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Term 4, 2025

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CURIOSITY ★ INCLUSION



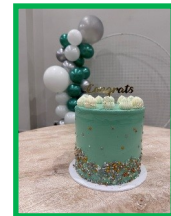
As we come to the end of the 2025 school year, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks for the trust you place in us and for your support throughout the year. We truly value the partnership we share with families and the broader ISPS community. As we head into the Christmas break, I hope this time provides an opportunity for rest and special moments with family and friends. Thank you for making this such an amazing year. I look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year, refreshed and ready for another exciting chapter together. Wishing you a safe and happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.



## Grade 6 Graduation



The Grade 6 students did a brilliant job with their speeches on Tuesday night at the Graduation ceremony at Willow and Ivie. They showed what a confident, competent and motivated group of students they are. Awards were presented to some of our Grade 6 students and we congratulate them on their achievements. A list of award recipients can be found later in the newsletter. The students had their graduation dinner after the ceremony at Willow and Ivie. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to relax and enjoy each other's company.



Our graduation was live streamed for those who could not attend. If you wish to watch the 2025 Graduation you can click on the following link;

[Grade 6 Graduation 2026](#)

Thanks to Anthony from 'Otto Studios' for streaming the graduation and producing the downloadable presentation.



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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.

## 2025 School Leadership

A big thanks go to our school leaders for 2025. Our school captains, **Zara Burns, Liana Campisi, Riley McDermott, Oli Pedersen**, have shown great leadership this year.



We would also like to thank our House Captains, who have lead their houses throughout the year. Thanks to **Ricky Caristo & Rhianna Whitworth (Dewry), Jovi Caristo & Claudia Mammone (Campbell), Elvira Cua & Frankie Scarfo (Newton), Jaxon Briggs-Telford & Giselle Costantino (McCracken)**

## 2026 Student Leadership

Congratulations to the following Grade 5 students who will be our leaders in 2026. At Monday's assembly, these students were presented with their badges and certificates. We look forward to working with them next year.

Our School Captains for 2026 are;

**Robert Ale**  
**Ollie Hughes**  
**Charlotte Oliver**  
**Eliza Sleep**



Our House Captains for 2026 are;

Dewry  
**Mason Anderson & Noah Carn**  
Campbell  
**Ariana Karallis & Frankie Mammone**  
Newton  
**Gabe Blundy & Taresa Romeo**  
McCracken  
**Mila Caristo & Malachy Pyke**



## 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 Reyemersdael Family (Josie).

We would also like to farewell families who are leaving the ISPS community to continue their educational journey in another school.

We farewell the following families: Collier Family (Eliza & Axel), DeAngelis Family (Josh & Amelia), Milne Family (Aubrie), Nocera Family (Claudia & Emilia) and the Piscioneri Family (LJ & Harlee).



## Congratulations

At Monday morning's assembly three of our Grade 6 students were presented with their scholarships for Irymple Secondary College.

Kara, from ISC, presented the scholarships to:

**Riley McDermott**, All Rounder Scholarship

**Zara Burns**, Academic Scholarship

**Evan Krul**, Academic Scholarship

We wish them all the best with their secondary school journey.



## School Council

We would like to thank our 2025 School Council Members for their dedication and commitment to our school.

Our 2025 members are: Emily Bamford, Marc Bowen, Erin O'Connor, Carly Gange, Simon Gee, Todd George, Brian Gray, Matt Gray, Lauren Hepworth, Jodie Hughes, Emma Lord, Elizabeth Marwood, Shanae Rose, Jamie Russell, Michael Sleep and Stacey Solomon.

Thanks to the members who held extra responsibilities

President: Simon Gee

Vice President: Stacey Solomon

Minute Taker: Lauren Hepworth

Finance Sub Committee: Simon Gee, Jamie Russell, Jodie Hughes, Matt Gray and Sharon Welsh

Convenor of the Finance Sub Committee: Simon Gee

We look forward to working with our School Council again in 2026.



