

Friday 27th November, Issue 38, Week 8, Term 4, 2026

2027 STAFFING

We have a wonderful group of staff who provide students with programs that enhance and enrich their learning.

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SCHOOL COUNCIL

The final School Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 2nd December at 6:00pm. An email will be sent to members about the location of the next meeting. Thank you to all those who have been involved in School Council this year.

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.

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.

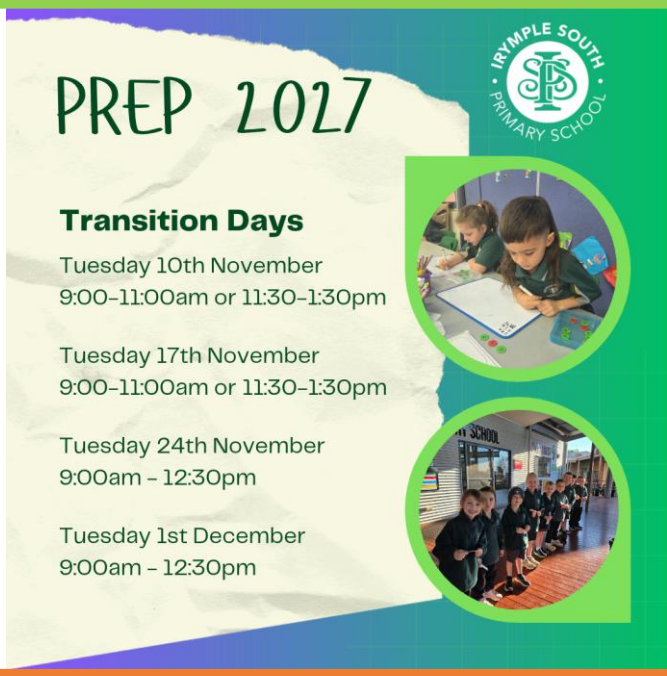


PREP 2027 TRANSITION

During transition #3 the students read a story about colours and coloured in our own balloons to match. We also got to meet our buddies, play outside and find out which house team we are in and what colour we are! We learnt about the number 5 and the letter s. We had such a great day and are getting very excited about starting Prep! We can't wait to see everyone again for our last transition day next week!





CAMPS PROGRAM

Grade 2 Excursion and Sleepover

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

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*

Grade 1 Excursion Day

The Grade 1s had a wonderful time on Wednesday. They went ten pin bowling and watched 'Spies in Disguise' at the cinema. They then headed back to school where they participated in fun water activities and a disco. Pizza was eaten for dinner and then it was time to go home.










SOMERS CAMP

Wow! What an incredible nine days we have had at Somers Camp! We have conquered fears, challenged ourselves, stepped outside our comfort zones, made many new friends and created memories that will last a lifetime.
What a special experience to have been a part of! It has been so rewarding to watch our students embrace every opportunity, support one another and grow in confidence and independence.
We are incredibly proud of each and every one of our campers and hope they are just as proud of themselves and all they have achieved over the past nine days!









STUDENT VOICE IN ACTION
Henshilwood Reserve Playground

We were delighted to welcome representatives from Mildura Rural City Council to Irymple South Primary School to consult with our Student Voice Team about the exciting replacement of the playground at Henshilwood Reserve.
Our students had the opportunity to share their ideas, provide feedback on proposed playground designs and help shape a space that will be enjoyed by our local community for years to come. It was fantastic to see our students' voices being heard and their ideas contributing to an important community project.
We look forward to seeing the new playground take shape!





