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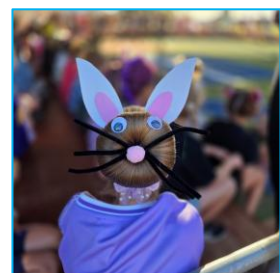
As we approach the Easter holiday period, I would like to take a moment to sincerely thank our entire school community for your ongoing support, patience, and commitment throughout what has been an exciting start to 2026. With displaced classes and significant capital works projects underway, your understanding and flexibility have been greatly appreciated. It continues to be a privilege to serve as Principal of Irymple South Primary School and to work in partnership with such a supportive community to ensure our students thrive. This time of year provides a valuable opportunity to pause, reflect, and reconnect with family and friends. Whether you celebrate Easter or simply take the chance to rest and recharge, I hope the break is an enjoyable one. Wishing you all a safe, happy, and restful holiday, and I look forward to an exciting term ahead.

LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

OPTIMISM OWNERSHIP CURIOSITY INCLUSION

Thanks to Evelyn, Heidi and Zoe for organising and running today's first LiA project for 2026. The 'Crazy Hair Day' was definitely crazy! This morning all students paraded their crazy hair creations. There was lots of coloured hair spray, wigs, balloons, chameleons, dragons and Easter themed hair.

Evelyn, Heidi and Zoe looked at the different hair in each grade and awarded one certificate to the craziest hair. Thanks to everyone who attended the parade and who helped create the 'hair' at home. What a wonderful way to end the Term 1.



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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.

CIRCUS SPECTACULAR

What a spectacular performance by the Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 students yesterday (and a couple of 'surprise' performers!). Students in these grades have been working with Libby Kennedy in Dance to learn their routines. Thanks to all of the parents and grandparents that came to watch. The students loved performing and showing off their new found skills.



INTERSCHOOL SPORT

T20 CRICKET

Last Friday, our Grade 3/4 boys and girls cricket teams travelled to the Mildura Sporting Precinct for a great day of T20 cricket. Across multiple matches, both teams showed excellent teamwork, supporting each other, communicating well, and celebrating each other's efforts throughout the day. A highlight was the positive attitudes and strong sportsmanship displayed by all players. They showed resilience in close moments, never gave up, and played with enthusiasm and respect. It was a fantastic team effort, with everyone representing the school with pride. Go Stingers!



CONDOLENCES

It is with heavy hearts that we inform our school community that last week one of our school parents, Alison Bateman, passed away peacefully at Mildura Private Hospital. At this time, we are thinking of her daughter Indiana, who is a pupil at our school. We extend our deepest sympathy to Indiana, her Dad (Beau), brother (Evan) and their extended family at this very sad time.



BUILDING WORKS

Over the school holidays there will be many projects happening. Work on Rooms 12 and 13 is moving ahead rapidly, with completion imminent. We are hopeful that the Grade 2 students will be able to move into their new room close to the start of Term 2. The roof of the Multipurpose room will be replaced over the holidays. This has meant that TheirCare are unable to provide their vacation program. There are vacancies at the Ranfurly PS and Nichols Point PS programs for these school holidays. The new tanks will be installed on the 15th Street side of the school.

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

Bobby Williams (30th)
 Alex Piscioneri (30th)
 Georgia Jones (30th)
 Denero Puleio (30th)

Fletcher Retallick (3rd)

Archie Smith (3rd)
 Stephy Choo (5th)
 Aria Piscioneri (6th)
 Julius Karallis (7th)
 Hazel Warden (8th)

Tiny Cordoma (12th)

Maya Caminiti (16th)
 Monty George (18th)
 Stella McGregor (18th)
 Aria Lampard (18th)
 Harper Mazza (19th)
 Jude Wrate (19th)

APRIL

Charlee Laird (1st)
 Banjo Johnson (3rd)
 Jack Jeffers (3rd)

Gracie Crook (9th)
 Claire Holding (10th)
 Mila Englefield (11th)
 Maaya Piscioneri (11th)



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Certificates will be presented at assembly on Monday 20th April

