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OPTIMISM ★ OWNERSHIP  
CURIOSITY ★ INCLUSION

### Staffing

We are excited to announce that we have appointed an Office Manager. Jodie Hughes will begin working in the office from the beginning of Term 3. Jodie has had experience working in an office environment and will be a welcome addition to our administration team.

### Welcome

This week we welcomed Indi Lampard to ISPS. Indi has joined Cindy Hannig and the students in 1H. We hope that Indi has had a great first week at school.

## SUSTAINABILITY EXPO

What a wonderful day we had on Wednesday. It was fantastic to see so many families and community members come along to see what the students have been learning in their science based inquiry unit. Each year level has a different lens that they are looking through to focus their investigation. Prep 'Our Sustainable World', Grade 1 & 2 'Tip Toe Through Our World', Grade 3 & 4 'The Blue Marble' and Grade 5 & 6 'Think Global Act Local'. Photos from the various year levels can be found further in the newsletter

The Student Voice Team did an outstanding job having made mini herb gardens, bottles of 'Worm Juice', 'Grow It, Cook It, Share It' recipe cards and organised Charlie's Fruit & Vegetables to sell their fresh produce.



## Grade 6 Performance - 2025 Mildura Eisteddfod

Our 'Minions' competed in the Mildura Eisteddfod on Monday morning. They loved the experience and came away with an Honourable Mention. Thanks to Libby Kennedy for her expert choreography and rehearsing with the Grade 6 group. The students performed their dance at this morning's assembly.



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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.

# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

## Prep T

Adeline Caminiti

## Prep C

Emmie Duncan

## Prep D

Logan Bellini

## 1W

Toby Eastwood

## 1S

Jariah Nicolaci

## 1H

Claire Holding

## 2M

Lana Macdonald

## 2G

River Jary

## 2D

Harlee Piscioneri

## 3G

Indyana Phillips-Savage

## 3Z

Rosalie Holding

## 4R

Haydon Wan

## 4G

April Jackson

Totti Romeo

## 5G

Lucy Batchelor

## 5B

Indigo Gibson

## 6S

Ricky Caristo

Liana Campisi

## 6H

Josh McShane

## Art

Halle Caristo

## Music

Aria Hura

## PE

Arianna Karallis

## Food Tech

Tommu Leishman

## Principal

Olivia Caminiti

Milan Caristo

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## JUNE

Ella Johnson (16th)

Ivy Wright (16th)

Frankie Mammone (17th)

Haydon Wan (18th)

Lacey Barker (19th)

Elise Thornton (19th)

Halle Caristo (20th)

Sevannah Ruhs (21st)

Maria Petrolo (21st)

Chad Brown (22nd)



# 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!



# 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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# SUSTAINABILITY EXPO

The Preps grew their very own bean plants from seeds. They also learnt about the three bin system and what is placed in each bin.

In Grade 1 the students were focussing on 'Reusing'. They made bird feeders out of soft drink bottles and created the most amazing piece of art from different bottle caps.

In Grade 2 we have been learning about Sustainability and how we can leave a tiny footprint on the environment by creating a pledge. We have researched information about how long things take to decompose. Did you know that a nappy takes 500 years to break down? We have also learnt about Recycling materials. We even made a shopping bag out of an old t-shirt.

The students in Grade 3 researched endangered Australian animals. They wrote an informative text and built a diorama of their natural habitat to reflect the importance of looking after and caring for their environment.

Grade 4 students have been looking at different ways that we can protect and save our earth! They collaborated in groups to each create call to action banners and flags as well as used Canva to create informative presentations on their chosen conservation topic.

The Grade 5 students built their very own sustainable communities. Their dioramas included renewable energies, waste management and sustainable food production.

The Grade 6 students built sustainable communities, exploring food miles, renewable energy and food security.

In Art, the students created art using recycled materials. We have been looking at ways to be a 'Water Hero' and have created images of how we can save water.





# VHAP in Term Two

*By Emilia Globen*

## What is VHAP?

The Victorian High-Ability Program (VHAP) is a statewide initiative that supports students who have been identified as high performers in English and Mathematics. This term, the program has focused on extending the skills of Grade 5 and 6 students who demonstrate exceptional ability in writing. Sessions are held twice a week for one hour and take place in small, online learning groups via Webex. Students work closely with specialist VHAP teachers, Marissa Pinkas and Kate Hawkes, who lead the sessions and provide targeted instruction. At school, we are also supported by Mr Gray, who joins each session and offers face-to-face guidance to help us make the most of this exciting learning opportunity.

