



LEARNING CONFERENCES

OPTIMISM OWNERSHIP CURIOSITY INCLUSION

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.



Purpose Term 1: This learning conference provides a forum for students, teachers and parents to share in how students learn at Irymple South and to discuss the student's current learning and goals.

Purpose Term 3: This learning conference provides a forum for students, teachers and parents to acknowledge student progress and achievement and to discuss their mid year report.

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STUDENT ROLE



- Empowers students as active agents of their learning as they work towards success
- Provides an opportunity to showcase learning
- Critically involves students in self assessment

PARENT ROLE



- Increases understanding of learning and assessment
- Allows participation in child's learning
- Provides an opportunity to give feedback and have a voice

TEACHER ROLE



- Allows celebration of learning
- Provides clarity over current level of achievement and assessment
- Provides prompts to ensure the purpose of the conference is met

The 15 minute meeting allows all parties to reflect on and share highlights of learning, and together articulate learning goals for the future.

TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3	TERM 4
Learning Conference	Mid Year Report	Learning Conference	End of Year Report

[Click here](#) for more information about when and how we report to parents/carers.

PARENT PAYMENT - SCHOOL FEES

Parent payments for 2026 are now open. A fee of **\$200 per student** applies and contributes to the delivery of high-quality programs, resources, and learning experiences across the school. Thanks to those families who have already made payment.

We appreciate your continued support in ensuring our students have access to the best possible opportunities. If you have any questions or require assistance with payment, please contact the school office.

END OF TERM 1

Thursday 2nd April is the final day of Term 1. School will be dismissed at 2:15pm. Busses will NOT run at the earlier time, so please organise alternative arrangements for your child/ren.

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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.

CROSS COUNTRY

Our Cross Country will be held next Thursday 26th March. 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 groups at 9.15am. This will be followed by the official oaths, where after house groups will move off to their house colour areas or marques. 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.

After the completion of all races (approximately 1.20pm) there will be a short assembly to announce house placings, year level & school champions. Families are then invited to share a picnic lunch with their children

Ziggy's coffee van will be onsite to purchase hot drinks and snacks.

Thursday morning:

9:00am

All students go to classrooms.

9:10am

All students and teachers assemble at assembly area in house colours (House captains to organise houses)

9:15am

Welcome and reading of the oaths: Student, parent and staff

9:20am Events commence.

We will run the 14 races in the following order:

Time	Race	No. Laps
9.20am	Year 6 Girls	4
9.40am	Year 6 Boys	4
10.00am	Year Prep Girls	1
10.10am	Year Prep Boys	1
10.20am	Year 5 Girls	4
10.40am	Year 5 Boys	4
11.00am	Recess (30 minutes for recess)	
11.40am	Year 4 Girls	3
11.55am	Year 4 Boys	3
12.10pm	Year 1 Girls	1
12.18pm	Year 1 Boy	1
12.25pm	Year 2 Girls	2
12.38pm	Year 2 Boys	2
12.50pm	Year 3 Girls	3
1.05pm	Year 3 Boys	3

1:20pm – 1:30pm

Assembly and announcement of House results, year level champions & school champions. Presentations will take place at assembly on Friday.

1:30pm – 1:40pm

Lunch eating

1:40pm – 2:10pm

Lunch play

2:10pm

Students return to own classrooms

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

T20 CRICKET BLAST

On Monday, our Grade 5/6 cricket teams competed in the District T20 Cricket Blast. Our boys' team played three games across the day, winning two of the three. Our only loss came against Nichols Point Primary School, where the result was decided by wickets for and against. In our two wins, our batting was a masterclass, with many sixes being hit into the double zone.

Overall, all the boys played well throughout the day, with both our batting and bowling improving in each game.

The girls team travelled to Irymple Primary School where we played two games of T20 cricket. In our first match, we faced Nichols Point and finished with a draw. Both teams scored 89 runs.

In our second game, we played against Irymple Primary. It was a great game, and the girls worked hard, taking four wickets for the match. Indi also snagged our only catch for the day! Unfortunately, we ended up going down by 17 runs. Well done to all of the girls on having a go at a new sport!



LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

The first project for 2026 is being organised by Heidi, Evelyn and Zoe. Crazy Hair Day is happening on the last day of Term 1, Thursday 2nd April.



At Irymple South Primary School, our Grades 5 and 6 students are engaged in developing their leadership skills through our Leadership in Action Program.

Throughout the year, our Grade 6 students develop personal leadership goals, use success criteria to track growth, engage with a mentor and use their learning to transfer to a project that enhances the school, local or global community.

