



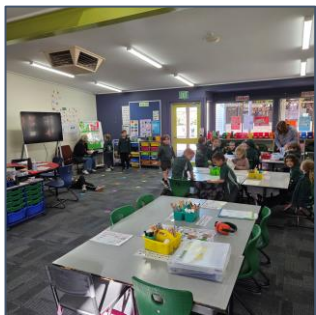
Friday 8th May, Issue 13, Week 3, Term 2, 2026

BUILDING WORKS

YAY! 2M and 2Z are in their newly refurbished rooms and loving it. Furniture and equipment was moved in over the weekend and the students started the week off in Rooms 12 and 13.



On Tuesday, all students in Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 were in their own learning space. The Preps were very excited to have 'so much space'!



OPTIMISM OWNERSHIP CURIOSITY INCLUSION

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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.

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

On Wednesday 6th May, 27 Irymple South students competed in the Sunraysia Cross Country Championships at the Aerodrome Ovals. Students competed in 9/10 year old boys and girls (2 kms), 11 year old boys and girls (3 kms) and 12+ year old boys and girls (3 kms). The students performed extremely well representing our school not only with their running ability, but also with their good sportsmanship and behaviour. Every student who competed for our school competed to the best of their ability and finished their race.

We had some very strong performances on the day with the highest place for our school being Flint Foliaki, placing 3rd in his race. Also, our 11 year old girls team won their team event.

Five of our students were in the top 10 place getters for their race. These students will progress onto the Loddon Mallee Regional Cross Country Championships in St Arnaud on Tuesday 2nd June 2026. Well done to Flint Foliaki, Christos Stamation, Elke Brady, Chloe Chiswell and Hanna Meulemans on your wonderful individual efforts.

<p>9/10 year old girls Hannah Whitworth 11th Aria Lampard 22nd Billie Hammence 37th Milla Byron 39th Molly Carn 52nd</p>	<p>11 year old girls 1st Elke Brady 4th Chloe Chiswell 7th Cory Phillips Savage 11th Zara McDermott 12th Ruby O'Connor 14th</p>	<p>12 year old girls Hanna Meulemans 8th Indigo Gibson 15th Maaya Piscioneri 16th Heidi Wilmann 17th</p>
<p>9/10 year old boys Reuben Dowdy 23rd Max Gathercole 29th Phoenix Caristo 32nd</p>	<p>11 year old boys Flint Foliaki 3rd Christos Stamation 9th Max McQualter 20th Sonny Delorenzo 46th Denero Puleio 48th</p>	<p>12 year old boys Malachy Pyke 15th Ryder Brennan 17th Brodie Holland 24th Harry Shawcross 26th Gabe Blundy 27th</p>



SWIMMING PROGRAM, YEAR 5 & YEAR 3

The Swimming in Schools initiative provides funding to contribute to the cost of delivering quality swimming and water safety education so all students have the opportunity to:

- learn how to swim
- develop lifelong skills in water safety to reduce their risk of drowning and injury

By the end of primary school, it is anticipated that students should be able to demonstrate the knowledge and skills identified in the Victorian Water Safety Certificate. The Certificate is awarded when a student can:

- swim 50m continuously
- perform a survival sequence wearing light clothing
- answer water safety-based questions
- perform non-swimming rescue techniques
- respond to an emergency by demonstrating DRSAB and recovery position.



In response to this program, Irymple South Primary School will be running an intensive program targeted at all Year 3 to Year 6 students, delivered by qualified swimming instructors at the Mildura Waves Aquatic Centre.

The Year 5 students' intensive program will run from Monday 11th May to Friday 15th May. The Year 3 students' intensive program will run from Monday 18th May to Friday 22nd May. Permission notes have been sent out via XUNO.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY

Molly Walker (4th)
Kendrik Shaw (7th)
Remy Smith (7th)

Grace Lamattina (9th)
Ayla Plewinski (10th)



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep T

Max Sellens

Prep D

Alby Wright

Prep C

Harlon Murphy

1M

Noah Williams

1MG

Emilia Graf-Cox

1H

Chad Brown

2M

William Anson

2Z

Marcello Zara

2D

Eleni Taousakis

3G

Sophie O'Connor

3S

Annabelle Solomon

4R

Jimmy Jeffers

Noxx Bailey

4G

Aria Piscioneri

5G

Alesso Kourdis

6S

Mila Caristo

6H

Zoe Lee

Art

Jack Kimerlis

PE

Darci Tibbits

Health

Kendrik Shaw

Sophie O'Connor

STEM

Violet Marciano

Food Tech

Grace Caristo

Assistant Principal

Patrick Fletcher

2027 PREP ENROLMENTS

If you have a child starting Prep in 2027, please contact the school office to let us know. We have had a large number of enquiries for next year and would appreciate any current families contacting us to let us know if they have children starting in 2027. 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.



PREP 2027 IRYMPLE SOUTH PS

Enrolments are now open for 2027 Prep students.

School tours are conducted by our Principal Jamie Russell or Assistant Principal Steven Sellens.

To organise a tour please call the office on 50245345.



All information for the 2027 enrolment process can be found on our website.



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 student is \$400.

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.

MORE INFORMATION

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



Kathleen Kelly Kindergarten

OPEN DAY

Sat 23 May, 10am - 12.00pm | 45 Lemon Ave Mildura

Visit us where we learn, grow and play

For more information about Kathleen Kelly Kindergarten, including kinder registration details visit ykinders.org.au




EMERGENCY SERVICES DAY

THURSDAY 28 MAY
9.30AM-2.30PM
 NOWINGI PLACE
 MILDURA



Open to all ages – FREE event
 The Mildura Emergency Services Day will showcase local Emergency Services and the variety of roles available for either a career, or volunteer opportunity.



Are you supporting a family member or friend with disability, mental illness, age or health issues? Even if it's just for a few hours every week, you could be a **young carer**. This may look like....

- Going with them to appointments or helping with medication
- Cleaning the house or helping with other chores
- Providing emotional support when someone feels sad
- Taking care of younger siblings

Being a young carer might feel lonely. But you're not alone. Carer Gateway has **free support** for **young carers** aged 25 and under.

Scan to learn more

Free support, call now!
1800 422 737
carergateway.gov.au



Join Drama Club

If you have a child who loves acting, drama and all things theatre, why not try Drama Club?

This all-abilities group runs on Mondays from 4.15pm to 5.15pm at our Big Studio, 198 Third St, Merbein.

Explore basic drama concepts in an open and supportive environment. Participants explore movement and using our bodies to tell a story, all whilst supporting positive social and interpersonal skills.

Contact our team for more information
enquiries@sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au
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		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
MAY	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	7
	8	8 King's Birthday Public Holiday	9	10	11	12 Grade 6 Eisteddfod	13	14
	9	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	10	22	23	24	25	26 End of Term 2	27	28
JULY		29	30	1	2	3	4	5
		6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	1	13 Start of Term 3	14	15	16	17	18	19
	2	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term Dates

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

King's Birthday - Monday 8th June

Grand Final Eve - Friday 25th September

Cup Day - Tuesday 3rd November

School Events

Grade 5 Swimming - Mon 11th to Fri 15th May

Grade 3 Swimming – Mon 18th to Fri 22nd May

Student Free Day – Friday 5th June

Grade 6 @ the Eisteddfod – Friday 12th June

Learning Conferences – Wed 29th July

Professional Practice Day – Fri 23rd October

Grandparents Day – Monday 26th October

Student Free Day – Friday 18th December