## My Experience with VHAP:

I believe VHAP is a fantastic opportunity for students who enjoy being challenged and want to take their learning further. It's both educational and inspiring, encouraging us to think deeply, explore new ideas, and approach writing in more creative and structured ways.

So far, we've explored a range of topics, including why people tell stories, what makes a story truly engaging, and how the Hero's Journey framework helps shape powerful narratives. We've also examined various character archetypes such as the heroes, mentors, and tricksters, and learned how to incorporate them effectively into our own writing. At the moment, we are planning and drafting our own stories, which must follow the Hero's Journey structure and include at least three different archetypes.

Overall, VHAP has been an exciting and valuable experience that has helped me grow as a writer. It has improved not only my storytelling skills but also my ability to share ideas and collaborate with others, especially during breakout sessions, where we work in small groups to discuss our thinking and give each other feedback. I'm really grateful to be part of VHAP, and I know it's made a big difference in my writing.

## An example of a 5 minute quick write task that we completed:

*The dust flew off the lid as my hand swiped it off, glittering slightly at a certain angle. A feeling of consternation pitted into the gut of my stomach, my hand lingered over the box, fingers trembling slightly. Anxiousness pounded in the walls of my mind as my fingers closed around the edges Of the delicately placed lid. My heart pounded rapidly, banging on the walls inside my chest, inside the box.. was nothing what I expected.. inside sat a folder, white paper peeking out, numbers and a few words printed in black ink—slightly faded, ran across the paper. My fingers gently picked the file up opening to see the content it contained. It was a report of a girl from 1942, the cause of the incident was crossed out though, photo blurred, except it looked like.... me...."*



**VHAP**  
VICTORIAN HIGH-ABILITY PROGRAM



# Interschool Sport

## HOCKEY

Our school teams represented us with pride at the Division Hockey competition this week, with neither team losing a game. The girls team were outstanding, defeating Sacred Heart 2 - 1 and Mildura South 1 - 0. They were crowned Division Champions and will progress to Regionals in Swan Hill next term. Congratulations to all involved. The boys team also performed brilliantly. They won 5 - 0 against Mildura South, drew 2-2 with Trinity Lutheran, and finished with a 7 - 1 win over The Lake School. Despite their strong results, they just missed out on a place at Regionals based on goal difference. Both teams displayed excellent sportsmanship and teamwork throughout the day. Well done to all players.



## Leadership in Action

### WHEELIE DAY

#### LUNCHTIME ACTIVITY

BRING YOUR OWN SCOOTER & HELMET ON YOUR DAY

Fri 30/5 - Prep  
Fri 6/6 - Grade One  
Fri 13/6 - Grade Two  
Fri 20/6 - Grade Three  
Fri 27/6 - Grade 4  
Wed 2/7 - Grade 5/6

LEADERSHIP  
IN ACTION  
LiA project by  
Hunter, Josh & Noah



The 'Wheelie Days' are proving to be very popular. Today the Grade 3 students were able to show off their scootering skills on the basketball court. Next week the Grade 4s will be able to show off their two wheeled prowess. Hunter, Josh and Noah have done an outstanding job coordinating this lunchtime activity.



**Skate Mildura**

Under the Pavilion  
Langtree Mall

4th - 20th July  
10am - 8:30pm

### AFL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

#### 4 - 7 YEAR OLDS

A safe and fun program led by experienced AFL coaches, your child will learn basic footy skills, and enjoy mini-games, all while experiencing NAB AFL Auskick in a supportive environment, leaving with big smiles and a day of Good Clean Fun!



#### 8 - 12 YEAR OLDS

Get a taste of NAB AFL Superkick, with a mix of skill development, modified game play. See their confidence grow in a supportive environment where buddies, mud & fun collide!



### MILDURA SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

MILDURA SPORTING PRECINCT - TUESDAY  
15TH JULY

9AM to 3PM - \$55 - FOOTBALL INCLUDED



# 2025

		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
JUNE	10	23	24	25	26	27 'Wheelie Day' Grade 4	28	29
JULY	11	30	1	2 'Wheelie Day' Grade 5/6	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
	2	28	29	30	31	1	2	3
AUGUST	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	4	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	5	18	19 Athletic Sports Aerodrome Ovals	20	21	22	23	24
	6	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
SEPT	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	9	15 School Concert	16	17	18	19	20	21

## 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

### School Events

Athletic Sports - Tuesday 19th August  
 School Concert - Monday 15th to Wednesday 17th September  
 Student Free Day - Monday 3rd November

### Public Holidays

Grand Final Eve - Friday 26th September  
 Cup Day - Tuesday 4th November