



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, Issue 6, Week 6, Term 1, 2026

## PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March is the Labour Day Public Holiday. The school will not be open on Monday. Have a great long weekend.

## WEATHER EVENT UPDATE

What a week we have had! The unprecedented weather event last weekend impacted us quite significantly.

Many of our impacted spaces have been remediated and these will be back in full use next week. Room 7, Prep C, will take more time as the damage was quite extensive.

We thank everyone for their support and understanding this week.

Detailed information of room changes have been and will continue to be sent out via XUNO when required.

We send our thoughts and support to our families that have been impacted. Some families have been displaced from their homes and we are here to help when needed.



## NAPLAN

Students in Grade 3 & 5 will complete the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) between Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March. The Grade 3 writing test will be completed offline and all other tests are online.

Writing: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March

Reading: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March

Conventions of Language: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March

Maths: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March

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](#)

## LEARNING CONFERENCES

Our first conferences about your child's learning will take place on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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.

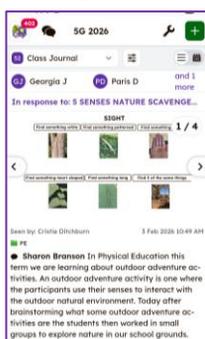
# MOBILE DENTAL VAN

The Mobile Dental Van will return on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March and stay until Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. All students who have not been seen will have their appointments during this week. For more information about the Australian Smile Group visit: <https://www.australiansmilegroup.com.au/aboutUs> .

## SEESAW

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 staff and from the Specialist staff have been sent out via Seesaw for your viewing.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### MARCH

- Otto Ferguson (3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Patrick Catanzariti (5<sup>th</sup>)
- Peter Cua (5<sup>th</sup>)
- Milla Burke (6<sup>th</sup>)
- Milla Hughes (7<sup>th</sup>)



## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

(certificates will be presented at assembly on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March)

### Prep T

Dyson Coates

### Prep D

Julius Karallis

### Prep C

Andrew Walton

### 1M

Lacey Webster

### 1MG

Natalina Sergi

### 1H

Ella Standley

### 2M

Alexis Jones

### 2Z

Brodie Callaway

### 2D

Daisy Brady

### 3G

Ella Johnson

### 3S

Ada Mannes

### 4R

Riley Yuill

### 4G

Jude Wrate

### 5G

Annabelle Tiedemann

### 5W

Nevaeh Walton

### 6S

Charlotte Oliver

### 6H

Hanna Meulemans

### Art

Henry Purves-Millis

### PE

Eve Caristo

### Health

Elke Brady

### STEM

Denero Puleio

Alex Loxton

### Food Tech

Milly Crook

### Assistant Principal

Alexis Jones

# SCHOOL COUNCIL NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS 2026

The School Council election process has now commenced for 2026. Nominations are called for one parent and one staff position for the 2026 - 27 school years (two-year term). Self-nomination forms are available from Jamie or the front office. Nominations will close on **Friday 20th March**. Please consider the opportunity to be involved in our school community in a significant role. School Council meetings are held on a Wednesday night in the school staffroom. There are eight meetings for the year.

Thanks to our 2025 School Council members;

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

Special thanks to Michael Sleep for his service on School Council as he steps down from his role.

## SUNRAYSIA & SUNRAYSIA SOUTH COMBINED DIVISION SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Wednesday, 9 students represented the school at the Sunraysia and Sunraysia South Combined Swimming Championships. Students competed very well with many students placing in at least one of their races. Congratulations to Ollie and Max who have progressed in their individual events to the Loddon Mallee Regional Championships in Swan Hill on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Also, well done to Ollie, Harry, Frankie and Max for winning the 4 x 50m Freestyle relay race and will also compete at the Regional Championships in the 4x50m freestyle relay.

To all our wonderful swimmers who competed on Wednesday we are very proud of your efforts.

Placings for the competition:

Zara McDermott – 2nd 50m Breaststroke

Alivia McShane– 4th 50m Freestyle

Cleo Karallis- 3rd 50m Backstroke

Max McQualter- 2nd Backstroke, 6th 50m Freestyle & 1st 4x50m Freestyle relay team

Eliza Sleep- 3rd 50m Backstroke, 5th 50m Freestyle

Ollie Hughes– 2nd 50m Freestyle, 2nd 50m Breaststroke & 1st 4x50m Freestyle relay team

Patrick Mannes- 3rd 50m Backstroke

Harry Shawcross- 1st 4x50m Freestyle relay team

Frankie Mammone- 1st 4x50m Freestyle relay team



# 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.



Date: 31<sup>st</sup> 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,  
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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, 2025.

### 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>



## 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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# GOOD CLEAN FUN

[PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK](http://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**



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[PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK](http://PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK)

## Imperial FNC

Thursday's #3 Oval starting 23<sup>rd</sup> April @ 4.30pm

10 week program



# GOOD CLEAN FUN

[PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK](http://PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK)

## Mildura Football Netball Club

Brian Weightman Oval

Wednesday 4:45pm



		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
MARCH	7	9 Labour Day Public Holiday	10 Regional Swimming in Swan Hill	11 NAPLAN	12 NAPLAN	13 NAPLAN	14	15
	8	16 Dental Van	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 EASTER SUNDAY
		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
	4	11	12	13	14	15	16	17

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Term Dates

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

Term 2 Mon 20<sup>th</sup> April – Fri 26<sup>th</sup> June

Term 3 Mon 13<sup>th</sup> July – Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Sept

Term 4 Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Oct - Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec

Anzac Day - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April

King's Birthday - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June

Grand Final Eve - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Cup Day - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

### School Events

NAPLAN - Wed 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Dental Van - Mon 16<sup>th</sup> to Fri 20<sup>th</sup> March

Learning Conferences – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Cross Country - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March