



Friday 14th November
Issue 36, Week 6
Term 4, 2025

OPTIMISM ★ OWNERSHIP
CURIOSITY ★ INCLUSION



Prep 2026 Transition

It was wonderful to meet our 2026 Preps on Tuesday. They practised writing their name, how to read the word 'I' and they did some Maths by counting blocks. We are looking forward to seeing them all again next Tuesday. The Secondhand uniform will again be available for a gold coin donation per item.



PREP 2026

Transition Days

Tuesday 11th November
9:00-11:00am or 11:30-1:30pm

Tuesday 18th November
9:00-11:00am or 11:30-1:30pm

Tuesday 25th November
9:00am - 12:30pm

Tuesday 2nd December
9:00am - 12:30pm

Children need to bring a
snack, water bottle and
hat to each session



BYOD

We have witnessed significant changes to Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) programs and use of digital devices in primary schools. Beginning next year, families are not expected to purchase or bring their own iPad to use at school. ISPS will follow the new recommended guidelines provided by the Department of Education, including minimal device time for Prep to Grade 2; and a maximum of 90 minutes per day for Grade 3 to 6.

These changes are intended to support families by reducing cost-of-living pressures. They will also support students by reducing screen-time which can reduce the risk of eye strain, sedentary behaviour, and reduced peer interaction.

Students who already have a device can continue to bring these daily, with the option to leave/store the devices at school overnight.

End of Term 4

The students will finish the 2025 school year on Friday 19th December at 1:00pm. Buses will not be running at this time, so you will need to make alternative arrangements.

Grade 6 Information

Graduation

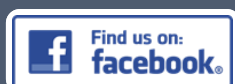
We will be holding our Grade 6 graduation at Willow and Ivie on Tuesday 16th December. The students will present their graduation speeches to family and friends. This is followed by their dinner and disco. More information will be sent home to the families of the Grade 6 students.

Grade 6 Awards

At the end of the year we will be once again celebrating another successful year of Grade 6 Irymple South students. During our Graduation we have a number of awards that are won by students. Over many years we have had many kind contributions and are again looking for donations. Any parents that would like to contribute towards an award please see Lauren Hepworth by Friday 28th November.

Grade 6 Transition

The Grade 6 students have started their transition to Year 7! Representatives from the secondary colleges have met with the students and talked to them about expectations and answered any questions that the students may have had. The students will participate in the statewide Orientation Day on Tuesday 9th December. More information will be sent to families by the relevant secondary school.



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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.

Water Week 2025

Thanks to Owen and Danielle, from Lower Murray Water, who presented our students with their prizes for their winning entries in the Water Week Poster Competition.

Congratulations to:

Evie Lampard Prep D 1st Prep
Logan Bellini Prep D 2nd Prep
Xander Collins Prep T 3rd Prep
Ivy Beer 1S 1st Grade 1/2
Grace Caristo 2M 2nd Grade 1/2
Ivy Bowring-Shillabeer 1W 3rd Grade 1/2
Sonny Delorenzo 4G 3rd Grade 3/4
Riley McDermott 6H 2nd Grade 5/6
Chace Mackin 6S 3rd Grade 5/6



Christmas Choir

Students in Grades 4 to 6 are involved in our Christmas Choir. The students have been practising with Mrs Mac on Wednesday at lunchtime. They are preparing for their tour on Thursday 11th December.

CONCERT

Wasn't our 2025 concert amazing! If you would like to watch it again, a video has been uploaded to view. You can access it here [CONCERT 2025](#).



Child safety and wellbeing at ISPS: information for families and the school community

Irymple South Primary School is committed to providing an environment where students are safe and feel safe.

Our child safety framework includes policies, codes and procedures that explain how we support and maintain the safety and wellbeing of our students and protect them from harm. These documents are available on our website: <https://irympleouthps.vic.edu.au/about-us/policies/>

We are also committed to continuous improvement of our child safety framework. We are currently reviewing our child safety policies and practices to ensure they are up-to-date and effective.

Our students and families are important partners in this process. We welcome your feedback or ideas on ways we can improve our approach to child safety and wellbeing.

If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact the office on 03 50245345 or at irymple.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au

A New Year of Learning

The Victorian Government has set up a webpage with information and resources for parents and carers to help their children unlock their potential for a new year of learning in 2026. It includes:

- tips to help with the transition from early childhood education to Prep, primary to secondary school, and Year 10 to VCE
- what to expect at school
- where to find help with school costs and fees
- health and wellbeing guidance to support children's mental health learning and disability supports.

<https://www.vic.gov.au/new-year-learning>

GRADE 5 CAMP, BALLARAT



Last week, the Grade 5 students travelled to Ballarat for a camp at Cave Hill Creek. They took part in archery, hut building and the low ropes course, enjoying a glamping -style experience that brought plenty of excitement, teamwork and shared laughter. They also visited Sovereign Hill, extending their learning from the Australian History unit. Exploring the gold rush site provided a meaningful link to classroom learning and made the camp a memorable blend of adventure and discovery.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep T

Leo Vining

Prep C

Dante Costa

Prep D

Logan Bellini

1W

Kayden Siemsen

1S

Maddi Lynch

Fraya Walton

1H

Toby Smith

2M

Sophie Johnson

2G

Carter Hammond

2D

Reuben Dowdy

Everly Tiedemann

3G

Alessia Caminiti

3Z

Oscar Reid

4R

Tommy Oliver

4G

Milla Burke

Ruby Oliver

5G

Gabe Blundy

5B

Indi Gibson

6S

Mila Jary

6H

Will Tynan

Art

Heidi Wilmann

Music

Peter Cua

PE

Aska Zahd

Food Tech

Max McQualter

Assistant Principal

Maggie Gee

Principal

Max Gathercole

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NOVEMBER

Reuben Dowdy (11th)

Ted Burke (14th)

Brodie Callaway (15th)

Azza Ale (15th)



Leadership in Action

Students are loving completing craft activities in the Art Room at lunchtime on Fridays. Last week Isla, Aleirah and Sophia showed the Prep and Grade 1 students how to make fish out of paper plates. The students loved it!