## Thank you

Thank you to Hammertons Jewellers who donated a book to each of our 2025



Prep students. Earlier in the week, the Grade 6 students shared the books with their Prep buddies. Each book had the Prep student's name written on a label attached to the inside of the book. It was a lovely day to read outside. Thanks again to Hammertons for their ongoing commitment to sharing a love of literature and reading.





# Grade 6 2025



Anna



Noah



Bonnie



Jimmy



Jaxon



Zara



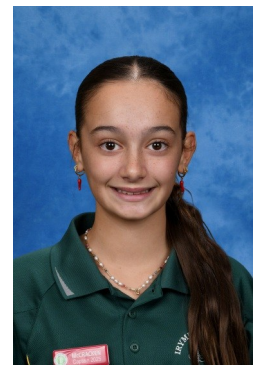
Liana



Jovi



Ricky



Giselle



Elvira



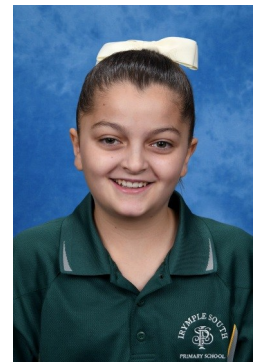
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Levi



Avery



Sawyer



Ruben



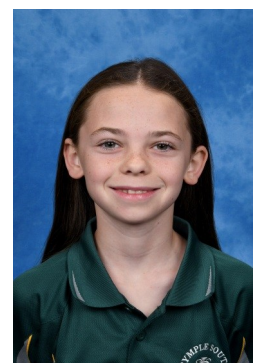
Emilia



Thomas



Bentley



Mila



# Grade 6 2025



Amelia



Evan



Sophia



Christina



Paityn



Elliott



Chace



Mietta



Claudia



Phillip



Phoebe



Jude



Riley



Hunter



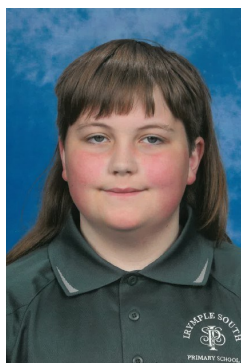
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Jacob



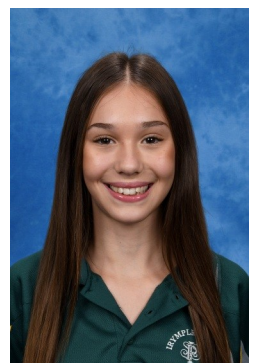
Jax



Blake



Oli



Evie



# Grade 6 2025



Nikita



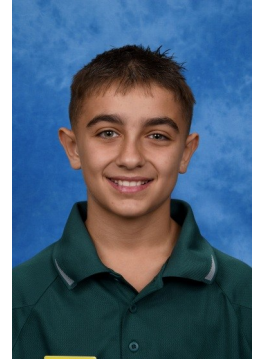
LJ



Chloe



Seannah



Frankie



Aleirah



Bryce



Riley



Ivy



Grace



Ava



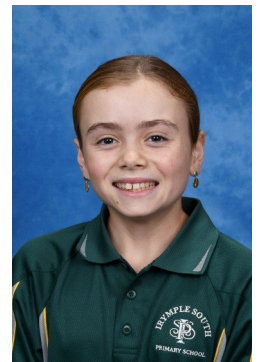
Will



Josephine



Rhianna



Isla





## I.S.P.S. AWARD RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the following Grade 6 students who were presented with awards at Tuesday night's graduation. We thank all our sponsors for their generous donations.