QUESTACON

On Wednesday, students in Years 3–6 enjoyed an exciting science incursion with Questacon – The National Science and Technology Centre. During an hour of experiments, students explored a range of scientific concepts while developing their curiosity and problem-solving skills. Students were encouraged to follow the process of 'Question – Guess – Test', making predictions, forming hypotheses and testing their ideas through a variety of experiments. It was a fantastic opportunity to ask questions, share ideas and discover more about the world around us! If your family would like to experience some more scientific fun, Questacon will be bringing their Science Circus to the Mildura Sporting Precinct (MSP) this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, from 10am–4pm each day. For free tickets go to [bit.ly/QSC-VIC26](bit.ly/QSC-VIC26)









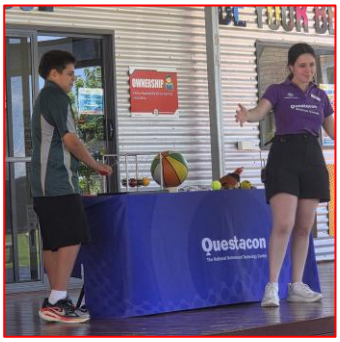














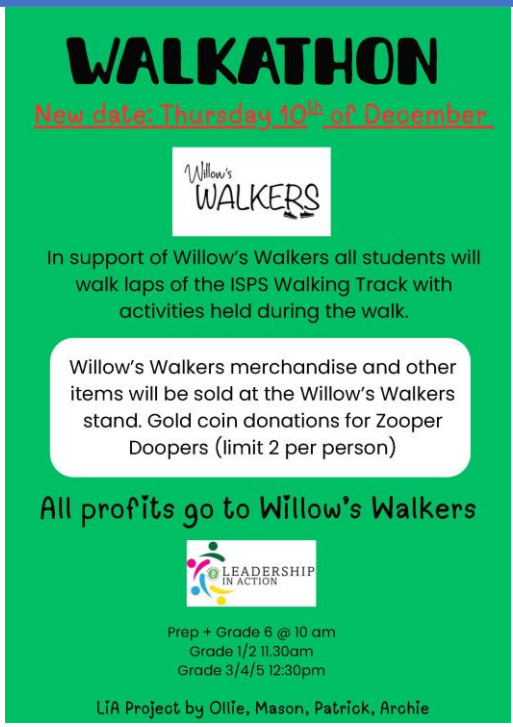


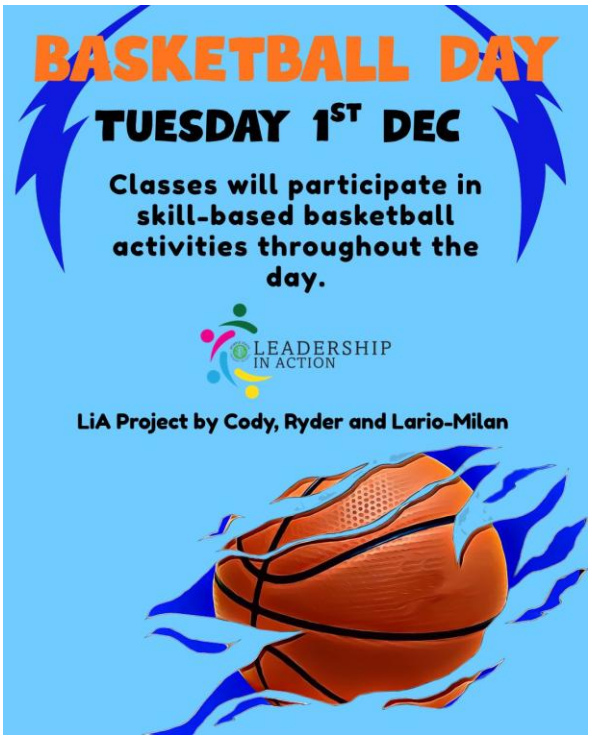


LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

WALKATHON

Due to the forecast weather conditions, our Leadership in Action (LiA) Walk-a-thon has been rescheduled to **Thursday 10th December**.
Zooper Doopers will still be available for purchase on this day, and Mrs Hura will have her stall set up in the assembly area between 9:00am and 10:00am for students and families wishing to make purchases.
Thank you for your understanding and continued support of our Grade 6 students and their fundraising efforts for Willow's Walkers. We look forward to a fantastic day on the 10th December!





