



THE WEEKLY NEWS

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What	When
Whole school incursion	Wednesday 22nd July
Student led conferences—Pupil free day	Monday 27th July
Gr 5 and 6 Lightning Prems	Wednesday 29th July
Prep 100 days of school celebration	Friday 31st July
School Athletics	Thursday 13th August
The BEAT—Grade 6	Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th August
Mini Olympics	Thursday 27th August
Book week parade and activities	Friday 28th August

“Every Day Counts”

If your child is absent from school we must have a note, phone call or you can also enter the reason directly onto COMPASS to explain the absence. This is required by the Department for our records.

Contact School Council: rceps.schoolcouncil@gmail.com

Assembly this week will be run by Grade 2/3—2.45pm Friday

Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences

Student/Parent/Teacher meetings will be conducted from 8.30am to 3.30pm on Monday **27th July**. Therefore, this day will be a **pupil free day except for the time that they will need to be at school for their conference with their teacher and parent.**

You will need to book your conference time on COMPASS. You can book your time from today. Any issues please contact the office.

Out of School Hours program will be available for the day, starting at 8.30am concluding at 2.30pm. If you would like your child enrolled for the day, please contact the office. The cost will be \$60 per child for the day (Childcare subsidy rebate will apply for those who are eligible).

You can pick up your child from After School Care to attend their meeting, and then return your child at the completion of your meeting.

There is one change that will effect the Prep class/students. Due to unforeseen circumstances, Mrs Richardson will not be available for the meetings but Mrs Smythe will still be available. They were planning on conducting the meeting together. These meeting times will be held on Monday 27th July from 8.30am to 1.15pm. If these times do not suit, please contact the school so that alternative arrangements can be made.

Industrial Action—Strike—Thursday 23rd July

The Australian Education Union has called it's members to take strike action on Thursday 23rd July. Based on the information provided to me, 4 of our classroom teachers will be taking part in the strike action. As a consequence, students in the following classes are not required to attend school:

Grade 1/2, Grade 2/3, Grade 4/5 and Grade 6.

Prep and Grade 3/4 will run as usual.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

If any circumstances change before next Thursday I will let our community know as soon as we know.

Birthdays: Miles Hurford, Logan Pittaway, Heath Hermansson.



MND—Ice Bucket Challenge

On the last day of Term 2, the Students Wellbeing Team ran a fund raising day for the MND Foundation. The ice bucket challenge required 6 people (2 students and 4 staff) to have a freezing yet refreshing shower, all in front of an encouraging audience.

Well done to everyone who contributed to the fund raising. **We raised a total of \$450**, which is such a fantastic result.

Congratulations to the students in the Wellbeing Team for having the idea and also collecting donations and running the raffle. You all did a wonderful job. Also thank you to all the staff and students who volunteered to run the risk of having their name drawn out of the hat to enjoy the chilly bath.



What is Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness and Emotional Literacy? Why these?

Gratitude involves recognising and expressing appreciation for the things in our lives.

Empathy involves understanding others' feelings and perspectives and is often practised through kindness, compassion and curiosity.

Mindfulness is about an awareness of life as we are living it. It allows you to respond to your situation, rather than simply react to it.

Emotional Literacy is learning to identify, understand and communicate our emotions, as well as developing strategies for managing them, including emotional regulation skills.

There is a wealth of supporting academic research on the benefits of these strategies. More information can be found on the [References & Reading](#) section of our website.

Grade 5 And 6 Interschool Hockey

At the end of last term 3 of our students joined forces with students from Cardross PS to form a team in the Sunraysia schools hockey finals. Boy did they do a great job! They played against schools much bigger than ours, and came away with 3 wins from 5 games.

Sefton, Xavier and Emily did a wonderful job joining with the students from Cardross, and they played so well together as a team.

They should be very proud of their achievements and the way they performed on the day.



Out Of School Hours Care

Welcome back! We hope all of our families had a wonderful, relaxing holiday break and are feeling refreshed for another exciting term at After School Care.

A big thank you to all of our families who have promptly settled their accounts from last term. Your support is greatly appreciated and helps our service continue to run smoothly. If you haven't settled your account yet, we ask you kindly to do this asap.

