

# MWPS Newsletter

27<sup>th</sup> May 2021

**7 DAY LOCKDOWN IN PLACE** as of midnight tonight. Tomorrow will be a **STUDENT FREE DAY**, as directed by the education dept **ALL** children must stay at home. The 7 day lock down is in place from 28<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021.

We've had a great Education Week, thank you to all who were able to join us this week.

Unfortunately, we will need to cancel **all** activities for Friday and also this evenings 2021 Prep information session.



## Education Week



### Student Attitude to School Survey Gr 4-6

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The Attitudes to School Survey is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience.

Students from Year 4 to 6 at our school will participate in the survey. Your child will complete the survey online during school hours using a purpose built secure online survey tool. The survey results will be reported back to the school before the end of term 2. All survey data that is made available in reports are for groups of students only so that no individual student can be identified.

If you would like more information, please

visit: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/management/improvement/Pages/performsurveyat.aspx>



## BMX Racing

When I went to Sydney, I had come for racing BMX bikes. After the racing I came from 42<sup>nd</sup> place to 13<sup>th</sup> in Australia!

On the first day, I came 5<sup>th</sup> in my first race, I almost crashed twice. In my second race I came 3<sup>rd</sup>. In my third race, I came 4<sup>th</sup> because someone ran into my back tire and I almost crashed again. Those were perfect positions to make it to the semi-final.

It was the second day and I was all warmed up for my first race. In my semi-final I was coming 4<sup>th</sup> the whole race, but someone just overtook me at the finish line. I just missed out of the final race. In my third race, the same thing happened and again I just lost. After that I was coming 11<sup>th</sup> for the day. In my last race I lost from the gate on the first corner, I was coming 5<sup>th</sup>. I tried to get a good corner but I crashed! I got straight up and finished and that was my racing in Sydney.

By Jimmy Presley-Barwick



## CHINESE LESSONS IN THE CLASSROOM!



What a great start to our Chinese lessons we have had this year! The students are on Zoom with their Chinese teacher each week in the classroom. Students have been having language lessons and learning about Chinese culture through videos and participating in fun activities. We are so lucky to be able to learn about another culture at Mildura West Primary. We are learning to speak words, phrases and sentences in Mandarin. As an IB school, the aim of learning an additional language is to improve the children's international mindedness and communication skills. Please ask your child to share a word or phrase they have learnt in their lessons.



Grade 1 students have been learning about animals.

### Cooper: 1N

What do you like learning in your Chinese lesson each week?

Chinese words. Talking about it to my Mum.

Can you tell me some words in Chinese?

Ni hōw = hello

Ci = cute

Bú Ci = Not cute

What Learner Profile attribute do you use in Chinese lessons?

Principled because I use it to stay focus and to not talk.

How does learning another language help us?

It helps me to understand what words mean and how they talk.



Grade 3A students have been learning Tai Chi with their Chinese teacher Jessica.

### Sammy: 5N

What do you like learning in your Chinese lesson each week?

I like how to pronounce words.

Can you tell me some words in Chinese?

Rushing guān = library

Shi ēr = 12

What Learner Profile attribute do you use in Chinese lessons?

I am Knowledgeable and a Thinker because you need to know what you are going to say.

How does learning another language help us?

It helps when I meet someone who speaks Chinese. I can help understand and talk to them in another language.



### Indianna: 2A

What do you like learning in your Chinese lesson each week?

I like learning Chinese because we get to learn another language so if someone from China comes to Australia I can understand them.

Can you tell me some words in Chinese?

Lān sē = blue colour

I hūan = love

What Learner Profile attribute do you use in Chinese lessons?

I am an Inquirer because I ask questions about Chinese culture and words.

How does learning another language help us?

When someone from China comes over to Australia or we go to China, we can communicate.



**Welcome back to our KESO (Koori Education Support Officer) Simone Spencer. Please read her bio below:**

My name is Simone Spencer and I am a Proud Barkindji woman with a great passion for culture, education and empowering Aboriginal young people to become the next generation of leaders. I work for the Department of Education as a Koori Engagement Support Officer supporting a number of schools in the Mildura area.



The KESO facilitates engagement in communities between school, families, students, key stakeholders and organisations to build and strengthen partnerships. The primary aim is to build cultural awareness and develop partnerships between schools, Koori student and families to enhance community engagement, learning and development.

**Friendship Zone Fun**

The students are having a blast in our friendship Zone at lunch time playing games, drawing, dressing up and much more.



**MWPS Common Assessment Tasks (CAT)**



As you know, CATs go online regularly throughout the year. These ongoing reports are a very important part of our Reporting process.