The students have chosen their projects. There are some wonderful projects that we can't wait to experience.

CRAZY Hair Day

Teachers and students to come dressed with the craziest hair possible. This will be a casual dress day. No gold coin required!

WHEN Thursday, 2nd April (LAST DAY OF TERM 1)

WHERE Whole School Parade at 9.10am in the assembly area!

Need Ideas?
Pipecleaners
Hairspray
Wigs
Mohawks



There will be certificates for the craziest hair in each classroom!



Organised by Heidi, Evelyn and Zoe

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 you 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

Finn Maddox (16th)
Maggie Gee (16th)
Charlie Lampard (17th)
Ruby O'Connor (17th)
Isla Cavallo (19th)
Brooklyn Kiel (19th)
Alby Wright (21st)
Penelope Fletcher (21st)



SCHOOL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the School Council will take place next Wednesday, 25th March. We will convene in the Staffroom at 6:00pm. This will be an open meeting that all are invited to attend.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep T

Archer Humphrys

Prep D

Molly Walker

Prep C

Darci Tibbits

1M

Dante Costa

1MG

Logan Bellini

1H

Aaliyah Speed

2M

Toby Eastwood

2Z

Summer Wrate

2D

Haylee Arnold

3G

Lydia Sirgunas

3S

Henry Oliver

4R

Ivy Wright

4G

Lexi Barton

5G

Flint Foliaki

5W

Maggie Hannig

6S

Levani Panuccio

6H

Lario-Milan Piscioneri

Art

Camille Marwood

PE

Ivy Bowring-Shillabeer

Health

Jack Kimerlis

STEM

Reuben Dowdy

Food Tech

Spencer Sharpe

Audrey Hammence

Assistant Principal

Gracie Crook

Principal

Myla Vining

BUILDING WORKS

Our capital works projects are progressing as planned. The refurbishment of the relocatable building (Grade 2 classrooms) remains on track for completion and use at the beginning of Term 2. Over the Easter holidays, significant progress will also be made with the fire hydrant upgrade, including the installation of two large holding tanks on the oval. At the same time, roof replacement works will commence across several key areas of the school, including the main office building, Rooms 1–7, the multi-purpose room and the Grade 6 classrooms. Following the completion of these roof works, we will begin addressing the remaining areas of water-damaged plaster that are yet to be rectified.

I thank you for your patience, flexibility and understanding as we undertake these important improvements to our school.

2027 PREP ENROLMENTS

We are beginning to plan for our 2027 Prep cohort and would appreciate the support of our current families. If you have a child who will be starting Prep in 2027, please contact the school office to let us know. This information helps us with early planning and ensures we can provide a smooth and well-prepared start for all students. Thank you for your assistance.

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.



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>



CIRCUS SPECTACULAR

Libby Kennedy has been teaching the students in Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2, Dance this term. The students have enjoyed moving to music and learning dance moves. On Wednesday 1st April, they will show off their moves in the Irymple South 'Circus Spectacular'! Parents are invited to come along and watch their amazing performance. The students involved have brought home a ticket for family members to attend the show.

Irymple South Circus Spectacular!
 Grades Prep, One & Two

Date: Wednesday 1st April
 Time: 2.30pm
 Where: Assembly Area

IRYMPLE SOUTH
 PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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ALL GIRLS GROUPS AVAILABLE

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SORTED

PLAY AFL/HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

MILDURA AFL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

TUESDAY 7th APRIL | 9AM-3PM
 MILDURA SPORTING PRECINCT
 BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 4-12
 \$55 PER PERSON - INCLUDES A FOOTY!

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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

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IRYMPLE BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

REGISTRATIONS OPEN ONLINE - OR WANT MORE INFORMATION OR NEED HELP REGISTER? COME DOWN TO MILDURA TOYOTA HOT HOUSE, 8TH STREET.

For the LOVE of the game

Meet & Register Day

Miniball 2026

IRYMPLE BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

MINIBALL TERMS

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Terms 2-4

For more information, Contact Stephanie
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		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	9	23	24 Learning Conferences	25 School Council Meeting	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 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
	4	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	5	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	6	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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

Learning Conferences – Tuesday 24th March

Cross Country - Thursday 26th March

ANZAC Ceremony – Friday 24th April 10:30am

Student Free Day – Friday 5th June

Learning Conferences – Wed 29th July

Professional Practice Day – Fri 23rd October

Grandparents Day – Monday 26th October

Student Free Day – Friday 18th December