

Friday 9th May
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OPTIMISM ★ OWNERSHIP
CURIOSITY ★ INCLUSION



Day for Dolly

Emilia, Josie and Nikita are running their LiA Project next Friday. Come dressed in **BLUE** and bring a gold coin donation. All funds raised will be donated to 'Dolly's Dream'.



Sydney Dance Company

On Wednesday we were fortunate to have Nat and Remy from the Sydney Dance Company instruct our Grades 3 and 4 students. Check out Seesaw for all photos and a video compilation.



District Cross Country Event

On Tuesday 24 students competed in the Sunraysia Cross Country event. We are very proud of all the students who competed. Full results can be found further in the newsletter.



Welcome

This week we welcome Ivy Krasna. Ivy has joined Mrs Hannig and the Grade 1 students in Room 15. We hope you have a wonderful first week Ivy!



Prep 2026 Enrolments

Starting school is an exciting time for children, parents and carers. School tours are conducted by our Principal, Jamie Russell. Tours are approximately 30 minutes and they provide an opportunity to see the school in action. If you would like a tour please call the office. If you already have a student at our school, you don't need a tour and can enrol online

All information for the 2026 enrolment process can be found on our website.

<https://irymplesouthps.vic.edu.au/enrolment/>

Completed enrolment or application forms can be emailed to the school.
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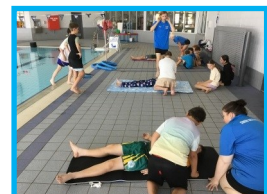
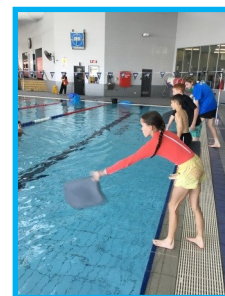
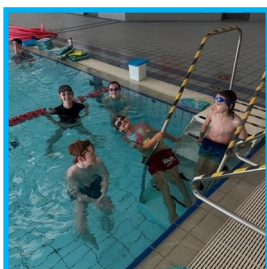
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The department respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Victoria and pays respect to the ongoing living cultures of First Peoples.

Year 6 Swimming and Water Safety Program

This week all year 6 students have had the opportunity to participate in a week-long intensive swimming and water safety program at the WAVES aquatic center. As well as being involved in swimming lessons they have also undertaken the assessment for the Victorian Water Safety Certificate. A lot of fun and hard work has been happening in the pool. On Thursday students were engaged in their survival day where they experienced what it was like to float, tread water and swim fully clothed. This experience was very important for knowing what to do and how to survive when unexpected falls into water occur. Students also learnt about how to rescue others who are in trouble in the water without putting themselves in danger and lifesaving skills of how to assess and monitor an unconscious or semi-conscious patient.



Year 3 & 5 Swimming and Water Safety Program

The Swimming in Schools initiative provides funding to contribute to the cost of delivering quality swimming and water safety education so all students have the opportunity to:

- learn how to swim
- develop lifelong skills in water safety to reduce their risk of drowning and injury

By the end of primary school, it is anticipated that students should be able to demonstrate the knowledge and skills identified in the Victorian Water Safety Certificate. The Certificate is awarded when a student can:

- swim 50m continuously
- perform a survival sequence wearing light clothing
- answer water safety-based questions
- perform non-swimming rescue techniques
- respond to an emergency by demonstrating DRSAB and recovery position.



In response to this program Irymple South Primary School are running an intensive program targeted at all Year 3 to year 6 students delivered by qualified swimming instructors at the Mildura Waves Aquatic Centre.

The Year 5 students intensive program will run from Monday 12th May to Friday 16th May. A permission note has been sent out via XUNO.

The Year 3 students intensive program will run from Monday 19th May to Friday 23rd May. Permission notes will be sent out soon on XUNO.

Interschool Cross Country

On Tuesday, 24 Irymple South students competed in the Sunraysia Cross Country Championships at the Aerodrome Ovals. Students competed in 9/10 year old boys and girls (2 kilometres), 11 year old boys and girls (3 kilometres) and 12+ year old boys and girls (3 kilometres). ALL students performed extremely well representing our school not only with their running ability, but also with their good sportsmanship and behaviour. Every student who competed for our school competed to the best of their ability and finished their race.

We had some very strong performances on the day although we didn't have any students place in the top 3 for their races. The highest place for our school was Rhianna Whitworth placing 4th in her race.

However, we did have eight of our students in the top twelve place getters for their races. These students will progress onto the Loddon Mallee Regional Cross Country Championships in St Arnaud on Tuesday 27th May 2025. Well done to Rhianna Whitworth, Ava Tumanuvao, Riley McDermott, Elke Brady, Chloe Chiswell, Ariella Pardo, Christos Stamation and Max McQualter on your wonderful individual efforts.

The 9/10 girls were the top placing team for their age group as were the 12+ girls team.