COLOUR RUN!

FRIDAY DECEMBER 5TH

GRADE 5 - 9:15 - 9:40
GRADE 4 - 9:50 - 10:15
GRADE 3 - 10:25 - 10:50
GRADE 2 - 11:40 - 12:05
GRADE 1 - 12:15 - 12:40
PREP - 12:50 - 1:15
GRADE 6 - 2:20 - 2:50

PLEASE WEAR A WHITE TOP ON THE DAY! ENSURE YOU BRING A CHANGE OF CLOTHES AND A TOWEL.

ZOOPEER DOOPERS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT SNACK FOR \$1 WITH A LIMIT OF 2 PER PERSON



HOSTED BY MILA, SAWYER, BENTLEY AND EVIE

Outdoor Party Games

Lunchtime Activity P-6

Avery, Anna and Christina



2025

		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
NOV	7	17	18 Prep Transition #2	19 School Council Meeting	20	21	22	23
	8	24	25 Prep Transition #3	26	27	28	29	30
DEC	9	1	2 Prep Transition #4	3	4	5 LiA Colour Run	6	7
	10	8	9 Grade 6 Orientation Day	10 School Council Meeting	11 Choir on Tour	12	13	14
	11	15	16 Grade 6 Graduation	17	18	19 End of Term 4	20	21
		22	23	24	25	26	27	28
JAN		29	30	31	1	2	3	4
		5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		26	27 Staff return for 2026	28	29 Student start for 2026	30	31	1

2025 Dates

Term Dates

Term 4 Monday 6th Oct - Friday 19th Dec

School Events

Prep 2026 Transition Day #2 - Tuesday 18th November

Prep 2026 Transition Day #3 - Tuesday 25th November

Prep 2026 Transition Day #4 - Tuesday 2nd December

Colour Run - Friday 5th December

Grade 6 Orientation Day - Tuesday 9th December

Grade 6 Graduation @ Willow & Ivie - Tuesday 16th December

End of Term 4 - Friday 19th December
1:00pm dismissal

2026 Dates

Term Dates 2026

ALL students start school on Thursday 29th January 2026.

Staff return to school on Tuesday 27th January

Term 1 Thursday 29th Jan – Thursday 2nd April

Term 2 Monday 20th April – Friday 26th June

Term 3 Monday 13th July – Friday 18th Sept

Term 4 Monday 5th Oct - Friday 18th Dec

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FREE ENTERTAINMENT

FREE KIDS ACTIVITIES

FREE ENTRY!

2025
Buronga Public School
International
FOOD FESTIVAL

**SATURDAY
15TH NOVEMBER
5PM - 8PM**

RAFFLES (PRIZES TOTALLING OVER \$8,000!!!)

1st PRIZE - ALL NEW TM7 THERMOMIX!
Valued at \$2649)

2nd PRIZE - Trek Marlin 6 Bike Pack
Valued at \$1,490)

**3rd PRIZE - GT Performer Mercado
BMX Bike pack (valued at \$890)**

AND MANY, MANY MORE!



GET TIX HERE



CHRISTMAS MARKET

Free Entry for all

**Sat 22nd Nov
10 AM - 1PM**

srs Benetook Farm



SKILLS TRAINING FOR MILDURA MOTORCYCLISTS

ROADCRAFT FORUM Thursday 27 November 8pm - 9pm
@MCC-101 Twelfth Street, Mildura (near Harty)
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.

Mildura Rural City Council

VICTORIA
Department of Transport and Planning

COMMUNITY ROAD
SAFETY GRANTS



2025 CONCERT

EBZ DANCE

Mildura Arts Centre

Saturday 15th November
Matinee 12:30pm-3:30pm & Evening 6:30pm-9:30pm

Sunday 16th November
Matinee 12:30pm-4:00pm

TICKETS ON SALE 17th October, 10am
Available from Mildura Arts Centre
Child - \$30 Pension - \$35 Adult - \$40

50+ Items! All Styles! All Ages! Costumes, Set & Props!
Jam packed family fun, and something for everyone!
"BLUEY", "BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY",
"WIZARD OF OZ"! "THE CHAKRAS"!

Get your tickets here
Wackabool!

COME & TRY

INFINITY CALISTHENICS CLUB

**Nov 17th - 19th
Nov 24th - 26th**

Monday 17th & 24th

- Ages 11-17yrs
- Juniors & Inters
- 5pm - 6:30pm

Tuesday 18th & 25th

- Ages 17yrs and over
- Seniors & Masters
- 6:30pm - 8pm

Wednesday 19th & 26th

- Ages 4-10yrs
- Tinies & Subbies
- 4:30pm - 6pm

St Josephs Primary School - Red Cliffs