Cardross Primary School Newsletter

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5th November 2025

From the Principal's desk
It has been a massive two weeks at our school. Last week we celebrated World Teacher's Day with a special morning tea, and Friday was our centenary. Our school leaders gave tours to visitors throughout the school day, and the feedback was incredibly positive. Our leaders learnt a little about the past of our school as well!

If you didn't get a chance to on Friday, please pop into the office and sign our centenary book.

Policies
A reminder that all of our policies are available on our website, or hard copies are available from the office upon request. We welcome and encourage your feedback. If you have any questions or suggestions in relation to our policies, please reach out to Tegan.

Social media changes
In the lead up to the government social media bans, there are parent webinars information sessions. Please see this website for the webinar dates:
https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars

Centenary Celebration
A couple of thank yous for the help we received for our centenary. Firstly, thank you to Mrs Thornton, Di Fleet, Janet Credlin and Phil Kettle who assisted me on the centenary committee the past 8 months. Thank you to Bob and Helen Walton for bringing in some artifacts for display over the celebrations, and for running the sports carnival on Friday for our students. A thank you to all the staff who volunteered their time last week to set up displays and assisted on the evening. It was a fantastic turn out!

Miss Dinnage will be taking the next two weeks off to celebrate her wedding. We wish Miss Dinnage and her finance Jordan Stewart the very best as they celebrate this very special occasion.

Upcoming Dates:

November

10th	Red Cliffs Secondary transition begins
11th	Ms Bell attending a Principal forum
19th	Kinder/prep transition begins
26th	School Council 6pm

December

4th	Whole school excursion
5th	Last day for shop lunches for the year
9th	Statewide orientation day
11th	Grade 6 Graduation dinner
15th	Student free day
16th	Presentation night
18th	Pool Fun Day and BBQ lunch
19th	Thank you breakfast
	Last Day Term 4 (early dismissal 1:15pm)

5 November to 4 December

Eddie Madden, Poppy Gillies, Aria Gillies, Lexi Burns, Lexus Rohde, Benjamon Balog, Christian Berrett, Reece Barone

ROLL OF HONOUR

Aria Gathercole	For looking after our school and clearing the yard without being asked	Maisie Calder, Ethan Frasca, Ella Rohde	For being resilient during Big Write and not giving up when challenged in their learning
Shay Grennan, Otto Hamence, Hamish Balog, Sage Kennedy	For their efforts to remember and highlight their boundary punctuation and commos in Big Write	Christian Berrett, Violet Madden, Lenni Vermeulen	For working hard to grow their grit
Eddie Madden	For reading every single day of Term 4 and consistently showing his reader	Tyson Brereton, Ricardo L, Eddie Madden, Sophie Sitters, Monty Clarke	For putting in a fantastic effort helping Mrs Thornton get ready for our Centenary Celebrations
Mateo L, Lenny Clarke, Lincoln Witte	For grit towards high-level punctuation in their writing	Jesse Douglass	For trying his best to sound out tricky words during Speedy Six and Big Write
Dainah Bailey, Ezel San	For pushing themselves to achieve high quality writing in their recounts	Ari Lockerbie	For using ‘I like how’ sentence stared to beautifully describe his partners reading
Alecia Reynolds	For being kind and welcoming to visiting teachers		

Cardross Learner Dispositions:

Character, citizenship, collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking

PREP-TWO EXCURSION

We had a fantastic time visiting Benetook Farm and the Cinema with the Grade Ones and Twos. Finishing the day off with a disco and pizza at school was so much fun!

"The jumping pillow was so much fun!
-Ella Rohde.

"My favourite part was eating pizza!"
-Liam Bryce

"I liked jumping on the bouncy thing (jumping pillow)"
-Matilda Calder

"I liked eating popcorn!"
-Ethan Frasca

CARDROSS COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PICNIC

3 PM - 7 PM

SUNDAY
07 DEC 2025

Cardross Community Sporting Complex
Dairtnunk Avenue

Food Provided

Cardross Community

Games & Fun

Have you thought about becoming a Foster Carer?

Join MASP, with a proud history of supporting children and families, and become a foster carer today! We offer training and 24/7 support to help you create a safe and nurturing home for children in need. Contact us to learn more about making a difference to our community.

Find out more!