### **General Excellence Award** **Evan**

Sponsored by  
*Robyn Brooks*



### **All Rounder Award** **Riley**

Sponsored by  
*Richwood Farms*



### **Leadership Award** **Zara**

Sponsored by  
*The Hughes Family*



### **Leadership Award** **Oli**

Sponsored by  
*Jade Benham*  
*Member of Parliament*



### **Academic Award (Literacy)** **Emilia**

In Honour of  
*Brooke Vadlja*



### **Academic Award (Maths)** **Avery**

Sponsored by  
*Richwood Farms*



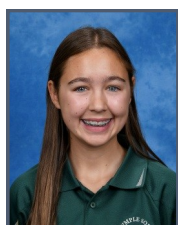
### **Sport Award** **Frankie**

Sponsored by  
*Sosaia Ale*



### **Sport Award** **Rhianna**

Sponsored by  
*Sosaia Ale*



### **Personal Learning Award** **Amelia**

Sponsored by  
*The Leishman Family*



### **Personal Learning Award** **Ivy**

Sponsored by  
*Mark & Wendy Jenkins*



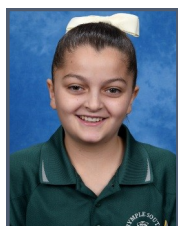
### **Personal Learning Award** **Liana**

Sponsored by  
*Cosimo & Miranda Piscioneri*



### **Personal Learning Award** **Phoebe**

Sponsored by  
*Charlie's Fruit & Vegetables*



### **Personal Growth Award** **Sawyer**

Sponsored by  
*Mark & Wendy Jenkins*



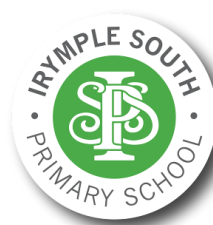
### **Personal Learning Award** **School Values** **Joshua**

Sponsored by  
*Richwood Farms*



### **Maggie Stark Art Award** **Giselle**

*Named after Irymple South*  
*Primary School's first Head Teacher*



## BEING SUNSMART

As the weather warms up and the UV levels rise we need to be vigilant about being SunSmart.

When at school all students and staff are to wear broad brimmed or bucket hats outside. If they don't have a hat, there are covered areas that are available. These include the assembly area, outside the classrooms and the basketball courts.

We encourage you to refer to the flyer on how to be SunSmart in Victoria.

Our school website has the SunSmart widget, which provides the UV rating and the temperature.

Stay safe this summer season.

## Being SunSmart in Victoria



### When UV is 3+



**Slip** on covering clothing



**Slop** on SPF50, broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen



**Slap** on a broad-brimmed hat



**Seek** shade



**Slide** on sunglasses (AS:1067)

**Think UV, not heat!** UV rays can't be seen or felt and can damage your skin on cool or cloudy days.

### When UV is below 3

**Sun protection isn't required** unless you are outdoors for extended periods or near reflective surfaces, such as snow.



**Download the SunSmart Global UV app** to find sun protection times for your location.

March 2023



Scan the QR code or visit [sunsmart.com.au/app](https://sunsmart.com.au/app) to download.





**nab AFL Auskick**  
**4-7 YEAR OLDS**

Our youngest players experience footy through playful, age-appropriate activities and games, guided by supportive NAB AFL Auskick coaches. Emphasis is on basic skill development, teamwork, and building confidence, all wrapped up in an exciting day filled with smiles, laughter, new friendships and Good Clean Fun.




**AFL Superkick**  
**8-12 YEAR OLDS**

Older kids level-up their footy experience with NAB AFL Superkick coaches. They'll participate in modified gameplay and advanced skill-building activities designed to challenge them, strengthen teamwork and leadership skills, and build lasting memories. It's a vibrant day filled with mateship, mud, and plenty of fun!



**MILDURA SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**  
**TUESDAY JAN 27- 9 TO 3 MSP (INSIDE THE STADIUM)**





**AUSTRALIAN GOLF FOUNDATION**

**Junior Girls Scholarship Program**

Australian Golf Foundation Junior Girls Scholarship program  
Media Release

**The Merbein Golf Club are offering junior girls' golf scholarships in 2026!**

The Merbein Golf Club has obtained funding from The Australian Golf Foundation (AGF) to support 18 lucky girls to continue to develop their golfing skills.

Scholarships are open to girls aged 9 to 16 and while the program's primary aim is to retain girls in golf by giving girls a shared golf experience, girls new to golf may also be engaged in this program should they demonstrate a commitment to learning the sport.

"This is a terrific opportunity", said Melinda Binding, Community Golf Instructor, of the Merbein Golf Club. "Not only will girls receive 24 coaching sessions, but also a free one-year junior club membership that carries playing rights, to ensure girls can participate in club competitions and obtain a handicap".

