



THE WEEKLY NEWS

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What	When
Prep 100 days of school celebration	Friday 31st July— TOMORROW
School Council meeting	Tuesday 11th August—7.30am
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
Father's Day stall	Friday 4th September
Prep and Gr 1/2 swimming week	Monday 7th to Friday 11th September

"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 1/2—2.45pm Friday

Prep 100 days Celebration—Friday 31st July—**TOMORROW**

Friday the 31st of July (Term 3, Week 3), will mark a huge milestone for our Prep students – 100 Days of School! To celebrate, we're inviting the whole school (Prep – Grade 6) to join in the fun by dressing up as 100 days old!

Participation is entirely optional, and there is no need to buy anything new. We encourage you to get creative with items you already have at home.

Costume Inspiration:

- **Grandmas:** Glasses, pearls, a floral dress, a cardigan or shawl, hair in rollers, or a scarf.
- **Grandpas:** Suspenders, a bow tie, a flat cap, a cardigan sweater, or combed-over hair.

Accessories: A "walking cane" (perhaps a decorated broomstick or gift-wrapping tube), clip-on ties, or oversized costume glasses.

Let's all come along and celebrate an important milestone for our Prep students.

Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences

A very big thankyou to all the parents and students who came along to the conferences on Monday. It was an opportunity for the students to share some of their learning and for the parents, students and teachers to have a chance to connect about how school is going.

The feedback from the teachers was overwhelmingly positive. They really appreciated the parent's positive attitudes and also the fantastic way the students conducted themselves during the conference.

Thank you all for prioritising this time to spend celebrating your child's accomplishments.

Birthdays:

No birthdays this week



Lightning Prems

Yesterday students from Grades 5 and 6 competed in the annual Lightning Prems at Quandong Park. They competed in either football, soccer or netball (hockey was held separately last term). Our students combined with students from Cardross PS and Koorlong PS to form the teams. They competed against schools from St Mary's Robinvale, St Josephs Red Cliffs, Robinvale College, Red Cliffs PS, Tempy/Underbool/Murrayville, Nangiloc/Colignan PS and Mildura Christian College. It was a great day with some really good results for all the teams:

Soccer A: Won 3, Lost 0

Soccer B: Won 1, Lost 3

Football Red: Won 1, Lost 4

Football Blue: Won 2, Lost 3

Netball A: Won 0, Lost 3

Netball B: Won 1, Lost 1

Netball C: Won 1, Lost 2



Soccer



Football



Netball

The Beat – Lights! Camera! Action!

The Beat Sunraysia State School Showcase is an annual event celebrating the enormous talent of local students in Victorian Government schools, bringing together 15 Sunraysia primary and secondary schools.

The Beat will return to Mildura Arts Centre this August, with this year's theme 'Lights! Camera! Action!'

This year's event is being supported by Mildura Rural City Council Amplify Program - part of the Victorian State Government funded Amplify initiative - which provides young people with an opportunity to lead the planning and staging of live music and cultural events in our community.

Our Grade 6 students will be performing again this year. They will be performing on Tuesday evening, Matinee on Wednesday and again on Wednesday evening. Parents of the Grade 6 students looking to attend any of these performances will need to purchase tickets from the Art Centre.

We will be taking all the students from school to watch the performances on Wednesday (matinee) 26th August.

Performances

7pm on Tuesday 25th August 2026

11am and 7pm on Wednesday 26th August 2026

For more information and to purchase tickets contact Mildura Arts Centre on 03 5018 8330 or visit www.milduraartscentre.com.au



Squishies And Other Toys

We are seeing a sharp increase in the number of toys being brought to school and into classrooms. We feel it is time to provide some clarification around the difference between a favourite toy and a *necessary fidget tool or soft item* (suggested by an **Allied Health professional and documented in a report to the school**).

For students with diagnosed sensory processing and anxiety disorders, fidget tools have been proven to provide sensory support, help improve concentration and help to reduce anxiety when used appropriately.

Fidget tools come in various shapes, sizes, and textures and are designed to promote movement while encouraging **active learning** and **listening**.

They should be small enough to fit inside a child's hand and be able to be used without causing distractions to themselves and others in the classroom. Some examples of fidget tools are soft stress balls and usually recommended by an Occupational Therapist, Paediatrician, or Allied Health professional.

If an Allied Health professional who works with your child believes your child requires a fidget tool to improve their focus in the classroom or to reduce their anxiety, we are happy to accommodate this, so please contact your child's teacher to pass on the Allied Health workers recommendation. Students bringing toys to the classroom who do not require them (Allied Health recommendation) will be asked to place them in their bags. Students with permission to use fidgets as tools may also be asked to put them away for a period if they become a distraction to their learning and listening. Many of the spinning items or Rubik's cubes are more of a distraction than a support and should be kept at home. They do not generally allow for **active learning** and **listening** as they are such a distraction to the person using them, and to the students around them.



Out Of School Hours Care

It has been another wonderful week at After School Care, filled with lots of smiles, laughter, and happy children! Our weekly treasure hunts continue to be a huge success, with everyone eagerly joining in the fun. To make sure every child has the opportunity to participate, we will now be running **one treasure hunt each week on a different day**, giving all children a chance to experience the excitement regardless of which days they attend. As the afternoons become cooler, we have started transitioning to more indoor activities from around **5:00 pm**. Children have been enjoying a variety of games, creative activities, and time with friends in the warmth, while still making the most of outdoor play earlier in the afternoon whenever the weather allows.

This week, the children also enjoyed creating their very own **special keepsake treasure boxes**. They had the opportunity to paint, colour, and decorate their boxes with colourful gems, resulting in unique creations they can treasure and take home. It was wonderful to see their creativity shine and the pride they took in designing their own special keepsakes. Our **3D Whale Shark Project** is also nearing completion, with almost all of the children putting the finishing touches on their incredible creations. This has been a fantastic project from start to finish, allowing children to express their creativity while learning new techniques. They have loved seeing their hard work come together and the finished whale sharks truly are creative masterpieces that everyone should be very proud of. week of adventures, creativity and making great memories together!

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

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.



Have a chat with
the people at
home!!



What is **the best thing** that happened
this week/over the weekend?



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
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NOW**

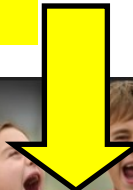


**HANDS UP
MALLEE**



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

Change of date



GOOD CLEAN FUN

PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK

RED CLIFFS EAST PS AUSKICK

SCHOOL OVAL
TUESDAYS - 3:30PM

4 WEEKS
STARTS AUGUST 25