Sunraysia Line Dancing
Move it Mini's

Term 4 2025

FREE Dance Classes

This Term with Move It Minis!
Do you have a child aged 7-15 looking for something fun and exciting to do?
Move It Minis is offering a full term of FREE "come and try" dance classes!
Your child will:
Enjoy a fun, no-pressure environment
Make new friends
Build confidence, coordination, and balance
Discover the joy of dance!
Don't miss out — spots are limited!
Join Move It Minis this term and let your child dance, move, and shine!

Where: Upstairs Sierra Room Mildura Workers
When: Saturday
Stompers 10.30 - 11.15 (7 -8)
Applejacks 10.50 - 11.35 (9 -15)
For more information
Message our Facebook page
Move it Sunraysia Line Dance Co.
Message/ call Ph: 0448 341 419

SKILLS TRAINING FOR MILDURA MOTORCYCLISTS

ROADCRAFT FORUM Thursday 27 November 6pm - 9pm
SMECC -107 Twelfth Street, Mildura (near library)
FREE safety and skills forum with presentations by Victoria Police and Rural Ambulance Victoria and DEECA and more

*.Suitable for both **road and dirt bike** riders of all ages and all skills. Interactive workshop. Light refreshments provided.**Skill level:** ALL BIKES ALL skill levels

RoadSafe Mildura
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COMMUNITY ROAD SAFETY GRANTS

PRIMARY

For parents and carers

Support to keep your children safe online

This guide provides tips and resources for parents, carers and families to support children to be safe when using social media.

Primary school aged children and social media

Parents and carers play a key role in guiding their children as they navigate the online world and begin to learn through exploration, play and social interaction.

Parents and carers can prepare their primary school aged child to be safe on social media even if they don't use it yet. You can do this by building good online habits and staying informed about online safety.

You can learn more how to help your child begin their online journey on the eSafety Commissioner's website.

You can also learn about the range of social media, games, apps and sites in the eSafety Guide, including what all the apps are, their minimum age requirements, how to protect personal information and how to report content within the apps themselves.

Supporting positive and safe online experiences for your child

There are a range of resources available to support you to support your child to have a safe experience online.

→ The eSafety Commissioner's website provides:
- eSafety parents page including: information on how to have hard conversations about tricky topics like cyberbullying or seeing pornography.
- webinars to give parents/carers the knowledge, skills and tools to support safe online experiences including supporting primary schools children to understand consent and online boundaries and how to support your child with online gaming.
- family friendly videos and advice sheets in multiple languages to support your family stay safe online, getting started with social media, safer online gaming and getting help when your child is bullied online.
- eSafetykids page with child friendly information you can share with your child including what to do when someone is being mean online, being safe online, sharing photos and personal information online.

- Bully Stoppers provides dedicated resources on cybersafety and cyberbullying for primary aged students and a dedicated resource page for parents. You can also access cyberbullying advice sheets for concerned adults through Bully Stoppers.
- Alannah and Madeline Foundation provides DigiTalk, an online safety hub for parents. It includes resources on topics such as becoming a screen smart family, navigating online bullying, and choosing, protecting and engaging with games for children.
- Raising Children Network provides resources for parents of primary school children on topics like healthy screen time, digital family life, digital play and learning and online safety.

Signs a child or young person might need support

A child's online activity might have a negative impact on them if they don't also have a healthy balance of offline activities. Sometimes, your child might show signs that they are having negative online experiences or that they are being bullied.

Your child may not tell you if an online 'friendship' or situation has become compromising or difficult. They may feel embarrassed or ashamed, or afraid it might make things worse.

Be alert to changes in your child's behaviour or mood. Watch for signs of withdrawal, anxiety, sadness or changed interactions with family or friends.

Signs can include:

- less interest in social activities like meeting friends or playing sport
- not doing so well at school
- tiredness, sleep disturbance, headaches, eye strain
- changes in eating patterns
- reduced personal hygiene
- obsession with particular websites or games
- extreme anger when being asked to take a break from online activity
- appearing anxious or irritable when away from the computer
- becoming withdrawn from friends and family

You can learn more about warning signs of bullying on Bully Stoppers and warning signs of grooming on the eSafety Commissioner's website.

What to do if your child experiences something unsafe online

There are many ways that parents can raise a concern or get help if there is an incident.

