

Friday 14th August, Issue 25, Week 5, Term 3, 2026

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CARERS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Carer Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation.

Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies, as well as to celebrate the things we are doing well.

The Parent / Carer Opinion Survey will be open online from **Monday 17 August to Friday 18 September 2026**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes approximately **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

Check Xuno for details on how to access and complete the survey.

RESCHEDULED LEARNING CONFERENCES

Unfortunately, due to the unexpected illness of three of our teachers, we were unable to conduct all scheduled Student Learning Conferences last week.

The rescheduled conferences will be available to book via the XUNO Parent Portal from next week. The dates are as follows:

Prep D: Wednesday 19 August

Prep C: Wednesday 26 August

3G: Thursday 27 August

Please note that all students in these classes are expected to attend school on the day of their Student Learning Conference. At their scheduled conference time, students will be collected from class to attend the meeting with their parent/carer before returning to their classroom to continue their learning. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused and appreciate your understanding and flexibility.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Regular school attendance is vital for every child's learning, wellbeing and sense of belonging. If your child is absent from school, **please ensure a reason is provided as soon as possible**. You can notify us by contacting the school office, informing your child's classroom teacher, or submitting the absence through the Xuno app.

Providing a reason for your child's absence allows us to maintain accurate attendance records and ensures we can account for the whereabouts and wellbeing of every student. We appreciate your support in notifying the school promptly whenever your child is absent.

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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.

OPTIMISM OWNERSHIP CURIOSITY INCLUSION

LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

We have an exciting term ahead with projects organised by our Grade 6 leaders. Grade 6 students take great pride in organising and running their events and the rest of the school thoroughly enjoy taking part



Party Games
Lunchtime Activity

- Limbo
- Musical chairs
- Bobs and statues
- Chicken noodle soup
- Corners
- Dancing
- Week 4: Grade 1
- Week 5: Grade 2
- Week 6: Grade 3
- Week 7: Grade 5/6
- Week 8: Grade 4
- Week 9: Buddies

FRIDAYS WEEK 4 - 9
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
1:30pm
Run by Ariana, Harper and Charlotte

Party Games

Ariana, Charlotte,
Harper
(Lunchtime Activity)



Book Day Dress Up Day

Friday 28th August
Indi, Maya, Taresa



Minute To Win It Weeks 4-9

Tylah, Hanna, Lucy



Footy Colours Day

Friday 18th September
Noah, Andre, Robert, Gabe



VALUES WEEK



Thanks to Sam, Rocky and Levani for LiA Values week project that they ran last week. All week they observed students and staff to see if they were showing our school values of Ownership, Curiosity, Inclusion and Optimism. At Friday's assembly the boys presented students and staff with their certificates which indicated which of our vales they were showing. Congratulations to all those who were recognised.



You are invited to
**GRANDPARENTS'
DAY**

Monday 26th October
9:00am to 11:30am



Hosted by Taresa,
Indi & Maaya

BOOK DAY

28th August

Come dressed up as your
favourite character from a
book

Parade held at assembly at 9:00 am

 LEADERSHIP
IN ACTION

PREP 2027

Information Night

Thursday 22nd October
6:00pm – 7:00pm

Transition Days

Tuesday 10th November
9:00–11:00am or 11:30–1:30pm

Tuesday 17th November
9:00–11:00am or 11:30–1:30pm

Tuesday 24th November
9:00am – 12:30pm

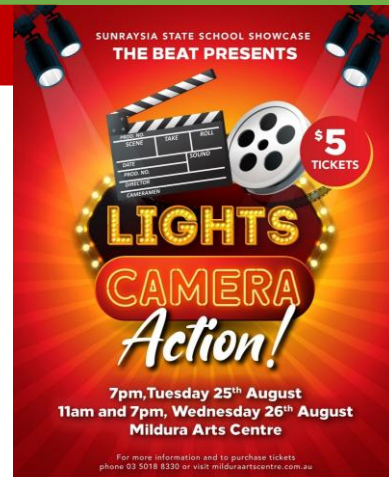
Tuesday 1st December
9:00am – 12:30pm



THE BEAT

Our Grade 5 students are performing in 'The Beat' this year. 'The Beat' is a local state school spectacular showcasing a variety of performing arts. Tickets for 'The Beat' go on sale this Friday. The students will perform in both night shows (Tuesday 25th & Wednesday 26th August), NOT the matinee. Tickets are available from the [Mildura Arts Centre](#).

Costume information will be available soon. We plan to use existing costumes but will need some assistance with 'decorating' them! No sewing required! Please let Mrs Kennedy know if you're able to help.



LITTLE ANGLER KITS

The Victorian Government is committed to increasing the number and diversity of people fishing and enjoying Victoria's local seafood, growing healthy and sustainable fisheries sectors and contributing to Victoria's social and economic prosperity. This is why the Victorian Government distributed 95,000 Little Angler kits to primary aged students in 2023/24, via the Victorian Fisheries Authority, as part of a \$1.5M election commitment, funded via the sale of Victorian recreational fishing licences, i.e. funded by recreational fishers.

