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MINI OLYMPICS

On Tuesday, 41 of our students competed in the Mini Olympics at the Old Aerodrome Ovals. Congratulations to the following students who represented our school.

12+ Year Old entrants; Aska Zahd, Indi Gibson, Mila Caristo, Maaya Piscioneri, Zoe Lee, Heidi Wilmann, Hanna Meulemans, Ollie Hughes, Malachy Pyke, Robert Ale, Frankie Mammone, Harry Shawcross and Ryder Brennan.

11 Year Old entrants; Elke Brady, Ariella Pardo, Nesi Katoa, Nardia Sirgunas, Milla Burke, Harper Scott, Cory Phillips-Savage, Flint Foliaki, Max McQualter, Lorenzo Campisi, Blake Yuill, Sonny Delorenzo, Christos Stamation and Joseph Cua.

9/10 Year Old entrants; Ivy Wright, Stella McGregor, Indyana Phillips-Savage, Alessia Caminiti, Hannah Whitworth, Billie Hamence, Mila Byron, Gianna Mammone, Ace Pender, Noah Toala, Jimmy Jeffers, Julian Costa, Spencer Sharpe, Joseph Pardo and River Jary.

Our students performed very well on the day with a number of ribbons being won. Students who came 1st or 2nd in their event and relay teams that placed 1st are invited to compete in the next level of competition at the Loddon Mallee Region in Bendigo on Monday 12th October.

Congratulations to Robert Ale, Harry Shawcross, Ollie Hughes, Indi Gibson, Aska Zahd, Nesi Katoa and Jimmy Jeffers who all placed either 1st or 2nd in their event and will represent the school at the next level.

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.

MINI OLYMPICS

Also, congratulations to the following students who placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their events:

12+ Year Old

Aska Zahd	1st Shot Put & 3rd Long Jump
Robert Ale	1st Shot Put & 3rd Triple Jump
Harry Shawcross	2nd 800m Run
Indi Gibson	2nd 100m Sprint
Ollie Hughes	2nd Discus
Maaya Piscioneri	3rd Discus

11 Year Old

Nesi Katoa	1st 100m Sprint & 2nd High Jump

9/10 Year Old

Jimmy Jeffers	1st Triple Jump
Indyana Phillips-Savage	3rd Triple Jump

Relays

12+ Girls team 2nd 4x 100m	(Indi Gibson, Aska Zahd, Maaya Piscioneri, Zoe Lee)
11 Girls team 3rd 4x 100m	(Nesi Katoa, Nardia Sirgunas, Cory Phillips-Savage, Ariella Pardo)

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
Ariana, Charlotte, Harper
(Lunchtime Activity)

Footy Colours Day
Friday 18th September
Noah, Andre, Robert, Gabe

Minute To Win It
Weeks 4-9
Tylah, Hanna, Lucy

LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

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.

SCHOOL REVIEW

This week, we have been involved in our School Review; an important opportunity to reflect on our progress, celebrate our successes and identify areas for continued improvement.

The first day of fieldwork (Wednesday) was an extremely positive experience. The review panel were impressed by the calm and purposeful learning environment, the consistency of our instructional approach and the explicit teaching practices they observed across classrooms. They also valued the openness and willingness of our staff, students and community members to share their experiences and reflect honestly on our current practices.

A special thank you to the parents who took the time to speak with the review panel and share their feedback about our school. Your perspectives are an important part of the review process and provide valuable insight into the experiences of our students and families.

Today, our leadership team worked with the panel to develop our 2026–2030 School Strategic Plan. This plan will set out our key priorities and goals for continuing to improve learning, wellbeing and outcomes for every student at Irymple South Primary School. Once the plan has been formally endorsed, we will share it with you so everyone understands our priorities and the direction of our school over the next four years.

HATS

In line with our Sunsmart policy, all students are to wear hats from the 1st September. For the remainder of the term the students will be encouraged to wear their hats. As of the beginning of Term 4, all students must wear their hats.

UPDATE YOUR DETAILS ON XUNO

We ask all families to check and update their details on XUNO to ensure we have accurate and current records. This includes phone numbers, residential address and emergency contact details. Keeping this information up to date is important so we can contact families quickly when required. If you need assistance updating your details, please contact the school office.

PARKING

We have noticed some unsafe and illegal practices on Belar Avenue and 15th Street at pick-up times. We are very concerned about the 'near misses' that have recently occurred, which could have resulted in serious injury.

