

Friday 28th November  
Issue 38, Week 8  
Term 4, 2025

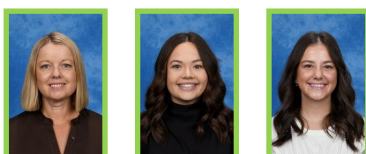
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CURIOSITY ★ INCLUSION

## Introducing our 2026 Classroom Teachers

We are pleased to announce our classroom teachers for 2026. Classes are currently being finalised and a transition session will take place for students to meet their 2026 teacher.

### Prep

Kate Cardew, Makayla Direen, Phyllis Tabacco



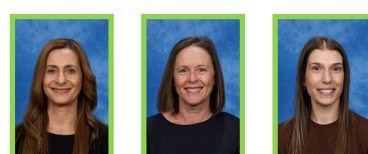
### Grade 1

Cindy Hannig, Sarah Gladman, Katelyn Matthews, Nadine McWilliams



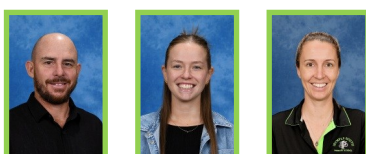
### Grade 2

Carmel Dimasi, Stacey McDermott, Belinda Zappia



### Grade 3

Brian Gray, Chloe Storer, Maddy Hura



### Grade 4

Eryn Gee, Shanae Rose



### Grade 5

Danielle Gunn, Tammy Warn



### Grade 6

Lauren Hepworth, Kia Scott



## COLOUR RUN

Next Friday, 5th December we will be holding our last LiA Project for the year. Mila, Sawyer, Bentley and Evie are coordinating the **COLOUR RUN**. 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.

## 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.

Our Grade 6 Graduation will be live streamed for those who cannot attend in person. Click on the link on the night to watch the [Grade 6 Graduation](#).

### 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.

## Farewell

Farewell and thank you, to the families who have their youngest child graduating from Irymple South this year. Some families have been at Irymple South for many years and have had several children go through the school. We farewell the following families: Ablett Family (anna), Bennett Family (Noah), Bishop Family (Bonnie), Burns Family (Zara), Fisher Family (Avery), Globen Family (Emilia), Hiscock Family (Thomas), Hynes Family (Bentley), Krul Family (Evan), Kuchel Family (Sophia), Kutkhunthod Family (Christina), Mackin Family (Chace), Madigan Family (Mietta), Mammone Family (Claudia), Merrett Family (Jacob), Mulhall Family (Jax), Needham Family (Blake), Pedersen Family (Oli), Porter Family (Chloe), Tynan Family (Will) and the Van Reyersdael Family (Josie).

## 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.

## Student start day for 2026

The first day of school for all students, including Preps, in 2026 will be **Thursday 29th January**. Preps will have Wednesdays as a rest day for all of February. All staff begin work on Tuesday 27th January.

## School Council

The final School Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 10th December. Thanks to all those who have been involved in School Council this year.

## 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](#).



## CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS

Our first capital works project (Fire Hydrant Upgrade) has commenced. The project should take two weeks. There will be some disruption to car parking, however access to the school grounds will remain the same. Thanks for your patience during this time.





## POLICE IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Congratulations to Grade 6 student Evie Pender for receiving this years 'Student of the Year' award as part of the Police in Schools program. Evie was the most successful student across all local participating schools. A big thank you to Joe and Helen for their continued work at ISPS and educating our students on safety within the community!



## THE WIZARD OF OZ

Thanks to the dancers from the Mildura Ballet Guild, who came to school on Monday. Our very own Maggie, who plays The Wicked Witch of the West, showed how she gets herself made up for the role. The Prep and Grade 1 students were taught a routine by the main characters and then they performed in front of

each other. The Prep students

will be heading to the Mildura Arts Centre next Thursday to watch the production on stage.



## 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.

## 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>

# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

## Prep T

Valentine Cordoma

## Prep C

Axel Collier

## Prep D

Frankie Winderlich

## 1W

Meg Hannig

Toby Eastwood

## 1S

Daisy Brady

## 1H

Claire Holding

Henry Purves-Millis

## 2M

Graycen Gange

## 2G

Sophie O'Connor

Leo Winderlich

## 2D

Harlan Rivett

Annabelle Solomon

## 3G

Elizabeth Romeo

Maggie Gee

## 3Z

Rosalie Holding

## 4R

Scarlett Costantino

Charlie Millard

## 4G

April Jackson

## 5G

Frankie Mammone

## 5B

Eliza Sleep

## 6S

Liana Campisi

Oli Pedersen

## 6H

Ivy Sirgunas

## Art

Ivy Krasna

## Music

Luke Thompson

## PE

Isla Cavallo

## Food Tech

Grace Lamattina

## Assistant Principal

Noxx Bailey

## Principal

Maggie Hannig

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



## NOVEMBER

Rory McQualter (24th)

Rhianna Whitworth (25th)

Chloe Porter (26th)

Chloe Storer (26th)

Ivy Bowring-Shillabeer (28th)

Peter Scarfo (28th)

Thea Anderson (29th)

Kayden Siemsen (29th)

Harrison Jones (29th)

Haylee Arnold (30th)

## Prep 2026 Transition

It was wonderful to see our 2026 Preps again on Tuesday. This week they worked in larger groups and explored 'S', with slime and finding the letter 'S' in their shared reading. They met their buddies for next year and played in the yard with them. We look forward to seeing them for their final transition day next Tuesday.



## 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



# 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.



# 2025/2026

|          |    | Mon | Tue                       | Wed                       | Thu                       | Fri                               | Sat | Sun |
|----------|----|-----|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|
| 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  |
|          | 1  | 26  | 27 Staff return for 2026  | 28                        | 29 Student start for 2026 | 30                                | 31  | 1   |
| FEBRUARY | 2  | 2   | 3                         | 4 Prep Rest Day           | 5                         | 6                                 | 7   | 8   |
|          | 3  | 9   | 10                        | 11 Prep Rest Day          | 12                        | 13                                | 14  | 15  |

## 2025 Dates

### Term Dates

Term 4 Monday 6th Oct - Friday 19th Dec

### School Events

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

### **Night Amongst the Vines**

Friday 20th March, 2026