The Scholarship program is part of a national campaign to get more girls playing golf. Along with over 165 other golf facilities across Australia, the Merbein Golf Club will be working closely with golf's national body Golf Australia throughout 2026.

"All we ask is that applicants display a desire and willingness to improve their golf skills, obtain a handicap, play in club competitions (or at least social play) and engage in any extra-curricular activity that fosters friendships between scholarship holders".

A total of 18 scholarships will be available for 2026.

For further information and to apply, please contact Melinda Binding on 0447 790 949 or email [communitygolfinstructormj@b@gmail.com](mailto:communitygolfinstructormj@b@gmail.com)





## STUDENTS FREE PUBLIC TRANSPORT

From Thursday 1st January 2026, people aged under 18 can travel free on all Victorian public transport services. This includes trams, trains, buses and coach services.

Previously people aged 5 to 18 years could use a child myki card and buy a concession fare. To access free travel from January, they must use a new Youth myki card and tap the card on and off

each time they travel. For areas that do not use myki cards, they must show their myki card to travel free.

Young people, their parents or guardians can now purchase a Youth myki for \$5 on [transport.vic.gov.au/myki](https://transport.vic.gov.au/myki)

To buy a Youth myki, customers can create an account or login to an existing myki account, purchase and register the Youth myki, and wait for it to arrive in the mail.

Due to high demand, delivery of the new Youth myki may take longer than the standard 10 business days. Confirmation emails in printed or digital format can be used as a ticket to travel from 1st January, while waiting for a Youth myki to arrive.



## VICSWIM

VICSWIM is a 5-day intensive learn to swim and water safety program for children aged 4 to 12 years, run in the summer holidays. VICSWIM is particularly helpful for those who may not access swimming lessons regularly. The Victorian Government subsidises the program, which is run by Aquatics and Recreation Victoria.

Program details:

Dates: Monday 5 January to Friday 23 January 2026

Time: 5 lessons, 30 minutes each

Location: at 140 venues across the state. To find your nearest location, refer to [VICSWIM 2026 venues](#) In our region, programs are run at Irymple Pool, Mildura Waves, Red Cliffs Pool and Merbein Pool.

Cost: \$43 per child for the week.

For more information and to book (log in required), refer to the [VICSWIM](#) website.

**LEARN TO SWIM**

VICSWIM Summer Kidz Program is a great way for your child to **learn how to swim & stay safe** in & around water!

[vicswim.com.au](https://vicswim.com.au)

**ENROL FOR SUMMER**

**\$43** FOR 5 LESSONS!

\*An additional entry cost may apply at some pools.

SCAN TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

ARV AQUATICS & RECREATION VICTORIA water safety since 1976 50 YEARS 1976-2026



# 2026

		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
JAN	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

## 2026 Dates

### Term Dates 2026

ALL students start school on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

Staff return to school on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January

**Term 1** Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

**Term 2** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June

**Term 3** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept

**Term 4** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Oct - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec

### Night Amongst the Vines

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2026

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### DECEMBER

Evan Krul (15<sup>th</sup>)

Zara Burns (16<sup>th</sup>)

Daemon Pettit (17<sup>th</sup>)

Emilia Graf-Cox (18<sup>th</sup>)

Connor Graf-Cox (18<sup>th</sup>)

Quinn Lampard (19<sup>th</sup>)

Makayla Direen (21<sup>st</sup>)

Ella Burford (22<sup>nd</sup>)

Mila Caristo (23<sup>rd</sup>)

Toby Smith (24<sup>th</sup>)

Alessio Costantino (24<sup>th</sup>)

Ava Tumanuvao (26<sup>th</sup>)

Eliza Sleep (27<sup>th</sup>)

Alexis Jones (30<sup>th</sup>)

Mila Byron (31<sup>st</sup>)

Evie Pender (31<sup>st</sup>)

Josie Van Reyersdael (31<sup>st</sup>)



### Student start day for 2026

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

