

Friday 20th November, Issue 37, Week 7, Term 4, 2026

NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

Thanks to Uncle Willy Hannah for conducting the smoking ceremony to start our NAIDOC celebrations. Our school leaders explained the significance of NAIDOC day and its importance. Students participated in a variety of activities including weaving, story-telling, making Johnny cakes, indigenous dance workshop and games.

Thanks to our KESO, Claire Mennen for organising activities, Uncle Willy for the smoking ceremony and imparting his knowledge about his culture and the STARS Indigenous Dance group from Chaffey Secondary College.



2027 STAFFING

LEADERSHIP



Jamie Russell
Principal



Steven Sellens
Assistant Principal



Lauren Hepworth
Learning Specialist



Brian Gray
Learning Specialist



Wendy Jenkins
Leading Teacher

Over the next few weeks, we will be informing you of our staffing profile for 2027.

This week we start with our Leadership Team and our Administration Team.

ADMINISTRATION



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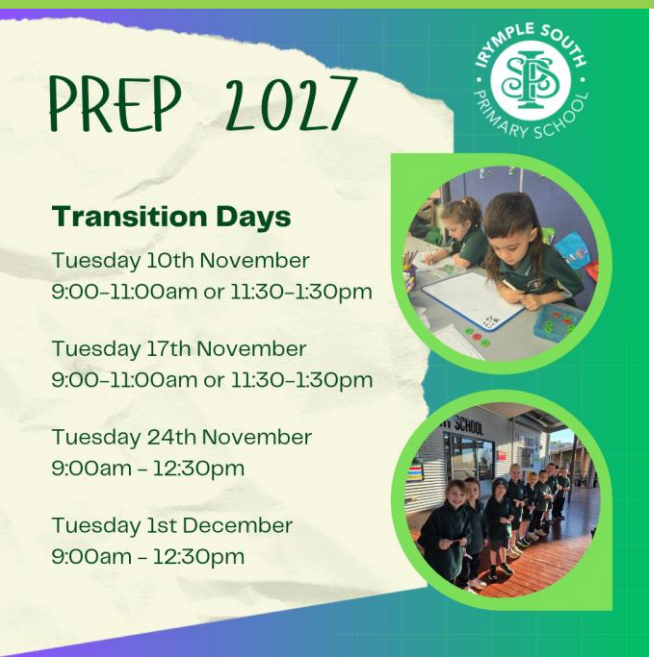
The department respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Victoria and pays respect to the ongoing living cultures of First Peoples.

END OF SCHOOL YEAR ARRANGEMENTS

The students will finish the 2026 school year on Thursday 17th December at 1:30pm. We will hold an assembly at the end of the day to farewell our 2026 graduating Grade 6 students and watch their Grade 6 dance. Students will not need lunch on this day. Buses will not be running at this time, so you will need to make alternative arrangements.



PREP 2027 TRANSITION



Students thoroughly enjoyed revisiting the learning from last week, exploring the number five and spending time playing on the playground. Be sure to check Seesaw for a short video capturing some of the fun and learning from our day.







CAMPS PROGRAM

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 on Wednesday 25th November.

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

Payments for all camps can be made now using the following payment option.
*via XUNO
Direct Deposit, please contact the office for the details
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







LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

We have some great activities and events planned this term. Our Grade 6 leaders have some lunchtime activities for all students to participate in.

The first whole school activity has been organised by Ollie, Patrick, Mason and Archie. A Walkathon in support of 'Willow's Walkers' will be held on Friday 27th November. This is a cause close to our school community's heart as Willow is the daughter of our staff member, Maddy Hura. This promises to be a wonderful event where everyone will come together to walk and talk and have fun.



Aska and Mila held their first 'Fun Lunchtime Activity' yesterday. Students from Grades 3 to 6 participated in a variety of fun activities including the 'Rock, Paper, Scissors Hoop Challenge'. Nest week the Prep to 2 students will be having fun in the assembly area with the parachute!











Fun Days
Weeks 5-10
Lunchtime Activity
Aska & Milla

4 x 4 Basketball
Weeks 5-10
Lunchtime Activity
Mario, Frankie, Harry & Brodie

Basketball Day
Tuesday 1st Dec
Grade P-6
Cody, Ryder & Lario-Milan

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep T
Silke Campbell
Prep D
Ava Jones
Prep C
Ayman Alic
1M
Demi Englefield
1MG
Harper Mazza
1H
Indianna Tully
2M
Olivia Hunt
2Z
Alfie Callow
2D
Ivy Krasna
Finn Maddox
3G
Milla Hughes
3S
Leo Caristo
4R
Ace Pender
Elsie Kavanagh
4G
Isla Caristo
Remy Smith
5G
Lorenzo Campisi
Cleo Karallis
5W
Willa George
6S
Mila Caristo
6H
Ryder Brennan
Gabe Blundy
Art
Monty George
PE
Chloe Chiswell
Health
Maggie Gee
STEM
Daemon Pettit
Max Sellens
Assistant Principal
Gracie Crook
May Wright
Principal
Evie Lampard

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NOVEMBER
Joey Cua (17th)
Tommy Leishman (17th)
Matilda Warden (18th)
Luca Pasquale (18th)
Totti Romeo (19th)
Mario Delorenzo (19th)
Capri Mammone (20th)
Silke Campbell (21st)
Alivia McShane (21st)
Hudson Kelly (22nd)
Demi Englefield (22nd)



GRADE 6 INFORMATION

Graduation

We will be holding our Grade 6 Graduation at Willow and Ivie on Tuesday 15th December. The students will present their graduation speeches to family and friends. This is followed by their dinner and disco. More information will be sent home to the families of the Grade 6 students.