The aim of this election commitment was to continue to grow recreational fishing participation in Victoria, by actively encouraging primary school aged children to learn more about the art of fishing, marine life and the natural environment. Encouraging children to be outside and active aligns with whole of Victorian Government initiatives underway to optimise health, wellbeing, connectedness and inclusiveness in Victoria.

The FREE kits provide a wonderful school holiday activity for children with their families and help ease the cost of living, providing a fun activity close to home.

Grade 5 students at all Victorian schools, including ours, received a FREE Little Angler Kit. Grade 5 students have been selected based on the Victorian Curriculum focus, movement and motor development, and safety considerations.

BARRY

Barry has been returned to his farm for now because of the water in the catchment and lack of food means the conditions are not ideal for him. He will return at some stage next year when there is sufficient food and the catchment is not as full.



HAVE YOUR SAY...

The Australian Inland Botanic Gardens is in the process of developing a world class nature play children's garden. They would like some community input. The gardens are located just over the river in NSW. Click on the [survey link](#) or scan the QR code to have your say.



CAMPS PROGRAM

Our camp program commenced this week, with the Grade 4s trip to Echuca. The program is intended to give the students a broad range of experiences on which to build knowledge about our own local area and the greater area in proximity to Mildura. We aim to provide a sequential program that provides students with the opportunities to develop independence and resilience.

Grade 6 Camp

The students will be going to Roses Gap, this year on their camp. They will leave on Wednesday 29th October and return on Friday 30th October

Grade 5 Camp

The students will be going to Ballarat, this year on their camp. They will leave Monday 12th October and return on Wednesday 14th October

Grade 3 Camp

The students will be going to Lake Cullulleraine. The camp will be from Thursday 29th to Friday 30th October

Grade 2 Excursion and Sleepover

Grade 2 students will be sleeping over at school on a Thursday night. They will participate in a variety of out of school activities during the day on the Friday. A date will be confirmed in Term 4.

Grade 1 Excursion and Dinner

Grade 1 students will participate in an end of year excursion and dinner at school at a date to be confirmed in Term 4.

Prep Excursion and Dinner

Prep students will participate in an end of year excursion and dinner at school at a date to be confirmed in Term 4.

Classroom teachers will send out more detailed information about each camp.

Payments for all camps can be made now using the following payment option.

**Direct Deposit*

Irymple South Primary School

BSB: 063520 (Commonwealth Bank)

ACC NO: 10104523

***Please put your child's surname as a reference*

**If you receive CSEF, you can use this to pay for the camps*

**you can also use your School Savings Bonus (SSB), just contact the office*



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep T

Jasper Krasna

Prep D

Molly Walker

Prep C

Kyrie Tumanavao

1M

Dante Costa

1MG

Connor Graf-Cox

1H

Ella Standley

2M

Kayden Siemsen

2Z

Aston Jenner

2D

Elora Karallis

3G

Marciano Ave

Lachie Brady

3S

Milla Hughes

Reuben Dowdy

4R

Riley Yuill

4G

Skyla Ruhs

Noah Toala

5G

Ariella Pardo

5W

Milla Burke

6S

Josh Thompson

6H

Harry Shawcross

Art

Brodie Callaway

PE

Violet Marciano

Health

Rory Purves-Millis

Ella Johnson

STEM

Sasha Smith

Assistant Principal

Archie Smith

Principal

Jasper Krasna

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

AUGUST

Olivia Hunt (10th)

Luca Ferguson (10th)

River Naldrett (10th)

Ryder Marr (10th)

Frankie Cavallo (12th)

Louis Gauci (13th)

Camille Marwood (14th)

Jaxson Schreiber (15th)



DATES TO REMEMBER

Term Dates

Term 3 Mon 13th July – Fri 18th Sept

Term 4 Mon 5th Oct - Fri 18th Dec

Public Holidays

Grand Final Eve - Friday 25th September

Cup Day - Tuesday 3rd November

School Events

Professional Practice Day – Fri 23rd October

Grandparents Day – Monday 26th October

Grade 6 Graduation – Tuesday 15th December

Student Free Day – Friday 18th December

2026

		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
AUGUST	6	17	18	19 Prep D Learning Conferences	20	21	22	23
	7	24	25 'The Beat' Grade 5 @ MAC	26 Prep C Learning Conferences 'The Beat' Grade 5 @ MAC	27 3G Learning Conferences	28 LiA Book Week Dress Up Day	29	30
SEPTEMBER	8	31	1 Mini Olympics	2 School Review	3	4 School Review	5	6 Father's Day
	9	7	8	9 School Council Meeting	10	11	12	13
	10	14	15	16	17	18 LiA Footy Colours Day End of Term 3 2:15pm	19	20