



PREP REST DAYS



The Preps have been having a rest day on Wednesday. Next week will be their first full week of school! We look forward to having them attend school full time.



NAPLAN

Students in Grade 3 & 5 will complete the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) between Wednesday 11th and Friday 13th March. The Grade 3 writing test will be completed offline and all other tests are online. An information brochure can be accessed by clicking the link below. This was also sent out to all parents of students involved in NAPLAN via XUNO.

[NAPLAN Information Brochure](#)

MOBILE DENTAL VAN

There has been an overwhelming response to the free dental service that was offered this week. Students' teeth were examined and treatment was provided if required. This has been an extremely valuable service that has been offered to our students.



LEARNING CONFERENCES

Our first conferences about your child's learning will take place on **Tuesday 24th March**. The conferences are designed to be a conversation between your child, yourself and the classroom teacher. Classroom expectations, routines and our approach to learning will all be explained. Please come with any questions that you have about your child and their learning. All staff look forward to talking with you and your child. Students are not required to attend school on this day but are to attend the conference. Bookings can be made via XUNO. Go to the 'School' tab and click on 'Parent Teacher Interviews'. 'TheirCare' will offer care during the day if needed.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the School Council will take place on Wednesday 4th March at 6:00pm in the staffroom.

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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.

Year 6 Open Water Lifesaving Education Program

On Thursday, the year 6 students had the opportunity to participate in an Open Water Safety program run by Lifesaving Victoria at Apex Park beach. This program was an extension of the intensive swimming program they completed last week. Today students got to experience both water and land-based knowledge and activities such as, what to look for when entering any new open water environments, practical strategies for identifying dangers and reading key safety signs, the emergency response sequence DRSABCD, lifejacket use and relays, safe body boarding and using nipper boards, beach flag sprints, rescue strategies using common items and lifesaving tubes. The day finished with the Iron Group challenge using a variety of these skills in a relay event on land & in the water. Thanks to the instructors from Lifesaving Victoria for such a fun and very educational day.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SEESAW



FEBRUARY

Remi Kavanagh (23rd)
Jimmy Jeffers (23rd)
Indianna Tully (25th)
Alessio Piscioneri (25th)
Ariella Pardo (25th)
Aaliyah Speed (27th)
Annie Boyd (27th)
Spencer Sharpe (27th)
May Wright (28th)
Harper Scott (28th)



MARCH

Autumn Russell-Pearce (1st)

Seesaw provides meaningful connections between families and the classroom, allowing family members to view student work and celebrate their child's learning. This year, students will continue to share selected work samples to capture the learning process. Multimodal entries will provide students with the opportunity to reflect on their learning and to celebrate success. It is important to note that the focus and frequency of student entries will vary in each year level. Introductory videos from your child's year level and from the Specialist staff are being sent out via Seesaw for your viewing.

BUILDING WORKS



The Grade 2 building was craned back into position on Saturday. Now it will be refurbished ready for our students to use. There has been plenty of work already happening and we are very hopeful that it will be ready for the start of Term 2.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep T

Bowie Brady

Prep D

Micah Turvey

Prep C

Royce Gunn

1M

Mason Caristo

1MG

Ruby Bamford

1H

Lola Brennan

2M

Gracie Crook

2Z

Mila Englefield

2D

Riley Palazzo

3G

Grace Caristo

3S

Everly Mee

Phoenix Caristo

4R

Fletcher Retallick

4G

Owie McClure

5G

Camille Marwood

5W

Denero Puleio

6S

Indi Gibson

6H

Heidi Wilmann

Art

Reuben Dowdy

Health

Tommy Leishman

PE

Eli Vallelonga

STEM

Willow Roberts

Food Tech

Noah Williams

Assistant Principal

Gabe Blundy



VICTORIA POLICE

**Neighbourhood Policing Team
Mildura
Division 6
Western Region**

24 February 2026

To parents,

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Dear parents,

I have noticed a lot of E-Scooters being ridden by school age children around our town. These scooters are being ridden both on the road as well as footpaths, with many riders not wearing helmets or protective gear. E-Scooter related injuries has caused an increase in the number of Emergency Room visits, a large proportion of these are School aged children presenting with injuries such as broken bones, spinal injuries and serious head injuries resulting in ABIs (acquired brain injuries).

