



Friday 6th February, Issue 2, Week 2, Term 1, 2026

OPTIMISM OWNERSHIP CURIOSITY INCLUSION

School Council

The next meeting of the School Council will take place on Wednesday 25th February at 6:00pm in the staffroom.

Learning Conferences

We will be having 'Learning Conferences' on **Tuesday 24th March**. Students will not attend school on this day, but are expected to attend their conference. Bookings will be via XUNO and we will let you know when they open. 'TheirCare' will offer care during the day if needed.

Students of the Week

In this week's newsletter we are announcing our first Students of the Week for 2026. The certificates will be handed out at assembly on Monday morning. Congratulations to all of our students who have had a very positive start to the year.

Night Amongst the Vines

We have postponed our biennial 'Night Amongst the Vines' community event. We will endeavour to find a date in Term 4, when we can all enjoy an evening together.

Camps Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

2026

The Victorian Government will be providing a CSEF payment to all eligible families to assist with the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. New applicants should

contact the office for an application form. If you applied in 2025 and your circumstances have not changed, you do not need to reapply. Please check with the office and read the flyer further on in the newsletter for more information. The annual CSEF amount per students is \$400.

Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where, permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' privacy policy](#) and the [Schools' privacy collection notice](#).

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students policy [\[policy\]](#), describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn. We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use digital technologies safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. Please refer to the letter sent out through XUNO last week regarding Digital Technologies- Acceptable Use Agreement.

School Photos

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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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FEBRUARY

Natalina Sergi (2nd)
Indi Gibson (3rd)
Emmie Duncan (4th)
Harlan Rivett (4th)
Lario-Milan Piscioneri (4th)
Archer Humphrys (5th)
Ollie Hughes (5th)
Ayman Alic (6th)



CHOOK CREW

Each term a group of Grade 4 students care for our school chooks. At the end of each day, they co-ordinate the collection of the food scraps and then feed these to the chooks. They collect the eggs and make sure that the chooks are securely locked up for the night.

The Chook Crew members for Term 1 are:
Oscar Reid
Milly Anson
Aria Piscioneri
Riley Yuill



DATES TO REMEMBER

Term Dates

Term 1	Thu 29 th Jan – Thu 2 nd April
Term 2	Mon 20 th April – Fri 26 th June
Term 3	Mon 13 th July – Fri 18 th Sept
Term 4	Mon 5 th Oct - Fri 18 th Dec

Public Holidays

Labour Day - Monday 9th March
Good Friday - Friday 3rd April
Easter Monday - Monday 6th April
Anzac Day - Saturday 25th April
King's Birthday - Monday 8th June
Grand Final Eve - Friday 25th September
Cup Day - Tuesday 3rd November

School Events

School Photos - Tuesday 17th February
School Council Meeting – Wednesday 25th February
NAPLAN - Wed 11th to Friday 13th March
Swimming Program Grades 4 & 6 – Monday 16th to Friday 20th March
Learning Conferences – Tuesday 24th March
Cross Country - Thursday 26th March

