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ACTING PRINCIPAL UPDATE

As many families would already be aware, Jamie is currently on leave for the next few weeks. During this time, I will be in the Acting Principal role. It remains very much business as usual across the school, with our continued focus on student learning, wellbeing and positive outcomes for all students.

It has been a busy term across the school, particularly with the ongoing building works taking place. We are pleased that a number of these projects have now been completed, with the remaining works still on track to be finalised by the end of term.

I would like to thank our community for their understanding as we navigate through these works. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work, flexibility and professionalism of our staff, who have continued to provide strong learning environments and support for students throughout these changes.

If you need to get in touch for any reason during this time, please don't hesitate to contact me via email at steven.sellens@education.vic.gov.au, by phone through the school office, or on my mobile if it is urgent 0488 080 201.

BUILDING WORKS

We are excited to share that we have had some major progress with our building works over the past week.

The new roofing works are now complete from the Main Office building through to Room 7, as well as the Multipurpose Room building. These works were finished on Thursday, with all remaining scaffolding now removed. Contractors will return during the school holidays to finish off some downpipe works while no students or staff are onsite.

We are also pleased to advise that the staff car park will return to normal use from Monday, which will help ease parking pressures during drop-off and pick-up times. Another big milestone is that the temporary fencing and workers' compound on the back oval have now been removed, meaning the oval is back in full use for our students.

A huge thank you to Hayden and the CPM team for the fantastic work they have completed and for the way they have worked around our school community throughout the process.

From Tuesday, we will begin the final stage of works, with our MakeSafe flood damage repairs starting in Rooms 2, 3, 5 and 7, along with internal roof works in the Multipurpose Room. There may be some minor interruptions to classes and TheirCare program during this time, but we will continue working closely with contractors to keep disruptions to a minimum.

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.

FLAG DONATION

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to Elsie & Finn's grandmother for the generous donation of a brand-new Australian Flag to our school. We greatly appreciate this thoughtful gesture, and the flag will be proudly displayed on the flagpole near our assembly area.



ANNUAL REPORT

Our 2025 Annual Report is now available. The report provides an overview of our school's achievements, student learning outcomes, wellbeing initiatives, and financial information from throughout the year. We thank our staff, students, families and wider community for their ongoing support and contribution to our school. You can view the annual report on our website - [2025-Annual-School-Report.pdf](#).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY

Knox Sheean (18th)
George McCarron (21st)
Elias Alvanos (23rd)
Sophie O'Connor (24th)



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep T

Millar Pratt

Prep D

Knox Sheean

Prep C

Scarlett Ruhs

1M

Evie Lampard

1MG

Harper Mazza

1H

Mae Toala

2M

Jack Jeffers

2Z

Aria Hura

2D

Vera Wilson

3G

Harlan Rivett

3S

Bodhi Marr

4R

Samuel Meulemans

4G

Frankie Cavallo

5G

Haydon Wan

5W

Georgia Hunt

6S

Harper Scott

6H

Nardia Sirgunas

Art

Lucy Yetman

PE

Hugh Yetman

Domenica Cavallo

Health

Ava Jones

STEM

Julian Costa

Riley Ralph

Food Tech

Sophie O'Connor

Assistant Principal

Mila Englefield

Year 3 Intensive Swimming & Water Safety Program

This week, the year 3 students have participated in a Swimming and Water Safety Program at the Mildura Wave Pool. The students have been working on developing their confidence in the water, developing swimming strokes and swimming stamina. They have also been learning important skills for survival in the water such as survival strokes, floating and sculling, what to do if they do get in trouble in the water. On Thursday for survival day, they swam with clothes on and got to do different activities in the water wearing a life jackets. Even though, they are very tired they have had a blast swimming every day!



2027 PREP ENROLMENTS

If you have a child starting Prep in 2027, please contact the school office to let us know. We have received 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.



SCAN ME

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.



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.

MORE INFORMATION

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

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.



		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	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
	3	27	28	29	30	31	1	2

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

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