We've made the most of the beautiful afternoons by spending plenty of time outdoors. The children have been dividing their playtime between the basketball court and the playground, enjoying a range of games, sports, and free play with their friends. As the afternoons become cooler, we transition indoors later in the session where children can enjoy quieter activities in a warm and comfortable environment. Our 3D whale shark project is still underway, with children continuing to put the finishing touches on their creations. We are thrilled with the whale sharks that have already been completed and can't wait to see the rest finished over the coming weeks. The children's creativity and effort have certainly shone through! As the weather continues to cool, this is a friendly reminder to please ensure your child brings a jumper each afternoon so they can stay warm and comfortable while enjoying our outdoor activities.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT AFTER SCHOOL CARE WILL NOT BE OPERATING ON 31ST JULY AND 3RD AUGUST. WE APOLOGISE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE.



Book Club

All Book Club orders are to be in by **Tuesday 21st July**.

2027 Prep Enrolments

Parents, feel free to phone the school for a tour and a chat. Also, if you are planning to enrol your child into Prep for 2027, enrolment forms are available from the office.

We need all enrolment forms in as soon as possible.



Immune Deficiencies Foundation Australia proudly presents

2026 CIRCUS QUIRKUS

Circus Quirkus is a one-hour, animal-free, contemporary take on your favourite, traditional circuses of ages past, with an eclectic and entertaining mix of Circus acts from all over the world.

Enjoy a relaxed theatre experience with a casual attitude toward audience noise and movement in an accessible, inclusive environment where everyone is welcome and free to be themselves without restriction or judgement.

One hour show. Suitable for all ages and accessible for people...

- with diverse abilities and backgrounds (wheelchair accessible)
- who might require a more flexible and inclusive environment when attending the theatre (sensory and neurodiverse friendly).
- who are facing hardship.
- who are without access or opportunity to attend live theatre.

*Featuring moving and flashing lights, and upbeat, sometimes dramatic music.

ALL TICKETS ARE COMPLIMENTARY, including parent, sibling and carer tickets. Thanks to sponsorship from local businesses.

*Bookings from schools, organisations, carers and families are all welcome.



Scan the QR Code to visit the shows website and watch highlights from previous shows...



MILDURA ARTS CENTRE

199 Cureton Ave, Mildura, VIC

SHOW DATE	SHOWTIME
TUESDAY, 11 TH AUGUST 2026	6.00 PM to 7.00 PM

To book your complimentary tickets, please email your name and the number of tickets required to...

meredithnewman@showintent.com.au

or call / text 0404-367-782



@ RED CLIFFS LAWN TENNIS CLUB

COMMUNITY COACHING

TERM 3 - 2026

4 & 5 years	>	MON	3:30pm – 4:00pm	- \$7 p/session
5-12 years	>	MON	4:00pm – 4:45pm	- \$10 p/session
5+ years	>	TUE	4:00pm – 4:45pm	- \$10 p/session



Includes a **FREE Hot Shots T-Shirt!**

Racquets available. Learn the fundamentals of tennis in a safe, fun, and social environment!

To enrol or for more information

Lisa Hill – Community Play Coach/Coordinator
M 0400 726 824 • E lisa.joy.hill70@gmail.com



AN ACE CLUB, HARD TO FAULT AND EASY TO LOVE.

Northern Mallee

Local Drug Action Team

Belonging as Prevention
Red Cliffs Middle Years

FUN AND FREE 3X3 BASKETBALL

TRAINING AND GAMES SESSIONS

For 8-14 Year olds living in Red Cliffs

Wednesdays 4 - 6pm

Running over 6 Weeks

22nd July to 26th August

Red Cliffs Secondary College
Activity Centre

- Supervised and supported
- Safe and inclusive sessions



Contact Information Mel Tucker
0428 554 605 or mtucker@schs.com

REGISTER NOW



This project is supported by the Alcohol and Drug Foundation and funded by the Australian Government.

GOOD CLEAN FUN

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RED CLIFFS EAST PS AUSKICK

SCHOOL OVAL
TUESDAYS - 3:30PM
4 WEEKS
STARTS AUGUST 11