Friday 13th March, Issue 7, Week 7, Term 1, 2026

# 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.

# PARKING

Park safely at all times and follow the signs regarding parking in Belar Avenue and 15th Street. When leaving the car parking spots on Belar, reverse out and drive down Belar where you can safely do a U-Turn to head towards 15th Street. Observe speed signs at all times and observe the crossing area rules. Ensure that you don't park where the buses park and leave plenty of room around the crossing. Take a look at the **video** that we have created. We thankyou for observing the road rules and keeping everyone safe.

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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.

# ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

Our ANZAC Ceremony will be held on Friday the 24th April (Week 1, Term 2) at 10:30am. Our Grade 2 students will sing 'Lest We Forget' and our Grade 6 students will host the ceremony. Once again, we will have our ISPS Memorial Wall on display. Our wall recognises students' family members who have served our country. If you have added a name to the Memorial Wall in the past, it will be included again this year. If would like to add a name, please email Emma.Lord@education.vic.gov.au with the name, the war they served in and the student's name by the end of Term 1, Thursday 2nd April.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**MARCH**

Levani Panuccio (9th)
Dyson Coates (11th)
Jack Barton (11th)
Milan Caristo (11th)
Lacey Webster (12th)
Julian Kourdis (14th)
Leo Winderlich (15th)

# MOBILE DENTAL VAN

The Mobile Dental Van will return on Monday 16th March and stay until Friday 20th 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 .

# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

**Prep T**
Evie Trimbonias
**Prep D**
Eloise Tiedemann
**Prep C**
Banjo Johnson
**1M**
Ezri Dowsley
**1MG**
Thea Anderson
**1H**
Eli Vallelonga
**2M**
Halle Caristo
**2Z**
Indi Lampard
**2D**
Daniel Hocking
**3G**
Max Smith
**3S**
Carter Hammond
**4G**
Oscar Reid
**5G**
Christos Stamation
**5W**
Campbell Dowdy
**6S**
Robert Ale
**6H**
Ollie Hughes
**Art**
Olivia Featherson
**PE**
Indi Gibson
**Health**
Patrick Catanzariti
Gianna Mammone
**STEM**
Kayden Siemsen
Frankie Mammone
**Assistant Principal**
Lorenzo Campisi

## 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 @ 4:00pm.** 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.

## LODDON MALLEE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Tuesday 4 of our students from year 5 and 6 travelled with parents to compete in the Loddon Mallee Swimming Carnival in Swan Hill. Ollie Hughes and Max McQualter both competed in individual swimming events and in the 12+ Boys 4 x 50 metre freestyle relay. Frank Mammone and Harry Shawcross also competed as part of in the 12+ Boys 4 x 50 metre freestyle relay team. Although no students made it through to the state titles, they found it a challenging and rewarding experience swimming against really tough competitors.

## VCE SPORTS COACHING

This week some VCE students from Mildura Senior College 'Sport and Recreation" class came to work with the year 4 students. Students were split into 6 smaller mixed groups and rotated around 3 of the 6 sports specific activities. Sports that were delivered were cricket, soccer, basketball and AFL. The year 4 student had a great time doing the different sports activities. Thanks to Paul Bamford, Ben Tallent and the VCE students for the sessions.

## CROSS COUNTRY

Our Cross Country will be held on **Thursday 26th March** (Week 9, Term 1). All students will compete in their year level groups with separate boys' and girls' races. The Cross Country event is about participation, having fun and promoting personal health and fitness. Every student who takes part earns points for their house.
This is a **HOUSE** day and all students can dress in their house shirts or colours to support their teammates. Students should also wear suitable Sun Smart clothing that is easy to run in and appropriate running footwear.
The day will start with the whole school assembly in house at groups 9:15am. This will be followed by the official oaths and then the house groups will move off to their house colour areas. Races are due to commence with the Year 6 girls race at 9:20am.
All parents and families are invited to the cross country to watch the children run.
Further details and a timetable for the day with start times for each race will be in next week's newsletter.

## LOST PROPERTY

The weather is getting cooler and jumpers are being worn. Most students take their jumper off during the day. **Named jumpers are so much easier to return**. Ensure that your child's clothing is clearly named (check that it hasn't been washed off!). Our 'Lost Property' is housed in the MPR/Art Room.

# 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.

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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

# SCHOOL PHOTOS

LEADING IMAGE School Photos

It's not too late to order!

**Now is your Second Chance!**

### Don't lose your precious memories!

Second Chance is the unique post delivery process for parents who missed the first chance to order school photos. With new packages options and reduced prices, our photos are **more affordable than ever before.**

### Second Chance ordering is easy:

- Your child receives a bookmark with photo sample and a unique access key
- Visit our website and click 'Order School Photos'
- Enter your unique access key
- Select from our huge range of standard and customisable packages
- Finalise your order with one of our payment options
- Your school photos will be posted directly to your home!

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srs Benetook Farm

**EASTER MARKET**

FREE ENTRY FOR ALL

SAT 28 MAR 2026

10 AM -1 PM

Get a selfie with Easter Bunny

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GOOD CLEAN FUN
PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK
SUNRAYSIA 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
AFL PLAY

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GOOD CLEAN FUN
PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK
Imperial FNC
Thursday's #3 Oval starting 23rd April @ 4.30pm
10 week program
AFL PLAY

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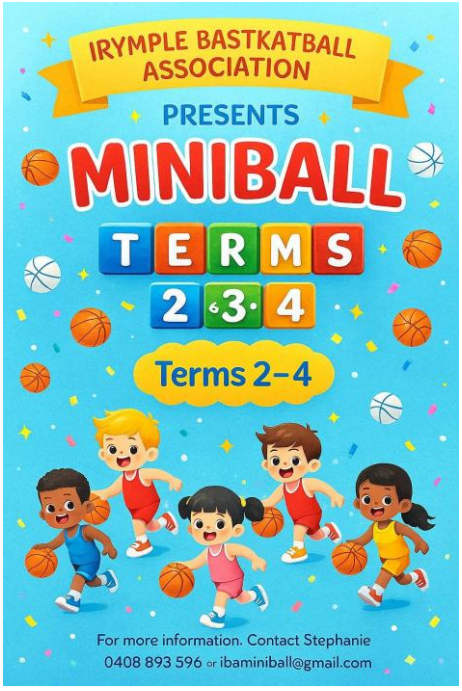
GOOD CLEAN FUN
PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK
Mildura Football Netball Club
Brian Weightman Oval
Wednesday 4:45pm
AFL PLAY

IRYMPLE BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
REGISTRATIONS OPEN ONLINE – OR WANT MORE INFORMATION OR NEED HELP REGIST? COME DOWN TO MILDURA TOYOTA HOT HOUSE, 8TH STREET.
For the LOVE of the game
Meet & Register Day
Miniball 2026


IRYMPLE BASTKATBALL ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS
MINIBALL
TERMS 2 3 4
Terms 2–4
For more information. Contact Stephanie
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# 2026

| | | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| MARCH | 8 | 16<br>Dental Van → | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| | 9 | 23 | 24<br>Learning Conferences | 25 | 26<br>School Cross Country Event | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| APRIL | 10 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2<br>End of Term 1 2:15pm | 3<br>GOOD FRIDAY | 4 | 5<br>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 10:30am | 25 ANZAC DAY | 26 |
| MAY | 2 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 Mother's Day |
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| | 5 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |

# 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**
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**
Dental Van - Mon 16th to Fri 20th March
Learning Conferences – Tuesday 24th March
Cross Country - Thursday 26th March