



Friday 20th February, Issue 4, Week 4, Term 1, 2026

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 were sent out last week. For more information about the Australian Smile Group visit: <https://www.australiansmilegroup.com.au/aboutUs>.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

There were lots of smiles on Tuesday for our school photo day. Class photos, individual and family photos were all taken. We are looking forward to seeing how they turn out!



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.

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.

SWIMMING PROGRAM

Grade 4 and 6 Swimming Program

This week, the Grade 4 and 6 students have participated in a Swimming and Water Safety Program at the Mildura Wave Pool. The students have been working on developing their swimming strokes. They have also been learning important skills for survival in the water including swimming fully clothed, survival strokes, floating and sculling, what to do if they do get in trouble in the water and how to rescue someone while still keeping themselves safe. They have had a blast swimming every day!



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)



Mila
&
Malachy

As McCracken House Captains we will....

- Encourage everyone to try their best
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship
- Be supportive
- Help others feel comfortable
- Include others
- Inspiring our peers
- Congratulating everyone on their efforts

Being **McCracken House Captains** means to us having the opportunity to encourage everyone to have a go and try their hardest. Although we might not win everything, we will be proud that **McCracken** has had a go and be proud knowing that we tried our hardest. We are extremely excited and grateful for this role, and we hope everybody has an amazing time participating in our sports days.

As Newton House Captains we will...

- Support and cheer everyone on
- Encourage others to have a go
- Motivate others
- Be positive role models
- Continually demonstrate our school values
- Listen to everyone's ideas
- Make everyone feel included and to have a voice
- Demonstrate great sportsmanship

We believe being **Newton House Captain** is not just about winning or losing, it's about trying our best and encouraging everyone to have a go. We wish to be positive role models to others and encourage them to look up to us. This role is about making everyone feel comfortable within our house and creating a safe environment for students. Most importantly we want to support all ISPS students to have fun!



Teresa
&
Gabe

As Dewry House Captains we will....

- Always try our best and never give up
- Be supportive leaders
- Have awesome team spirit
- Be good winners
- Be role models for all students
- Inspire everyone to be their best

Being **Dewry House Captain** is an important position to us because we love inspiring others to be their best selves. If we win, we will be gracious winners, but if we lose, we will be happy for others. We will always respect other teams, parents, teachers and other House Captains. We are excited to lead **Dewry** in 2026!



Noah
&
Mason

As Campbell House Captains we will....

- Take ownership of our role
- Work as a team
- Cheer everyone on
- Give 100% to the role
- Be responsible role models
- Support our teammates
- Be humble in victory and gracious in defeat

Being **Campbell House Captain** is a great chance for us to develop our leadership in Grade 6. We will try our best to succeed in our role on sports days and will create a positive environment for our teammates. We want everyone to be respectful and have fun in 2026!



Ariana
&
Frankie

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FEBRUARY

Hayley Holding (16th)
Daisy Brady (16th)
Alyssa Tan (17th)
Matilda Williams (18th)
Gianna Mammone (19th)
Alfie Callow (20th)
Hudson Kiel (20th)



BUILDING WORKS

The construction and refurbishment of Rooms 14 and 15 is moving along. Tomorrow the crane will be coming to move the parts of the room back in! Watch this space.



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 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

Morgan Corponi

Prep D

Bobby Williams

Prep C

Kyrie Tumanavao

1M

Charlee Laird

1MG

Lucy Homan

1H

Alex Plscioneri

2M

Fraya Walton

2Z

Indie Cutts

2D

Zyla Pitt

3G

Emily Millard

3S

Eve Caristo

4R

Indyana Phillips-Savage

Maggie Gee

4G

Gianna Mammone

River Cordoma

5G

Cleo Karallis

5W

Willa George

6S

Archie Smith

6H

Toby Sharman

Art

Dyson Coates

Health

Charlotte Roccisano

PE

Ryder Brennan

Blake Bate

STEM

Marcello Zara

Food Tech

Chase Kemp

Assistant Principal

Josh Thompson



Date: 31st October, 2025

Dear Principals and School Administrators,

On behalf of Nichols Point Incorporated, I am pleased to announce the establishment of the 2025 Sports Scholarship Program, created to support and encourage the athletic development of students across all local schools.

As an incorporated body committed to fostering excellence in both education and community engagement, we recognize the vital role that sport plays in shaping discipline, teamwork, and resilience in young people. This scholarship initiative has been designed to:

- Provide financial assistance to talented student-athletes
- Recognize outstanding commitment to both academic and sporting pursuits
- Encourage participation in a wide range of sporting disciplines
- Strengthen the connection between schools, families, and the broader community

We invite your school to share this opportunity with eligible students and their families. Application guidelines, eligibility criteria, and key dates will be provided in the attached information pdf.

We look forward to working in partnership with your school to identify and support the next generation of athletes who will represent our Nichols Point community with pride. Should you have any questions or require further details, please do not hesitate to contact me direct: - Amanda Gowty, Vice President on 0417 237357 or via reply email.

Thank you for your continued dedication to the growth and success of your students.

Yours sincerely,

Amanda Gowty

Vice President

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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>



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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