All results from the day are as follow:

9/10 year old girls 9/10 Age Champions Elke Brady 5 th Chloe Chiswell 6 th Ariella Pardo 12 th Ruby O'Connor 16 th Zara McDermott 31 st	11 year old girls Indigo Gibson 19 th Maaya Piscioneri 21 st	12 year old girls 12+ Age Champions Rhianna Whitworth 4 th Ava Tumanuvao 5 th Chloe Porter 20 th
9/10 year old boys Christos Stamation 7 th Max McQualter 10 th Flint Foliaki 16 th Alessio Costantino 20 th Joey Pardo 47 th	11 year old boys Malachy Pyke 17 th Harry Shawcross 24 th Gabe Blundy 26 th Levani Panuccio 29 th	12 year old boys Riley McDermott 5 th Brodie Holland 17 th Frankie Scarfo 18 th Hunter McQualter 20 th Jovi Caristo 35 th



Leadership in Action

We have an exciting term ahead with projects organised by our Grade 6 leaders. Grade 6 students take great pride in organising and running their events and the rest of the school thoroughly enjoy taking part!

Day for Dolly
Grade 4-6: Friday 16th May
Emilia, Josie, Nikita



International Day: Dress Up
Whole School: Friday 30th May
Liana, Oli and Rhianna



Dreamy Drawers
Lunchtime Activity P-6
Phillip and Evan



Wheelie Day
Various Lunchtimes: TBC
Grade P-6
Joshua, Noah and Hunter



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep T

Xander Connors

Prep C

Harper Mazza

Prep D

Annie Boyd

1W

Olivia Hunt

1S

Chase Bailey-Telford

Maddison Lynch

1H

Claire Holding

2M

Eve Caristo

2G

Nash Gray

Bodhi Speed

2D

Max Gathercole

Madison Humphrys

3G

Julian Costa

3Z

Frankie Cavallo

4R

Christos Stamation

Elke Brady

4G

Maggie Hannig

5G

Maaya Piscioneri

5B

Maddi Yuill

Robert Ale

6S

Chloe Porter

Riley Siemsen

6H

Sevannah Ruhs

Art

Audrey Hamence

Music

Patrick Mannes

PE

Jaxon Briggs-Telford

Will Tynan

Health

Henry Purves-Millis

Principal

Riley McDermott

Zara Burns

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY

Kendrik Shaw (7th)

Remy Smith (7th)

Jacob Merrett (7th)

Emilia Globen (7th)

Scott Saville (8th)

Grace Lamattina (9th)

Ivy Beer (11th)

Nikita Pettit (11th)



CONGRATULATIONS

In the lead up to ANZAC Day, students in Grades 3 to 6 were given the opportunity to enter a colouring in competition. Congratulations to Ivy Sirgunas (6H), Elke Brady (4R), Camille Marwood (4R) and Ivy Wright (3Z). Brad McGlashan from the RSL provided the prizes for the competition.

We are grateful for our relationship with the RSL. At the beginning of term, Brad and Josh, shared their experiences serving in the Australian Defence Force. Brad, a former infantryman, and Josh, a paratrooper, gave us an insight into what it means to be a soldier, the challenges they faced, and the sacrifices they made.

Their stories helped us appreciate the dedication and bravery of those who serve our country. We now have a deeper understanding of the significance of ANZAC Day and the importance of remembering those who have fought for our freedom. Thank you, Brad and Josh, for your time and service!



SPECIALIST CLASSES

Students participate in a range of Specialist classes throughout the week. This includes Art, Music, PE, Health and Dance. Students love to participate in these classes to develop their creativity and be active.

Please check Seesaw to see what your child has been doing in these classes. This week all classes have had something posted from the Specialist teachers. This is how we communicate what the students have been experiencing. The students love showing you their work and explaining what they have been doing.

CONCERT

This year is concert year! We have a concert every two years. Libby Kennedy will be choreographing and producing the concert. All students will be involved and will rehearse their items at school.

Lock the following dates in: Monday 15th to Wednesday 17th September.

The concert will be held at the Mildura Arts Centre, with both evening and matinee performances. We can't wait!

School Council Meeting

The next meeting of the School Council will be held on Wednesday 14th May at 6:00pm in the Staff Room.

STUDENT FREE DAY

On Tuesday 10th June, staff will be involved in professional learning. There will be **NO** school for students on this day. 'TheirCare' will be available for bookings on this day.

Camps Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) 2025

The Victorian Government will be providing a CSEF payment to all eligible families to assist with the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. Please contact the office to get an application form. The School will need to sight and copy the concession card to ensure that the parent's name and Centrelink Reference Number (CRN) matches the Centrelink database.

2025

		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
MAY	4	12 Grade 5 Swimming	13	14 School Council Meeting	15	16	17	18
	5	19 Grade 3 Swimming	20	21	22	23	24	25
	6	26	27 Glasses for Kids	28	29	30	31	1
JUNE	7	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	8	9 King's Birthday Public Holiday	10 Student Free Day	11	12	13	14	15
	9	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	10	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
JULY	11	30	1	2	3	4 End of Term 2	5	6
		7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	1	21 Term 3 starts	22	23	24	25	26	27

2025 Dates

Term Dates

Term 2 Tuesday 22nd April – Friday 4th July
Term 3 Monday 21st July – Friday 19th Sept
Term 4 Monday 6th Oct - Friday 19th Dec

Public Holidays

King's Birthday - Monday 9th June
 Grand Final Eve - Friday 26th September
 Cup Day - Tuesday 4th November

School Events

Grade 5 Swimming - Mon 12th to Fri 16th May
 Grade 3 Swimming - Mon 19th to Fri 23rd May
 Glasses for Kids Program - Tue 27th May to Thu 29th May
 Student Free Day - Tuesday 10th June
 Athletic Sports - Tuesday 19th August
 School Concert - Monday 15th to Wednesday 17th September
 Student Free Day - Monday 3rd November