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep T

Silke Campbell

Prep D

Willow Roberts

Prep C

Charlie Lampard

1M

Emmie Duncan

1MG

Connor Graf-Cox

1H

Frankie Winderlich

2M

Henry Purves-Millis

2Z

Aston Jenner

2D

Finn Maddox

3G

Lachie Brady

3S

Reuben Dowdy

4R

Alessia Caminiti

4G

Myla Vining

5G

Lorenzo Campisi

5W

Chloe Chiswell

6S

Patrick Mannes

6H

Santino Cavallo

Art

Charlotte Oliver

Health

Claire Holding

PE

Jude Wrate

STEM

Blake Yuill

Food Tech

Reuben Dowdy

Assistant Principal

Maddi Yuill

Principal

Alfie Voyce

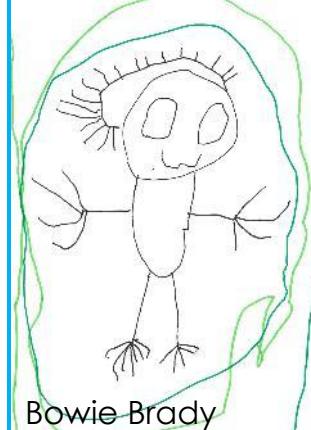
Introducing Prep T 2026



Archer Humphrys



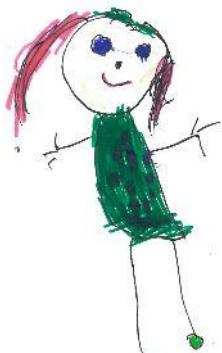
Autumn Russell-Pearce



Bowie Brady



Dyson Coates



Evie Trimbonias



Hayley Holding



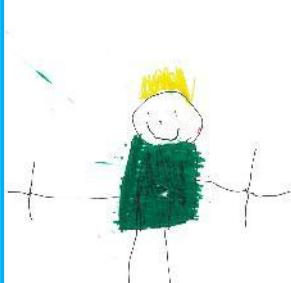
Jasper Krasna



Levi Keating



Mannix Pender



Max Sellens



Millar Pratt



Morgan Corponi



Nova Pollock



Rory Purves-Millis

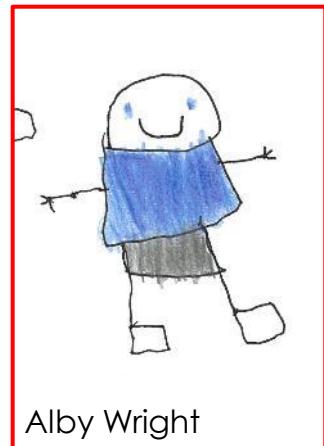


Silke Campbell



Sophie Johnson

Introducing Prep D 2026



Alby Wright



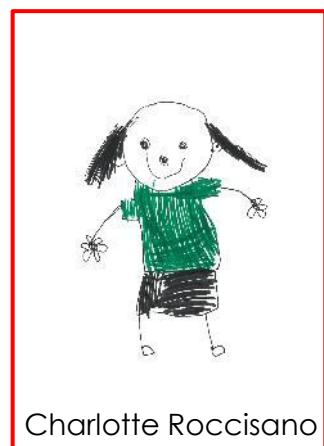
Ava Jones



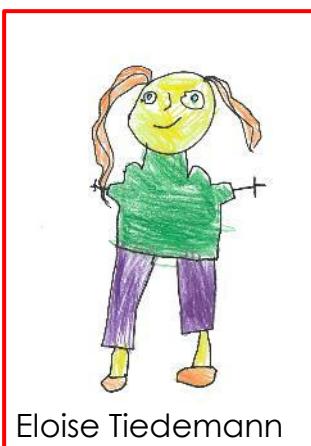
Bobbie Callow



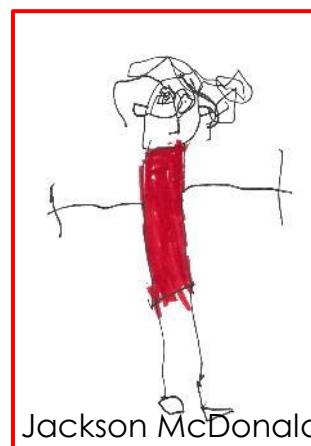
Bobby Williams



Charlotte Roccisano



Eloise Tiedemann



Jackson McDonald



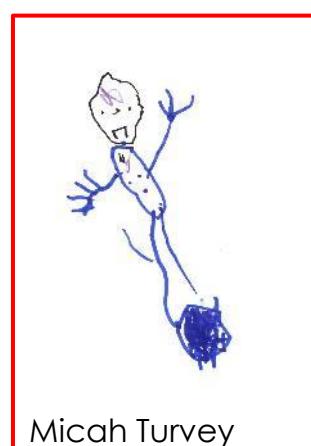
Julius Karallis



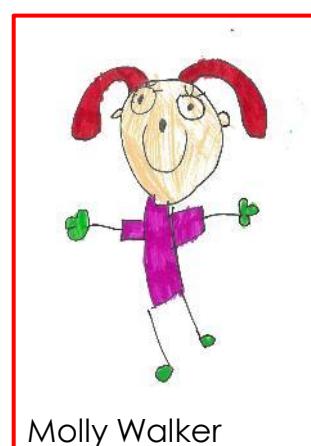
Kaden Plewinski



Layla Mee



Micah Turvey



Molly Walker



Orlando Sergi



Samuel Caminiti



Thea Caristo

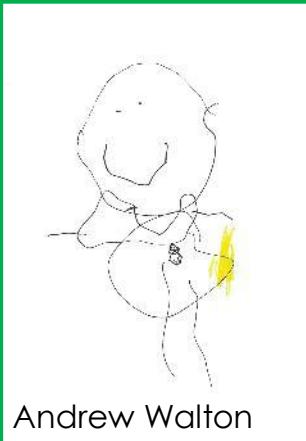


Willow Roberts

Introducing Prep C 2026



Alfie Voyce



Andrew Walton



Aymin Alic



Banjo Johnson



Charlie Lampard



Cooper Hammond



Darci Tibbits



Elias Alvanos



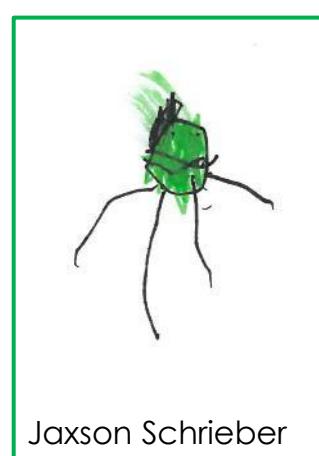
George McCarron



Harlon Murphy



Hazel Warden



Jaxson Schrieber



Kyrie Tumanavao



Royce Gum



Scarlett Ruhs



Violet Marciano

Staff 2026

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Wellbeing Team

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Classroom Support Teachers

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Education Support (Classroom)

