

Friday 28th November
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Term 4, 2025

OPTIMISM ★ OWNERSHIP
CURIOSITY ★ INCLUSION

Introducing our 2026 Specialist and Support Teachers, and Education Support Staff

We have a wonderful group of staff who provide students with programs that enhance and enrich their learning.

Specialist Teachers

Sharon Branson, Tayler Brooks, Shivaun Gale, Libby Kennedy, Emma Lord, Elise Thornton



Wellbeing Support

Wendy Jenkins, Jess Kee, Laura Maher



Classroom Intervention & Support Teachers

Bonnie Lando, Donna Morffew



Grounds & Maintenance

Dave Allen

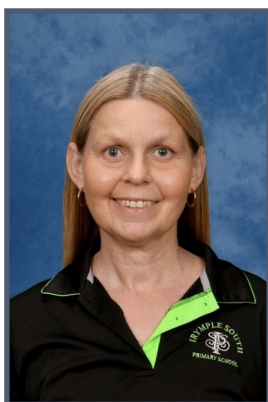


Education Support

Maddy Aiello, Ella Burford, Lily Bruhn, Bethany Hartwig, Kofi Lord, Maria Petrolo, Amanda Russell, Olivia Tassone, Brenda Vadori, Maggie Watt,



Brooke Vadlja



Twelve months ago we lost a valued colleague, teacher and friend. Brooke was a member of our school community for 25 years as both a staff member and as a parent. On the anniversary of her passing, we are thinking of her family, Tom, Campbell, Imogen and Morgan. As a lasting memorial, one of our Grade 6 awards, the Academic Literacy award, will be presented in her honour.

Brooke was an exceptional and passionate teacher, a wise and supportive colleague and a caring and thoughtful friend and is missed by us all every day.



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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

Grade 6 Transition

The Grade 6 students will participate in the statewide Orientation Day next Tuesday, 9th December. We hope that they have a great time, we will be sad to see them go but know that they will thrive in their new educational setting.

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](#).

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),



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, where they will perform on ABC radio, in the Langtree Mall and at Jacaranda Village, Red Cliffs.



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.

School Council

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

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.

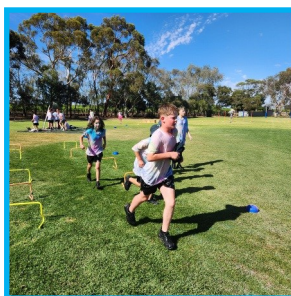
Reporting

Student reports will be uploaded to XUNO next Friday, 12th December. You will be able to access your child's end of year report at the end of the school day.



Thanks to Mila, Sawyer, Bentley and Evie for coordinating today's Colour Run. The course that the student's completed had many obstacles. There were hurdles, tyres, slip and slides, showers, weaving and of course the 'colour' stations.

The snack time Zooper Doopers proved to be a big hit on such a warm day.



ART

We have had a very creative year in the Art Room. All students have been involved in painting, drawing, sculpting, modelling, cutting, sewing and creating magnificent works of art! Over the next couple of week all of their creations will be coming home. Talk to your child about their art, some suggestions of what to ask will be posted on Seesaw on the day their art comes home.



The students have been involved in spreading Christmas cheer throughout the community.



Matilda, Prep D, drew a Christmas tree with presents that was selected as the image that would be used on Jade Benham MP's Christmas card. Bianca, from Jade's office, presented Matilda with her prize and copies of the Christmas card that she can use.



1H, created festive fish to adorn the office tree. The students attached their decoration and were very proud of the finished tree.

The students in Grades 3 and 4 created postcards for our Christmas Tree that is part of the 'Festival of Trees' at the Alfred Deakin Visitor Information Centre. They took the photos using their iPads, used the PicCollage app to make a digital collage, and then made this image into a postcard by using collage techniques and a variety of markers to decorate.



The Grade 5 students made decorations for the Irymple Progress Association. Their symmetrical notan style art baubles are hanging on the tree in Lloyd Park.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep T

Audrey Hamence

Prep C

Thea Anderson

Prep D

Lacey Webster

1W

Riley Mischke

Olivia Hunt

1S

Indiana Bateman

Olivia Caminiti

1H

Alfie Callow

Summer Wrate

2M

Everly Mee

2G

Domenico Puleio

Ronan Doyle

2D

Remi Kavanagh

Domenica Cavallo

3G

Archie Kimerlis

3Z

Jagger Barnes

Lexi Barton

4R

Otto Ferguson

Nevaeh Walton

4G

Jay Holland

Tewoe Ave

5G

Levani Panuccio

Zoe Lee

5B

Mila Caristo

Robert Ale

6S

Evie Pender

Evan Krul

6H

Sevannah Ruhs

Art

Lola Brennan

Music

Harrison Jones

PE

Malachy Pyke

Food Tech

Elizabeth Romeo

Assistant Principal

Alexis Jones

Principal

Malachy Pyke

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DECEMBER

Ada Mannes (2nd)

Frankie Romeo (3rd)

Noah Williams (6th)

Riley Mischke (7th)



Prep 2026 Transition

Our 2026 Preps had their final transition day on Tuesday. They worked with their buddy, made a reindeer, worked together with the parachute, had snack and played in the yard. We are all very excited to welcome them to the start of their educational journey in 2026.



2025/2026

		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
DECEMBER	10	8	9 Grade 6 Orientation Day	10 School Council Meeting	11 Choir on Tour	12 Reports uploaded to XUNO	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
	4	16	17	18 Prep Rest Day	19	20	21	22

2025 Dates

Term Dates

Term 4 Monday 6th Oct - Friday 19th Dec

School Events

Grade 6 Orientation Day - Tuesday 9th December

Choir on Tour - Thursday 11th 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