**Once a CAT is online, what is your role?**

- Please read each CAT.
- Involve your child, discuss the CAT task and the assessment. Often there will be a “Student Self-Assessment” – You can chat about this.
- Contact your child’s teacher if you have any questions of concerns.
- Provide feedback

Below is a summary of CATs that are available

Prep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PE – Balance, Jump &amp; Run – Online Now (Term 1)</li> <li>• Music- Rhythm and Beat Online – Online Now (Term 1)</li> <li>• English- Writing- Online- Online Now</li> <li>• Maths- Counting- Numbers to 20- Online Now</li> <li>• Approaches to Learning (ATLs)-Social Skills- Online May 28<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Reading- Recording of reading and Reflection- Online June 4<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>	Gr 3/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How I Learn Inquiry – Online now (Term 1)</li> <li>• Maths – Place Value – Online now (Term 1)</li> <li>• English – Persuasive Writing – Online now (Term 1)</li> <li>• Approaches to Learning (ATLs)- Social Skills – Online Now</li> <li>• Digital Technologies- Online Now</li> <li>• Maths- Multiplication Tables- Online May 28<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Reading- Close Reading- Online June 4<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>
Gr 1/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How I Learn Inquiry – Online now (Term 1)</li> <li>• Maths – Place Value – Online now (Term 1)</li> <li>• English – Descriptive Writing – Online now (Term 1)</li> <li>• English- Reading Reflection- Online Now</li> <li>• Maths- Addition &amp; Subtraction- Online Now</li> <li>• Writing- Procedure Writing- Online May 28<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Gr 1- Art- Printmaking- Online May 28<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>	Gr 5/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How I Learn Inquiry – Online now (Term 1)</li> <li>• English – Reading- Online now (Term 1)</li> <li>• Maths – Four Operations – Online now (Term 1)</li> <li>• Gr 5- Reading Comprehension- Online Now</li> <li>• Gr 6- Writing- Information Report- Online Now</li> <li>• Gr 5- Maths- Location- Online May 28<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Gr 6- Maths- Area, Perimeter &amp; Volume- Online May 28<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• PE- Soccer Unit- Online June 4<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>

**Our Three-Way Conferences – Pop this date in your diary.**

- Our **Three-Way Conferences** will take place on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.
- This is an extremely important time for our students, Teachers and Parents to come together to discuss each child’s learning.
- Please note that this is a Pupil Free Day, but children come to the school for their Conference.
- Bookings can be made via Compass next week.



**Prep Enrolments for 2022**

Do you have a child coming to 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.



27th May 2021

### Important Dates

28<sup>th</sup> May

- Pupil Free Day

28<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June

- 7 Day lockdown

4<sup>th</sup> June

- School resumes

23<sup>rd</sup> June

- 3 Way Conferences

**Pupil Free Day**

25<sup>th</sup> June

- Whole School Assembly – Run by 3K

- Last day Term 2



# WEST STAR



Class	West Star	Reason
Prep L	Marlee Davies	For being a risk-taker with her Writing. Well done Marlee.
Prep P	Kobie Carr	For being a risk-taker and trying hard during maths. Well done Kobie!
Prep S	Ryon Paul	For always trying your best in all learning areas. Well done Ryon!
Prep T	Molly Dowdy	For being principled and caring towards her classmates. Well done Molly!
1A	Ruben Kaufusi	For being a risk-taker and having a good go during Chinese. Well done!
1N	Jane Blackie	For being open-minded and accepting other ideas that may be different to her own. Great work Jane!
1/2R	Maddison Walsh	For challenging herself in all areas of learning. Well done Madi!
2A	Taliesha Wilson	For being a risk-taker and sharing her ideas in class discussions. Well done Taliesha!
2K	Lillie Suckling	For sharing her knowledge.
3A	Chelsea Taylor	For being a risk-taker and open-minded during Chinese lessons.
3K	Sienna Bates	For being a great thinker during Writing to create an amazing description.
3L	Marlie Moxham	For being reflective and looking for ways to improve.
4T	Emily Hay	For showing persistence with her tasks in all learning areas.
4M	Olivia Carter	For being principled, caring and thinking deeply about her learning
5N	Tayden Halliday	For being reflective and looking for ways to improve.
5S	Daniel Robertson	For using his knowledge and real-life experience to be successful in Maths.
6M	Austin Iredale	For having a fantastic growth mindset in all learning areas and using feedback to improve.
6N	Makayla Kiley	For using her Thinking and Research skills to help her group in Inquiry. Well done Makayla!
Physical Education	Rosie Gratton	For being a risk taker and continuing to practice her kicking in soccer.
Visual Arts	Rasin Paul	For being a creative thinker when using light to create in Art. Fantastic work Rasin!
Digital Technologies	Olive Rosendahl & Sienna Bates	For being great 'communicators' and creative 'thinkers' when making a stop-motion animation in Digital Technologies.
Science	Patrick Mitten	For being a creative 'Thinker' when creating a toy out of Lego.
Principal	Olive Rosendahl	For her passionate writing about herself

## The Dig – Grade 6 Unit of Inquiry

We have now finished our final layer out on the dig site. In this layer we went back in time 3 million years ago. We found fossils of animals called 'Megafauna', these ginormous creatures are now extinct, but where huge versions of many animals we now have today. Our timeline shows that the Aboriginals and the megafauna lived alongside each other for a few thousand years.



"In SU 4 we found a giant kangaroo leg bone, also called the Procoptodon. It lived around 60,000 years ago, mainly found in New South Wales and South Australia"

- **Brissa**



"We found a giant kangaroo hand, this animal was called the Procoptodon. It would use its claws to try and grab leaves up high in trees. This is what it liked to eat as it was a vegetarian."

- **Eddie**



"This artefact is a Zygomaturus Trilobus tooth, in simple terms it is a type of giant wombat. It lived in the wetter areas of Australia and fed on clumps of reeds from wetlands or lakes."

- **Ella**



"This is a Thylacoleo hand, also known as a giant lion. This creature could climb trees with its sharp claws. It liked to eat meat and was a very dangerous predator"

- **Aqil**