NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL - Robyn Brooks

Prep Enrolments 2015
We are now accepting enrolments for children who will be commencing school as Prep students in 2015. We invite all prospective parents to contact the school for a personalised tour of our wonderful school or call in to the front office to collect an enrolment form. We would like all 2015 Prep enrolments into the office by Friday 15th August.

Student Achievement
Reports were distributed in the last week of Term 2. We hope you found the report package valuable. The report included:
- The ‘dot’ page which shows where your child is in relation to the National standards
- A reflection from the teacher and your child on their learning
- Comments about programs that have been covered this semester
- Samples of Reading, Writing and Maths

We would appreciate your feedback on the opportunities that we have provided for you to gain an insight into your child’s learning. A ‘Survey Monkey’ has been set up to collate this feedback. Click on the following link and complete the survey as we would really appreciate your feedback.
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MGHJ7ND
Surveys are to be completed by Friday 1st August.

School Pie Drive
Help raise money for our school by selling pies from MINTERS bakery. Collect orders from family and friends, if you need an extra order form please ask at the office. Money and orders need to be returned to school by Tuesday 29th July. The pies will be delivered to the school on Thursday 7th August. HAPPY SELLING!
If anyone is available on either the 29th July or the 7th August to help with orders please call Toni Bottams on 0427246441

Athletic Sports
Our Athletics Sports are fast approaching, they will be held on Wednesday 6th August. All students have been practising the various events during P.E. classes this week. As we will be practising these sports over the next couple of weeks, it would helpful if the children could wear suitable clothing and footwear every day. We would love to see as many parents as possible supporting their children on the day.

Special Religious Instruction (SRI)
The requirements of schools and Special Religious Instruction (SRI) instructors have changed under a new Ministerial Directive that took effect on Monday 14th July. All students participating in SRI need to have a signed consent form from parents. All students who have been going to RI classes this year, received these permission forms on Monday. The permission forms were accompanied by more information on the SRI changes. Please return these forms as soon as possible.

RI Excursion
All students who participate in RI have been invited to take part in an excursion to the Red Cliffs Catholic Church on Monday 18th August. Permission notes were sent home with those children on Monday and need to be returned as soon as possible.

State Cross Country
Last week Sam Hayes competed in the State Cross Country Championships in Melbourne. After a nervous start he finished a very commendable 69th in fairly chilly conditions. Excellent effort Sam!

Fees
School fees are now overdue. Prompt payment of any outstanding amounts would be greatly appreciated. Eftpos facilities are available at the Office for any payments. Alternatively you can directly deposit into the school bank account. Bank account details are BSB: 063520, Account number 10104523 and use your child’s name as a reference.

Parent Opinion Survey
Each year the school conducts an opinion survey of 15% of the school community. Parents are randomly selected to participate and we use the information to support future school planning and improvement. Surveys went home today to those families and need to be returned by Friday 1st August.

Walk To School, Breakfast and Farmers’ Market
On Wednesday 13th August we will be having a ‘Walk to School’ day, breakfast, healthy lunch and Farmers’ Market.
The Grade 4, 5 and 6 students have started this term by learning how to sew! We are trying to reignite the passion for hand sewing and embroidery! This week the students were taught how to thread a needle and secure their thread. They also learnt how to do the following stitches: running stitch, back stitch and cross stitch. Over the next three weeks the students will learn more stitches and how to

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We are encouraging all students to have a healthy lunch that includes NO processed foods. Keep the lunch box simple, a sandwich, wrap or salad. Lunch orders will not be available on this day. From 2:45pm we will be holding our Farmer’s Market. Our focus vegetable is BROCCOLI. Remember to come along and buy fresh produce grown by local suppliers!

FARMERS’ MARKET
Our Next ISPS Farmers’ Market will be held on Wednesday 13th August from 2:45pm till 4pm. The feature vegetable this time will be ‘Broccoli’. If you have a favourite way of cooking it or a simple recipe that uses broccoli we’d love to hear about it. Any donated produce for the Market Day will gladly be taken. These products can be left in the Staff Room on the morning of the market.

If you have any questions about the market you can contact Tammy at school on Tuesdays or Wednesdays or by email warn.tammy.l@edumail.vic.gov.au.

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AUSTRALIAN HISTORY

This week 5/6S has been learning about the development of Australia as a colony. We have spent time researching and writing about the first fleet, the impact of European settlement and the difference in language between the 1790s and 2014.

There were 11 ships in the first fleet. Jack
Fleet means a group of ships. Paddy
I learnt that Fishburn, Borrowdale and the Golden Grove were all supply ships. Harrison
There were 23 convicts that died in the First Fleet. Casey
The leader of the First Fleet was Captain Arthur Phillip. Bailey
The biggest ship in the First Fleet was the 'Alexander' being 34 metres long. Eilish
I have learnt that the First Fleet ships were no bigger than a Manly Ferry. Shari
I also learnt how to do a bibliography and a glossary whilst I was doing my information report. Breanna
I have learnt is how to write a glossary and a bibliography. Renee
The Aboriginals believed in Dream time about spiritual beliefs. Jordan
I learnt that the first fleet were at sea for 252 days. Levi
I also learnt that the Aboriginals taught the dolphins to round up schools of fish then the aborigines would spear the fish and sometimes give them the fish for a reward. Billy
Aboriginals lived in Australia for about 75,000 years before the Europeans came. Julian
I have learnt that they arrived at Botany Bay before Sydney Cove. Gasper
I have learned that the first fleet stopped at Botany Bay but the conditions there were not good enough so the moved on to Sydney Cove. Sharni
I have learnt that the Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders had more than 1 language that they spoke before European settlement. Gemma
I learnt what year they left for the trip it was 1787. Shakaiah
I have learnt that the Australian accent comes from the south of England (cockney). Milla
Cockney slang would always rhyme, for example, butcher’s hook means look. Anthony
I have learnt that the language in the 1790’s is very different to the modern day language (2014). Jessica
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### UNDERSTANDING AUTISM

**TUESDAY 19 AUGUST 2014 10AM - 2:30PM**

**MADEC COMMUNITY COLLEGE 133-137 MADDEN AVENUE MILDURA**

*The Understanding Autism Workshop will give you a fresh perspective on what it means to be autistic.*

*It is understanding that bridges the gap between the autistic and neurotypical worlds and it is only through understanding that we can achieve true and harmonious integration.*

Malcolm Mayfield was diagnosed with Asperger Syndrome in 2006. He is a certified practitioner of Neuro Linguistic Programming, an experienced presenter and trainer, and co-author of the AAFC book *The Hidden Curriculum of Getting and Keeping a Job: Navigating the Social Landscape of Employment.*

**$25** - Parents, Carers, and Individuals on the Spectrum

**$65** - Support workers

**$110** - Professionals, Schools and Government

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Term 3 Aussie Hoops Basketball Program at the Toyota Hothouse

Open to Boys & Girls Aged 5 – 7.

Commences Friday August 1st at 4.15pm

For more details please call the MBA on 5023 2241

Mildura Junior Heat Tryouts

Will commence from Saturday August 23rd at The Toyota Hothouse for the 2014/15 representative season.

Age groups Under 12 to Under 18 Boys & Girls

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**JULY**

*Happy Birthday*

Lily Droffelaar (21st)

Tessa Melton (25th)

Lily Neagle (27th)

Rydge Herbert (27th)