Grade 6 Transition

The Grade 6 students have started their transition to Year 7! Representatives from the secondary colleges have met with the students and talked to them about expectations and answered any questions that the students may have had. The students will participate in the statewide Orientation Day on Tuesday 9th December. More information will be sent to families by the relevant secondary school.

SOMERS CAMP



On Tuesday morning, bright and early, fourteen of our Grade 5 and 6 students travelled to Somers Camp. Kia Scott is accompanying them and we can't wait to hear what adventures they get up to

Our campers are; Campbell Dowdy, Sam Panuccio, Patrick Mannes, Max McQualter, Tyler Holland, Otto Ferguson, Archer Barnes, Zara McDermott, Elke Brady, Georgia Hunt, Willow Hensgen, Ruby O'Connor, Milly Crook and Alivia McShane



















INTERSCHOOL SPORT

HOT SHOTS

Last Wednesday, our Grade 5 and 6 girls' Hot Shots team travelled to Swan Hill to compete in the Loddon Mallee Regional Finals.
The girls had a fantastic day, winning two sets and enjoying the opportunity to travel and compete against teams from across the region.
Lots of fun was had, with everyone displaying outstanding sportsmanship, teamwork and enthusiasm throughout the day.
Well done, girls!













ISPS FETE

Save the date, we're having a fete!
Friday 11th December 3:30pm to 7:00pm

A lot has happened in a week! Classes have started organising their stalls, outside vendors have booked a spot and we may even have a very special visitor!



IRYMPLE SOUTH'S GOT TALENT

Libby Kennedy is co-ordinating 'Irymple South's Got Talent', which will be held on Monday 14th December from 9:30am. Students in Grades 3 to 6 will audition in their year levels and information about this will be sent out by the classroom teachers. Libby is preparing performances by the Preps, Grade 1s and Grade 2s in Dance sessions.



CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Students in Grades 5 and 6 are involved in our Christmas Choir. The students have been practising with Ms Brooks at lunchtimes. During practise they have been singing a number of upbeat tunes that they will perform at or fete and around the district. They will be touring their show on Wednesday 9th December.



2026

		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
NOV	8	**23** Somers Camp →	**24** Prep 2027 Transition #3	**25** Grade 1 Excursion and Dinner	**26**	**27** LiA Walk-a-thon	**28**	**29**
DECEMBER	9	**30**	**1** Prep 2027 Transition #4 LiA Basketball Day	**2** School Council Meeting	**3** Grade 2 Sleepover →	**4**	**5**	**6**
	10	**7**	**8** Grade 6 Transition Day	**9**	**10**	**11** ISPS Fete 3:30pm – 7:00pm	**12**	**13**
	11	**14** ISPS's Got Talent after assembly	**15** Grade 6 Graduation Willow and Ivie 6pm	**16**	**17** Last day of 2026 for students Students dismissed at 1:30pm	**18** End of Term 4 Pupil Free Day	**19**	**20**
		21	**22**	**23**	**24**	**25** Christmas Day	**26**	**27**
JANUARY		**28**	**29**	**30**	**31**	**1** New Years Day	**2**	**3**
		4	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**	**9**	**10**
		11	**12**	**13**	**14**	**15**	**16**	**17**
		18	**19**	**20**	**21**	**22**	**23**	**24**
FEBRUARY	1	**25**	**26 Australia Day**	**27** Staff return for 2027 Professional Learning →	**28**	**29**	**30**	**31**
	2	**1 All students start the 2027 school year**	**2**	**3** Prep Rest Day	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**
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DATES TO REMEMBER

Term Dates
Term 4 Mon 5th Oct - Fri 18th Dec

School Events
ISPS Fete – Friday 11th December
Irymple South's Got Talent – Monday 14th Dec
Grade 6 Graduation – Tuesday 15th Dec
Student Free Day – Friday 18th December

Term Dates 2027
ALL students start school on Monday 1st February
Staff return to school on Wednesday 27th January
Term 1 Monday 1st Feb – Thursday 25th March
Term 2 Monday 12th April – Friday 25th June
Term 3 Monday 12th July – Friday 17th Sept
Term 4 Monday 4th Oct – Friday 17th Dec

BIG SUMMER READ

JOIN.
Complete the challenge with this reading log OR scan the QR code to join the challenge online.

BORROW.
Take a trip to the library to grab books from the shelves and borrow them with your library card!

READ.
Books, graphic novels, ebooks, audiobooks... ALL READING COUNTS! Read it yourself, have someone read to you, or read your favourite book again (and again!).

WIN!
Return your reading log to the library OR track your reading online for a chance to win! Check with your library service to find out what prizes are up for grabs!

JOIN. BORROW. READ. WIN!

December 1 - January 31

Scan me to enter the challenge online!

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.

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Enjoy some fun activities, make new friends and share a delicious afternoon snack with us!
We can't wait to welcome our future Preps!

Parents or Guardians are required to stay with their child while in attendance

Tuesday, 1st December 2026
From 3:30 PM

RSVP by Tuesday, 24th November 2026!

Please confirm your attendance by this date so we can prepare for a fun-filled afternoon and ensure there are plenty of snacks for everyone!

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