



Friday 9th February, Issue 3, Week 3, Term 1, 2026

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Last year, students in Grade 2 provided the Mildura Rural City Council with ideas for the new Jaycee Park Adventure

Playspace. Five designs were selected to win a prize and three of our students were chosen. On Friday Lydia, Phoenix and Domenico were presented with their prizes by Mayor Ali Cupper and Peter Semple MRCC Landscape Architect. Mrs Roccisano coordinated this activity during class time. Peter, the Landscape Architect, from the MRCC loved seeing the ideas and the creativity that was put into the

drawing and designs! Congratulations on your amazing designs Lydia, Phoenix and Domenico.



MOBILE DENTAL VAN

A team of highly skilled and friendly dental professionals from the Australian Smile Group are bringing the mobile dental van to ISPS on 23rd to 27th February 2026. The service operates under the Medicare-funded Child Dental Benefit Schedule (CDBS), ensuring **zero out-of-pocket costs for both parents and schools**. Consent forms will be sent out today and need to be **returned no later than Thursday February 19th**. For more information about the Australian Smile Group visit:

<https://www.australiasmilegroup.com.au/aboutUs> .

LUNCH ORDERS

If you are ordering your child's lunch, please make sure that you have their 2026 room number entered on the Flexischools app. Room numbers are:

Prep T, Room 5

Prep D, Room 6

Prep C, Room 7
1M, Room 17
1MG, Room 16
1H, Room 15
2M, Room 12
2Z, Room 13
2D, Room 14
3G, Room 3

3S, Room 4
4R, Room 1
4G, Room 2
5G, Room 8
5W, Room 9
6S, Room 10
6H, Room 11



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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.

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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School Photos

SCHOOL CAPTAINS 2026



Ollie Hughes

School captain means to me...

- Being an effective leader
- Demonstrating teamwork
- Respecting others
- Being resilient
- A role model to others
- Honesty
- Being approachable
- Confidence
- Building strong relationships

My inspiration to become school captain has come from my family because they have influenced me in my road to this role. I have loved this school since my Nanna, Mrs Rowland, worked here. She helped me throughout the start of my schooling to now becoming captain. I'm really looking forward to being able to show my skills throughout many opportunities this year as a captain, in particular through the Leadership in Action program. I can't wait for this year as School Captain and my final year of primary school!

Charlotte Oliver

School Captain means to me....

- Determination
- Resilience
- Showing inclusion both in and outside of school
- Being a good role model
- Showing optimism
- Transferring leadership learning from LiA

My inspiration to be a school captain has come from my family. They wholeheartedly support me 24/7 and always help me become a better version of myself. I've always looked up to my parents, particularly my Dad. He continues to encourage me to try new things and encourages me to give it a go and do my best. My Mum was also a captain at her school, and I hope to be the same person that they are- kind, caring and loving. I can't wait to meet new people and build new relationships with other students and teachers in my role. I hope to be a positive influence on all students and help them in any way I can. Irymple South has helped me to be a better and not to mention a more confident person. I hope to give this year my all and continue to show the 4 school values of Optimism, Ownership, Curiosity and Inclusion.

Eliza Sleep

School Captain means to me...

- Being approachable
- Providing a helping hand
- Being supportive and a hard worker
- Respecting others
- Having a positive impact on the school community
- Being open to new ideas
- Making effective decisions
- Building positive relationships
- Being a creative thinker

My inspiration for this role has come from my siblings. They have demonstrated to me what a role model looks like, and how to teach those around me to have a positive mindset. Irymple South has led me to become a better leader and my connection to the community has grown since I have come to this school. I am aiming to lead others to build confidence in themselves in 2026. I'm excited to transfer my Leadership in Action learning to this role. My goal for 2026 is being the best I can be and to lead this school to be the best year yet.

Robert Ale

School Captain means to me...

- Showing initiative
- Having a creative mindset
- Be responsible for my actions
- Demonstrating our school values
- Being a responsible leader
- Building connections with the school community
- Inspiring others
- Leading by example
- Being respectful
- Creating an inclusive, respectful environment

My inspiration to be a leader of this school has come from my brothers and the past school leaders. They have demonstrated how to be an effective leader and how to show efficiency in my School Captain role. I now look forward to how I can further myself as not only a leader but also as a person. I hope to be approachable to the students at ISPS, but also the school community. I hope that future leaders of the school will want to follow in my footsteps. I thank my family for helping me have the drive and passion for this role, and I give thanks to the teachers who have brought me this far in my leadership journey.