Maddy Aiello
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 Kofi Lord
 Maria Petrolo
 Olivia Tassone
 Casey Romeo
 Brenda Vadoni
 Maggie Watt

Grounds & Maintenance

Dave Allen

School email address

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SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos will be taken on **Tuesday 17th February**.

Photos are to be ordered online. Individual packages and family packages can be ordered. Family photos must be ordered by 4.30pm on Monday 16th February.

Have You Ordered Your School Photos?

Your photo day is: **17/02/2026**



 **LEADING IMAGE**
School Photos



leadingimage.com.au

Irymple South Primary School

DON'T MISS OUT!

To order your school photos:

1. Go to www.leadingimage.com.au
2. Click on Order Your School Photos
3. Enter your Access Key

! Individual & family photos can be ordered with the same access key. Family photographs must be ordered **before 4:30pm the night before photo day**. Please ensure your orders are placed before this time.

Access key: **YHE52N7N**



Scan to order!



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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's financial circumstances and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS and EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school excursions, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or support an out of home care student you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid directly to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is \$400 for all school students.

Applications must be submitted to the school by the end of Term 2, 2026

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:
<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>





@ RED CLIFFS LAWN TENNIS CLUB
COMMUNITY COACHING
TERM 1 - 2026

4 & 5 years	> MON 3:30pm – 4:00pm	-\$7 p/session
5-12 years	> MON 4:00pm – 4:45pm	-\$10 p/session
5+ years	> TUE 4:30pm – 5:15pm	-\$10 p/session
4-12 years	> SAT 9:00am – 9:45am	-\$10 p/session
MATCH PLAY	> SAT 9:45am – 10:15am	-\$3 p/session

Includes a FREE Hot Shots T-Shirt!
Racquets available. Learn the fundamentals of tennis in a safe, fun, and social environment!

To enrol or for more information
Lisa Hill – Community Play Coach/Coordinator
M 0400 726 824 • E lisa.joy.hill70@gmail.com

AN ACE CLUB, HARD TO FAULT AND EASY TO LOVE



TEENS TENNIS
@ RED CLIFFS LAWN TENNIS CLUB
TERM 1 - 2026

MON 4:45pm – 5:30pm | TUE 5:15pm – 6:00pm
\$10 p/session

Boost your skills and technique to become a more competitive player in a social tennis environment.
BONUS > It will get you off your screens and help you keep fit!

ALL STANDARDS WELCOME!

To enrol or for more information
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Jemma **Mikayla**

Meet Irymple South TheirCare Staff

At Irymple South PS TheirCare, we provide a relaxed, welcoming, and flexible environment where children's voices, interests, and ideas guide our program. Our child-led approach allows each child the freedom to choose how they spend their time, while feeling safe, supported, and included.

Children enjoy a wide range of engaging activities, including arts and crafts, building and creating with LEGO and recycled materials, imaginative role play with dress-ups and play food, as well as board games, card games, and puzzles. We also love getting outdoors to play group games, dance, and take part in sporting activities that promote teamwork and confidence.

Most importantly, we focus on building positive relationships and creating a space where every child feels they belong. We always look forward to welcoming new children and families into our TheirCare community.

TheirCare 



JOIN ART CLUB

Join our experienced Art facilitator, Jodie, for fun, child-led art sessions at our gorgeous Merbein studio.

Try different techniques and a variety of mediums, with expert guidance and responsive teaching.

Ages 4 to 14
Contact our team for more information
enquiries@sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au
0420 939 229
Thursdays 4:15pm during school terms



MILDURA GIRLS FOOTY COME & TRY
All Welcome!

Wednesday 11th February, 5pm-6pm, Aero Oval #1



Thinking about girls footy but not sure where to start?
This is for you!

We're running a Girls Footy Come & Try at Aero Oval #1 (closest to St Joseph Stadium) on Wednesday 11th February, 5-6pm, with Brodie Rayner coming along.

It's a really good chance for girls to come down, have a kick, learn a bit, meet some new people and see what footy is all about.

- ✓ No cost
- ✓ No sign up
- ✓ No pressure

Bring a friend, bring a sister, or just bring yourself.

Everyone is welcome ❤

If you've ever thought "maybe I'll give it a go" ... this is it