'More than five Queenslanders per day are ending up in the emergency department due to e-scooter injuries, according to new state hospital data.' (Queensland hospital data shows e-scooter injuries escalate to five per day. ABC News 11/02/2026)

Children have been shown to take greater risks as they are still growing and have not achieved the brain development required to always make good decisions.

"A teen's developing brain places them at greater risk of being reactive in their decision-making, and less able to consider the consequences of their choices." (Why teenagers make terrible decisions: A guide for parents ABC news 22/01/2018 By James McCue, Edith Cowan University)

E-Scooters are high powered, heavy transportation devices that require sensible decision making to avoid risk of injury to themselves and those around them in public. The Victorian government creates legislation to govern the safe use of these devices and Victoria Police are responsible for enforcing the laws. You may not be aware of these laws, so I have put some of them below. The brackets contain some of the contributing factors as to why these laws were created.

E-Scooter riders must:

- be at least 16 years old. (Under 16 yr olds not developed enough to make safe choices)
- not ride with a second person. (The brakes are not designed for this)
- not ride on the footpath. (Danger to pedestrians)
- wear an approved bicycle helmet. (High chance of head strike with footpath in collision)
- not travel faster than 20 kph. (The faster they go the more dangerous they become)
- not travel on roads signposted above 60kph. (High speed vehicles present a large risk)
- not use mobile phones while riding. (This is a massive distraction)

The above offences may attract fines of up to \$611.

The use of headphones for music while riding an E-scooter, while not illegal, is strongly discouraged. This can act as a distraction and may prevent your child from hearing any approaching danger.

I am asking parents to please consider the safety of their children when they are considering purchasing one of these devices for their kids and please reconsider. If your child is 16 or over and has an E-Scooter, please have a discussion with them about the importance of riding on the road, wearing a helmet and being safe.

Thank you for taking the time to read this message,

Nick RAYNOR
Senior Constable 41794



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GOOD CLEAN FUN

PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK

SUNRAYSLIA ALL GIRLS AUSKICK

MILDURA SPORTING PRECINCT

FRIDAYS 6/3 to 27/3
Time: 4.30pm - 5.30pm
Auskick: 4-12 years old
Cost: \$55 for 4 week program
+ \$55 Discount for T2 Community Auskick

REGISTER




VICTORIA Department of Education

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.

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.

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, 2025

MORE INFORMATION

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




Nichols Point INC

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 Gowdy, 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 Gowdy
 Vice President
 Nichols Point Incorporated

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Rivaside Hockey Club

Hockey Beginner Skill Sessions

Want to give hockey a try and learn new skills?
 Come along to our junior skill sessions.

Starts Thursday March 12
 5.15pm – 6.15pm
 Aero Oval
 adjacent to hockey and
 opposite the Little Aths oval




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		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
MARCH	6	2	3	4 School Council Meeting 6:00pm	5	6	7	8
	7	9 Labour Day Public Holiday	10	11 NAPLAN	12 NAPLAN	13 NAPLAN	14	15
	8	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	9	23	24 Learning Conferences	25	26 School Cross Country Event	27	28	29
APRIL	10	30	31	1	2 End of Term 1 2:15pm	3 GOOD FRIDAY	4	5
		6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	1	20 Term 2 starts	21	22	23	24 ANZAC Day Ceremony	25 ANZAC DAY	26
MAY	2	27	28	29	30	1	2	3
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Mother's Day

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term Dates

Term 1 Thu 29th Jan – Thu 2nd April

Term 2 Mon 20th April – Fri 26th June

Term 3 Mon 13th July – Fri 18th Sept

Term 4 Mon 5th Oct - Fri 18th 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