Our crossing supervisor, Mark, is concerned about the number of cars parked close to the school crossing on 15th Street. Vehicles must remain clear of the crossing by 20 metres in the approach direction and 10 metres past the crossing in the direction of travel. This distance provides children, pedestrians and crossing supervisors with an unobstructed view of oncoming traffic. There are also vehicles stopping on both sides of the road and using the area as a quick pick-up zone. All parents and students must use the supervised crossing to cross 15th Street.

Please obey the NO STANDING zone on 15th Street. The designated Bus Zone must remain clear while buses are present so buses can safely drop off and collect students. Once the bus has departed, families may use the designated Bus Zone for pick-up, provided the zone is clear and it is safe to do so. However, vehicles must not stop or queue behind other cars in the Bus Zone waiting for the bus to leave. Please do not enter or wait in the Bus Zone until the bus has departed. This will help ensure buses can access the zone safely and keep traffic moving.

The concrete pad that has been constructed near the fire tanks on Belar Avenue is a NO PARKING zone. Please do not park in this area, as access is required at all times by emergency services.

We ask all families to please slow down, follow the road rules and be considerate of other families and our students. A few extra minutes of patience can make a significant difference to everyone's safety at pick up time.

CAMPS PROGRAM

Our camp 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 28th 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. This will occur on Thursday 3rd December to Friday 4th December.

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
Autumn Russell-Pearce
Prep D
Layla Mee
Prep C
Darci Tibbits
1M
Demi Englefield
1MG
Natalina Sergi
1H
Lucinda Burton
2M
Fraya Walton
2Z
Capri Mammone
2D
Eleni Taousakis
3G
Billie Hamence
Luca Ferguson
3S
Monty George
Nash Gray
4R
Stella McGregor
Jagger Barnes
4G
Stephy Choo
5G
Archer Barnes
5W
Ella Bowen
6S
Evelyn Fletcher
6H
Ollie Hughes
Art
Santino Cavallo
May Wright
PE
Finn Maddox
Health
Kaden Plewinski
Indiana Bateman
STEM
Valentine Cordoma
Assistant Principal
Madison Humphrys
Principal
Bear Pollock

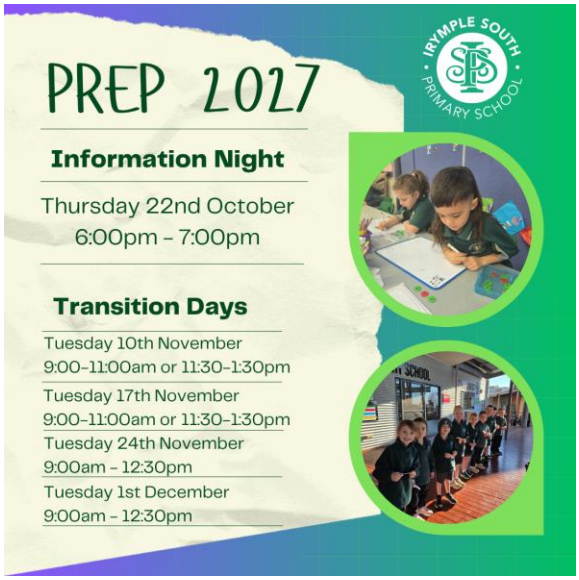
DATES TO REMEMBER

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SEPTEMBER
William Anson (2nd)
April Eastwood (3rd)
Bowie Brady (4th)
Marciano Ave (4th)
Annabelle Solomon (5th)



2026

		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
SEPTEMBER	9	7	8	9 School Council Meeting	10	11	12	13
	10	14	15	16 School Council Meeting	17	18 LiA Footy Colours Day End of Term 3 2:15pm	19	20
	Holidays	21	22	23	24	25 GRAND FINAL PUBLIC HOLIDAY	26	27
		28	29	30	1	2	3	4
OCTOBER	1	5 Start of Term 4	6	7	8	9	10	11
	2	12 Grade 5 camp to Ballarat →	13	14 →	15	16	17	18
	3	19	20	21	22 Prep 2027 Information Night	23 PUPIL FREE DAY	24	25
	4	26 Grandparents' Day Art Exhibition	27	28 Grade 6 camp to Roses Gap →	29 Grade 3 camp to Lake Cullulleraine →	30 →	31	1
NOVEMBER	5	2	3 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	4	5	6	7	8
	6	9	10 Prep 2027 Transition #1	11	12	13	14	15
	7	16	17 Prep 2027 Transition #2	18	19	20	21	22
	8	23	24 Prep 2027 Transition #3	25	26	27	28	29
DECEMBER	9	30	1 Prep 2027 Transition #4	2	3 Grade 2 Sleepover →	4 →	5	6
	10	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	11	14	15 Grade 6 Graduation	16	17 Last day of 2026 for students	18 End of Term 4 Pupil Free Day	19	20