Prep T

Mannix Pender

Prep D

Layla Mee

Prep C

Cooper Hammond

1M

Peter Cua

1MG

Dallas Caristo

1H

Indianna Tully

2M

Sasha Smith

2Z

Capri Mammone

2D

Ivy Bowring-Shillabeer

3G

Lettie Duncan

Leo Winderlich

3S

Nash Gray

4R

Jagger Barnes

Archie Kimerlis

4G

Mason Sparrow

April Eastwood

5G

Tewoe Ave

5W

Zara McDermott

6S

Malachy Pyke

6H

Mason Anderson

Art

Maggie Hannig

PE

Bobby Williams

Health

Dyson Coates

Charlotte Oliver

STEM

Rocky Cavallo

Taresa Romeo

Food Tech

Patrick Catanzariti

Assistant Principal

Lacey Barker

Principal

Jagger Barnes

CROSS COUNTRY

At assembly on Monday morning, we presented the House Shield, School Champions, Grade Level Champions and School Captain Awards.

Congratulations to **Campbell** for winning the House Shield. House Captains, Ariana and Frankie accepted the award on behalf of their house.

Flint and Chloe were our School Champions. Both students are in Grade 5, their times being faster than the Grade 6 winners.

Bowie, Sophie, Lexi and Toby were presented with an award from the School Captains for demonstrating our school values and expectations on Cross Country day.

All Grade Level champions were presented with their certificates as well.



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 Exclusions Fund (CSEF) makes sure 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 leading the way towards a student's financial circumstances and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCLUSIONS FUND (CSEF)

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 non-protected concession card or apply for one, you may be eligible for CSEF. A valid concession card or application for a concession card is not required. The concession card must be held by the student at the time of the activity.

How to apply:

- Fill in the application form and return it to the school office.
- Provide a valid concession card or application for one.
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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 in 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 moved or changed schools this year,
- changed family circumstances, such as a change of address, change of phone, concession card number, or new siblings commencing the year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

More information:

For more information about CSEF, visit: <https://www.vic.gov.au/csef>

ALL GIRLS GROUPS AVAILABLE

AFL PLAY

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SORTED

PLAY.AFL/HOLIDAYPROGRAMS

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!



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2026

WED 15th - THU 16th APRIL
10am - 2pm at Nichols Point Reserve

All Skill Levels Welcome to Attend

JUNIOR AGES 5 - 12

Two day program learning skills through fun games

BBQ Lunch on Thursday
 Please bring a packed lunch on Wednesday and a named water bottle to both days



\$70 PER CHILD

Includes: NPFC Tshirt, soccer ball, sports bag
 LMW drink bottle & Domino's voucher & BBQ lunch.

For more information contact:
 Ollie on 0417 309 394 - marketing@nicholspointsc.com.au
www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1549879



KIDS LOVE BEING OUTDOORS?

THERE'S GOLF FOR THAT.



Looking for something to do over the School Holidays. MyGolf powered by Ripper GC is Australia's beginner golf program that introduces kids to golf through games-based activities in a safe and friendly environment. Participants learn new skills, make new friends and most importantly, have fun!

When: Tuesday April 14 from 9.00am to 1pm.
 Where: Merbein Golf Club, 355 McEdward Street, Cabarita
 Cost: \$40 for the session includes lunch.
 Register using the link below
<https://golf.com.au/venue/merbein-golf-club>

For more information on this program contact Mel on 0447 790 949 or go to the Facebook Page, Aspire Golf Development.



Find your nearest MyGolf powered by Ripper GC program at golf.org.au/mygolf

		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
APRIL		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 School Council Meeting	7	8	9	10 Mother's Day
	4	11 Grade 5 Swimming	12	13	14	15	16	17
	5	18 Grade 3 Swimming	19	20	21	22	23	24
	6	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	JUNE	7	1	2	3	4	5 Student Free Day	6
8		8 King's Birthday Public Holiday	9	10	11	12	13	14

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

- ANZAC Ceremony – Friday 24th April 10:30am
- Grade 5 Swimming - Mon 11th to Fri 15th May
- Grade 3 Swimming – Mon 18th to Fri 22nd May
- 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