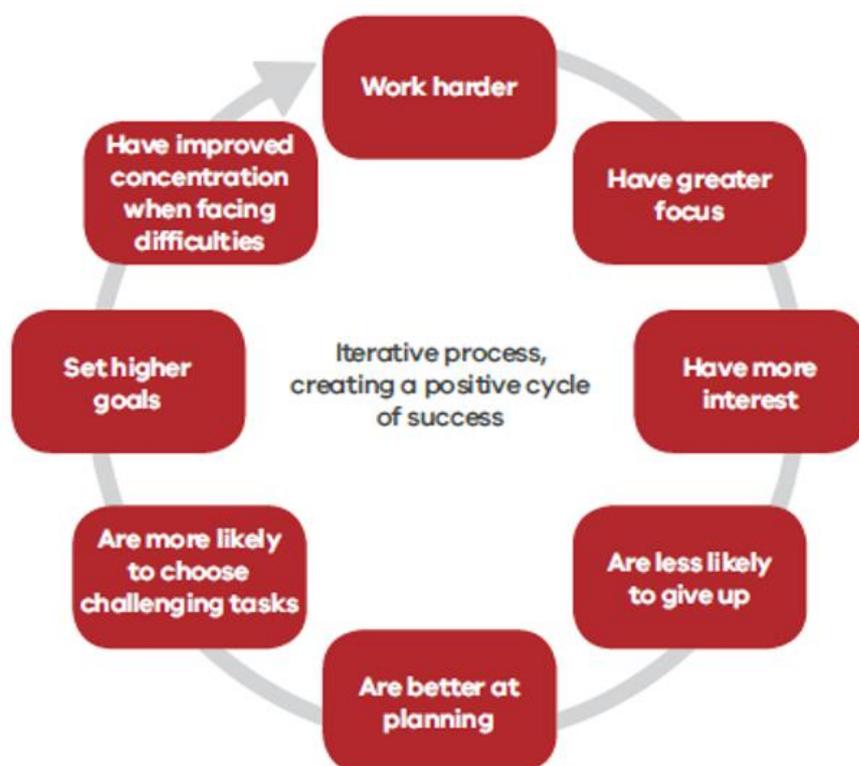
In the educational context, *Student Agency* refers to a respectful and more empowered positioning of students to be active agents in their own learning lives. *Student Agency* encompasses both the power of possibility in learning contexts intersecting with the personal desire and will to act. Young people who find their own voice in supportive school environments are more likely to develop a confident voice, a capacity to act in the world, and a willingness to lead others. By empowering students, we enhance student engagement and enrich their participation in the classroom, school and community. We help students to 'own' their learning and development, and create a positive climate for learning.

Teacher's co-design opportunities for students to exercise authentic agency in their own learning
This is evident when the teacher:

- assists students to take ownership of their learning by identifying strategies that support them to attain learning goals
- assists students to become increasingly self-directed over time, and to gain confidence in their ability to complete learning tasks
- provides opportunities for students to reflect on the effectiveness of their learning and plan for future development
- enables students to negotiate assessment methods and criteria matched to their learning goals.

When students have a strong sense of agency, starting with more commitment and a strengthened focus on their learning, a positive cycle of learning is generated. Students who are empowered to take ownership of their learning, understand and contribute to the assessment processes and monitor their own learning and improvement. As students become invested in their own learning, they gain a better understanding of what good learning is and the purpose of it. This enables them to evaluate their own work, and to more purposefully discuss progress and achievement with teachers, each of which has a significant impact on achievement. In addition, empowering students to become partners in school decision making is recognition that students are knowledgeable experts in their lives. It acknowledges they can contribute to improving their schools and communities.

Students with a strong sense of agency...



15th July 2021

Important Dates

16th July

- NAIDOC Day

23rd July

- MWPS Athletics day

26th July

- Curriculum day – Pupil free day

27th – 30th July

- Gr 1/2 Swimming

4th August

- Australian Maths Comp

5th & 6th August

- Gr 3 Camp – Swan Hill

23rd August

- School Review

23rd – 27th August

- Book Week

24th August

- The Beat

6th – 8th September

- Gr 5 Camp – Roses Gap

9th & 10th September

- School review

13th – 17th September

- Gr 6 Camp – Melbourne

WEST STAR

Class	West Star	Reason
Prep L	Lucy Mullane	For being a risk-taker in Writing. Super effort Lucy!
Prep P	Tyler York	For a super start to term 3! Well done, Tyler
Prep S	Toby Mitten	For being a great thinker and sharing his ideas. Well done!
Prep T	Madison Sutton	For being principled and always trying her best in all learning areas. Well done Madison!
1A	Billy McMaster	For taking risks when being challenged in Maths. Well done, Billy!
1N	Amelia Lanza	For taking risks and applying her knowledge in Maths. Fantastic work Amelia!
1/2R	Taylor Christian	For being a wonderful class mate and ensuring that our new student is well taken care of. Great effort Taylor!
2A	Crystal Hay	For being a risk-taker and making a big effort to improve her writing. Well done Crystal!
2K	Blake Schlein	For lots of deep thinking in his book responses every day!
3A	Harley McKerrow	For having a growth mindset in his learning
3K	Chander Fletcher	For showing excellent self-management skills during his spelling practise.
3L	Katelyn McMaster	For using Student Agency and taking responsibility for her own learning.
4T	Neiva Ings	For being a positive and confident learner at her new school
4M	Christopher Prum	For being open minded and giving new and different tasks a go. Awesome effort Christopher.
5N	Julian Butcher	For contributing fantastic thoughts during Socratic Circles
5S	Matthew Woodburn	For contributing fantastic thoughts during Socratic Circles
6M	Viktorya Tukel	For showing great initiative in her learning and being a great role model for other learners.
6N	Brooke Wells	For being principled and always trying her best.
Physical Education	Anastasia Walters	For showing great skill when completing her High Jump
Visual Arts	Zara Burns	For being a creative thinker and a great risk taker in Art
Digital Technologies	Okzana Fono & Laisa Sovau	For showing great student agency in Digital Technologies.

Prep Enrolments for 2022

Do you have a child that attends Mildura West that have a sibling Ready to start school in 2022?

Do you know of anyone else who is sending their child to school in 2022? If so, please contact our office.

It appears we will have big numbers again next year (we have 72 Prep students this year) so it's important we finalise our numbers as soon as possible. This will allow us to organise classrooms and staff.



Raising Funds for our School

Our MWPS School Council have initiated an exciting fundraising opportunity.

We would like to thank the Chalmers family, part of the MWPS community, for their generosity with this activity.

We will be offering families and friends of MWPS the opportunity to purchase boxes of *Montevecchio Moscato* 2019 (12 x 750ml bottles) at a bargain price and Chalmers will donate 2/3 of the proceeds to the school.

The Montevecchio Moscato 2019 has a normal retail price of \$24 per bottle and is consistently reviewed as one of Australia's best moscatos. It is a light, refreshing, low alcohol wine (only 5.5%) with balanced sweetness and is sustainably grown and vegan friendly. Grapes are grown at the Chalmers family vineyard in Central Victoria.

SO WHATS THE DEAL?

- You buy the wine for \$150 a dozen, which is \$12.50 per bottle, just half the normal price.
- MWPS will receive \$100 from every case of wine sold

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