- You can talk to your child's school about any concerns you might have or if something has happened. Schools have policies and processes that can help. They can also work with you to make sure that your child gets extra support if they need it. Contact your child's teacher or the school's wellbeing team to start. Read more about talking to your school on Bully Stoppers.
- If your child has been involved in an online incident it is important that you work together with your school to provide your child with the support they need. Learn how to help your child after an online incident on the eSafety Commissioner's website.
- You can contact the eSafety commissioner for advice and to report abuse. The eSafety reporting system helps parents of children who experience serious cyberbullying and imagebased abuse by working with platforms to have the content removed.
- If someone is contacting your child and this contact is unwanted or makes them feel uncomfortable, there are things you can do to help. Read more about child grooming and unwanted contact and what to do on the eSafety Commissioner's website.
- The Alannah and Madeline Foundation provides advice on what to do in instances of image-based abuse online and through Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Where to reach out to for more support for your child

- Contact 000 for urgent assistance
- Talk to your child's school
- Contact the eSafety Commissioner for advice or to report online abuse
- Visit your local GP if you want to talk about mental health support
- Kids Helpline: 1800 551 800 kidshelpline.com.au
- Parentline provides a confidential telephone counselling for parents and those who care for children. This including advice on internet use, and online bullying and safety.
- Lifeline: 13 11 14 lifeline.org.au
- Beyond Blue: 1300 224 636 beyondblue.org.au

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Top 5 online safety tips for kids

1

Set up your device to protect your information.

2

Explore safely and tell an adult if you see anything online that makes you feel yuck.

3

Limit who can contact you when you're playing games.

4

Stop all contact with anyone online who asks you to do anything you don't want to do. Report and block them.

5

Ask for help if anything online is bothering you.

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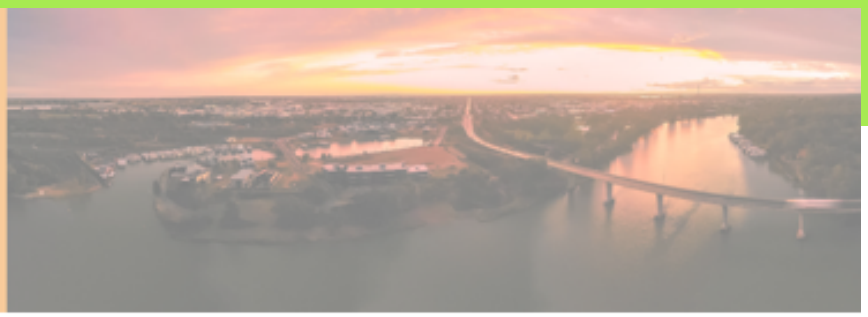

October 2025

An open letter to all parents and guardians of Cardross Primary School

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter is to inform you about the Mildura Schools Lands Trust (often referred to as College Lease) and how it works for our school and our children.

- Each year our school receives money from this trust.
- Last year (*2024*) we received $20,064.47 and our school council used this money to update the softfall in the playground and sandpit.

The money we receive from this trust is additional to the funding we receive from the government and voluntary contributions from families. Every Victorian primary and secondary school in Sunraysia and therefore, every student, benefits from the money raised by this trust. The amount of money that each school receives is allocated evenly, based on the number of students who attend each school.

Information & History

Our trust was formed in 1916 and it is the most unique, community education trust in Australia. Mildura Schools Lands is a trust that owns 183 parcels of land spread throughout the city of Mildura and the original irrigation district. Each land title is leased for 50 years. Leases can be bought and sold and developed by the lessee, with approval from council. Commercial rental from each lease raises the money for schools. The Chaffey brothers first allocated these lands and it was then legislated for in 1916.

The Mildura Schools Lands-Beneficiaries Committee works to protect and improve the trust. This committee works with the trust's manager (State Trustees), the community and the Department of Education to ensure the security of the trust for the benefit of all Sunraysia students.

If you would like further information, please contact the school.

Kind Regards

Tegan Bell

Principal

Stepping Stones
Children's Services

If you are interested in enrolling your children to our After school care service please contact the school for more information or contact the service directly (Dilara & Hailey) on 0499 246 226.
After school care operates Mon-Fri from 3:00-6:00pm.

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