SWIMMING PROGRAM

Year 4 and year 6 Swimming and Water Safety Program

The Swimming in Schools initiative provides funding to contribute to the cost of delivering quality swimming and water safety education so all students have the opportunity to:

- learn how to swim
- develop lifelong skills in water safety to reduce their risk of drowning and injury

By the end of primary school, it is anticipated that students should be able to demonstrate the knowledge and skills identified in the Victorian Water Safety Certificate. The Certificate is awarded when a student can:

- swim 50m continuously
- perform a survival sequence wearing light clothing
- answer water safety-based questions
- perform non-swimming rescue techniques
- respond to an emergency by demonstrating DRSAB and recovery position.

In response to this program Irymple South Primary School are running an intensive program targeted at all Year 3 to year 6 students delivered by qualified swimming instructors at the Mildura Waves Aquatic Centre.

The year 4 and year 6 students' intensive program will run from Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February. A permission note has been sent out via XUNO.

Open Water Lifesaving Education Program

In addition to the intensive swimming program the year 6 students will have the opportunity to also participate in a whole day (4 hour) Open Water Lifesaving Education Program run by Lifesaving Victoria held at Apex beach on Thursday 26th February. A permission note has been sent out via XUNO.

LSV's Lifesaving Education Program is an open water program that is an engaging, practical opportunity for students to learn about water safety. Conducted in an open water environment similar to those they might visit with family and friends, students learn about the ever-changing environment, the risks that are posed and how they respond in an emergency situation. Students will enjoy the opportunity to transfer the swimming skills they've learned in the pool and the water safety knowledge they've learned in the classroom to the natural open water environments of rivers, lakes and beaches.

This program will include:

- Everyday Lifesavers
(CPR and basic emergency response)
- Be Aware and Be Prepared
(water safety knowledge and understanding safety signs)
- Survival Strategies (life jackets)
- Rescue Strategies
- Safe Bodyboarding
- A lifesaving carnival
(to showcase skills in an exciting engaging way)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FEBRUARY

Max Sellens (7th)
Jax Bate (7th)
Tara Johns (7th)
Heidi Wilmann (7th)
Bodhi Speed (8th)
Malachy Pyke (9th)
Alex Loxton (10th)
Rubin Sheean (10th)
Willow Hensgen (10th)
Dallas Caristo (12th)
Evie Lampard (13th)
Summer Wrate (13th)
Elora Karallis (13th)
Nova Pollock (14th)
Riley Palazzo (14th)
Alice Wilson (14th)
Sydney Siemsen (15th)



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Marie Roccisano, who welcomed a baby boy this week. We wish Marie, Steven, Charlotte and Ryan all the best with the addition of Adam to their family.

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

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

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep T

Hendrix Memery

Prep D

Charlotte Roccisano

Prep C

Ayman Alic

1M

Demi Englefield

1MG

Jax Bate

1H

Claire Cavallo

2M

Kayden Siemsen

2Z

Meg Hannig

2D

Ivy Beer

3G

Leo Caristo

3S

Max Gathercole

4R

Harrison Jones

4G

Stephy Choo

5G

Elsie Maddox

5W

Blake Yuill

6S

Mario Delorenzo

6H

Rocky Cavallo

Art

Indiana Bateman

Health

Alex Piscioneri

PE

Kayden Siemsen

STEM

Ella Standley

Food Tech

Blake Yuill

Assistant Principal

Jackson McDonald

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 lisajoy.hill70@gmail.com



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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!

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FOR YOUTH AGED
10 - 17 YEARS

5PM TO 8:30PM

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL
STADIUM

EVERY
FRIDAY
NIGHT

20TH FEBRUARY TO 20TH MARCH

FREE MEAL AND
TRANSPORT HOME
INCLUDED



FOR MORE INFORMATION
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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.



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 office for information
enquiries@sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au
0420 939 229
Thursdays 4:15pm during school terms



RED CLIFFS SWIMMING CLUB INVITES YOU TO BRING A FRIEND ALONG

**GRAB A FRIEND. JUMP IN.
MAKE WAVES**



At Red Cliffs, we don't just race... we cheer, laugh, and grow together.

Come and give swimming a try.

We hope to see you and your mates for a fun filled hour of pool games and Zooper Doopers

WHEN : WEDNESDAY 18TH OF FEBRUARY 2026

WHERE: AT THE RED CLIFFS SWIMMING POOL

TIME: 5PM – 6PM

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL RED CLIFFS CLUB PRESIDENT – MARK HENDY 0428 555 596