

Friday 21st November
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OPTIMISM ★ OWNERSHIP CURIOSITY ★ INCLUSION

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2026 Staffing

Over the next few weeks we will be informing you of our staffing profile for 2026.

This week we start with our Leadership Team and our Administration Team.

Administration Team



Sharon Welsh
Business Manager



Jodie Hughes
Office Manager



Amanda Russell
Office Admin

COLOUR RUN

Our next major LiA project is the **COLOUR RUN**, on Friday 5th December. Mila, Sawyer, Bentley and Evie are coordinating the day. Students should wear a white top and bring a towel and a change of clothes. Zooper Doopers will be available at snack for \$2 each (there will be a limit of 2 per person).





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.

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



HOSTED BY MILA, SAWYER, BENTLEY AND EVIE



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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.

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.



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](#).



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>

Racism Policy

Irymple South Primary School is committed to providing a welcoming, inclusive environment where racism is not tolerated. Racism harms students' mental health, learning, and sense of belonging. We celebrate the diversity of cultures, ethnicities, and faiths of all our students. It is up to all of us at Irymple South Primary School to make our school a place that is free of racism and where everyone feels respected and can learn in a safe and inclusive environment.

[Click here](#) to access the *Preventing and Addressing Racism in Schools Policy*. If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact the office on 03 50245345 or at irymplesouth.ps@education.vic.gov.au

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 once again be 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.

Parent Payment Arrangements for 2026

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that is through payment of fees, fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

School Council has approved the parent payment arrangements for 2026. The voluntary financial contribution of \$200 per student is for curriculum contributions and other contributions. See below for more information:

[Parent payment overview](#)

[Parent Payment Policy](#)

[Parent payment arrangements for 2026](#)

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW



FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil the requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.



PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

Curriculum Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).



FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

- Schools put in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who cannot pay for items or activities so that their child doesn't miss out.
- Schools have a nominated parent payment contact person(s) that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.



SCHOOL PROCESSES

- Schools must obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.

GRADE 1 EXCURSION DAY



Last Friday, our Grade 1 students enjoyed a fun-filled Camp Day packed with excitement from beginning to end. We began the day by hopping on the bus and driving to Ten Pin Bowling. The children loved cheering each other on and celebrating every strike and spare and those lucky few with 6 7!



From there, we headed to the All

Seasons Splash Park, where the squeals of laughter and bursts of water made the afternoon even more memorable.

After returning to school, the fun continued with a range of group activities. Students teamed up for a lively scavenger hunt, searching high and low for hidden clues, made their own pizza for tea—definitely a highlight! The afternoon rolled on with playground play, colourful chalk drawings, and a mini disco that had everyone moving and grooving.

We ended our wonderful day with a special treat of a delicious ice-cream cone. It was a fantastic Camp Day, full of smiles, teamwork, and unforgettable moments. Fun was truly had by all!



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep T

Lola Brennan

Prep C

Emmie Duncan

Prep D

Antonio Medici

1W

Haylee Arnold

1S

Gracie Crook

1H

Capri Mammone

2M

Max Smith

2G

Bodhi Speed

2D

Harlee Piscioneri

3G

Molly Carn

Riley Yuill

3Z

Harlow Brennan

4R

Lorenzo Campisi

Christos Stamation

4G

Milly Crook

Brooklyn Kiel

5G

Lucy Batchelor

5B

Ollie Hughes

Patrick Mannes

6S

Sawyer Gauci

Amelia Kimerlis

6H

Noah Bennett

Art

Olivia Hunt

Music

Amelia Kimerlis

PE

Willa George

Food Tech

Archie Smith

Assistant Principal

Natalina Sergi

Principal

Indi Lampard

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



NOVEMBER

Tommy Leishman (17th)

Joey Cua (17th)

Matilda Warden (18th)

Totti Romeo (19th)

Mario Delorenzo (19th)

Capri Mammone (20th)

Alivia McShane (21st)

Demi Englefield (22nd)

Hudson Kelly (22nd)

Michael Alvanos (23rd)

Isla Caristo (23rd)

Skyla Ruhs (23rd)

Oscar Reid (23rd)

Thomas Hiscock (23rd)

Prep 2026 Transition

It was wonderful to see our 2026 Preps again on Tuesday. They practised writing their name, revisited the word 'I' and they found out all about the number 5. We are looking forward to seeing them all again next Tuesday when they will be here for a bit longer.



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



Leadership in Action

As our 2025 Grade 6s' LiA journey nears its end, join our school leaders as they share their learning about the importance of clear communication and public speaking skills in leadership. Our **'Voices of Leadership: ISPS Chat'** podcast explores the significance of effective verbal, non-verbal and listening communication, while highlighting practical tips for public speaking. Scan the QR code to access the podcast and delve into the world of effective communication!



Outdoor Party Games
Lunchtime Activity P-6
Avery, Anna and Christina



2025

		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
NOV	8	24	25 Prep Transition #3	26	27	28	29	30
DECEMBER	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 1:00pm dismissal	20	21
		22	23	24	25	26	27	28
JANUARY		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 #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**

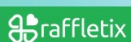
RAFFLES (PRIZES TOTALLING OVER \$8,000!!!)

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!

BLUEY

BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY

WIZARD OF OZ

THE CHAKRAS

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