



MEDIA RELEASE

A Touch Of Lion's Magic

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The Mildura Region School Breakfast Partnership are delighted to be one of the benefactors of the funds raised from the Lions Club of Mildura "World Festival of Magic Show" held in December last year. Cheques were presented to three local charities, Mildura Region School Breakfast Partnership, Sunraysia Residential Services and Wings for Kids on Tuesday afternoon.

The Mildura Region School Breakfast Partnership received \$3,733, which will ensure another successful year of supporting local schools to run breakfast programs. Just \$1 per day is all that is needed to serve a child a healthy breakfast through the Partnership.

There are currently 14 schools involved in the Breakfast Partnership, serving over 1,000 breakfasts per week. Principals, Breakfast Program Coordinators, teachers and parents report that having a breakfast program in their school increases school community awareness of the importance of healthy eating.

Breakfast programs at Mildura Region School Breakfast Partnership schools are open to all students, not just those in financial difficulty. Rachael Longeri, Health Promotion Officer with Healthy Together Mildura and Breakfast Partnership Facilitator says, "It's important that breakfast programs are not stigmatised, but instead are a safe place for social interaction as well as healthy food for everyone."

The Mildura Region School Breakfast Partnership does not receive any government funding, and relies on donations from local businesses and service clubs such as the Lions Club of Mildura.

"This generous donation from the Mildura Lions Club means we can continue to expand the Breakfast Partnership to include more schools and fulfill our vision of ensuring that every child in our region has a nutritious start to the day," said Ms. Longeri.

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Photos of SCHS accepting the donation from the Lions Club are available upon request.