BASKETBALL DAY

Cody, Ryder and Lario-Milan have organised a basketball day on Tuesday 1st December.
All classes will be involved in activities throughout the days, that the students have organised and will run. This is NOT a dress up day.
It will be a great day!

LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

4x4 BASKETBALL

Brodie, Frankie, Harry and Mario have organised a 4x4 Basketball competition during lunchtimes. Thanks boys!





CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Malachy Pyke (6S), for winning the Victorian BMX State Series, 11-12 Boys Cruiser Class.
Malachy had been in a moonboot just prior to winning! The Victorian State series is run over seven rounds at multiple tracks throughout the year.
Last weekend he competed in the 2026 Victorian BMX Championships held in Ballarat and placed 6th and 7th in separate divisions.
Congratulations Malachy!







Congratulations to 2020 ISPS school captain Sam Tassone on his selection to the Adelaide Crows in the AFL draft! We are so proud of you and wish you all the best.
The victorious ISPS Staff football team welcomes the challenge of playing against you again very soon!







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.







STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep T
Sophie Johnson
Prep D
Willow Roberts
Prep C
Kyrie Tumanuvao
1M
Annie Boyd
1MG
Connor Graf-Cox
Jack Barton
1H
Grace Lamattina
2M
Sasha Smith
2Z
Indie Cutts
Aisea Kaufana
2D
Riley Palazzo
3G
Daemon Pettit
Sophie O'Connor
3S
Monty George
4R
Noxx Bailey
4G
Harlow Brennan
5G
Flint Foliaki
5W
Nevaeh Walton
6S
Paddy Mannes
6H
Toby Sharman
Art
Archie Duncan
Toby Sharman
PE
Ollie Hughes
Health
Audrey Hamence
Xander Connors
STEM
Henry Purves-Millis
Assistant Principal
Nova Pollock
Principal
Indiana Bateman

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NOVEMBER
Michael Alvanos (23rd)
Isla Caristo (23rd)
Skyla Ruhs (23rd)
Oscar Reid (23rd)
Rory McQualter (24th)
Cooper Hammon (26th)
Ivy Bowring-Shillabeer (28th)
Peter Scarfo (28th)
Thea Anderson (29th)
Kayden Siemsen (29th)
Harrison Jones (29th)



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. The graduation ceremony will be live streamed for thise who are unable to attend. The live stream link can be accessed here.

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.

FAREWELL

Farewell and thank you, to the families who have their youngest child graduating from Irymple South this year. Some families have been at Irymple South for many years and have had several children go through the school. We farewell the following families: Batchelor Family (Lucy), Blundy Family (Gabe), Cavallo Family (Rocky), Delbridge Family (Lincoln), Edwards Family (Cody), Gibson Family (Indi), Lee Family (Zoe), Panuccio Family (Levani), Piscioneri Family (Maaya), Pyke Family (Malachy), Sharman Family (Toby), Shawcross Family (Harry), Sirgunas Family (Nardia), Sleep Family (Eliza), Veit Family (Tylah) and Wilmann Family (Heidi)

ISPS FETE

Friday 11th December 3:30pm to 7:00pm

This week we have been able to confirm the following stalls and vendors;

Class Stalls

1MG Lucky Jars
2M Reindeer Food and Christmas Decorations
2Z Ball in a Bucket
2D Ping Pong Throw
3G Remote Control Car Track
3S Loom Bands
4R Christmas wool decorations
4G Show Bags
5G Paint a Pot
5W Guess the Staff Baby Photo Competition
6H Tin Can Toss

Community Stalls

Mannes Honey
Charlie's Fruit and Veg
The Goo Lab
Moulded Memories
Claire's Face Painting
NellPop
Fruit Fly Information
Moments that Stick

Food Vendors

Food Van, Irymple Swallows FNC
Popcorn stall 'TheirCare'



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.

A running order of acts will be published when all auditions have taken place. The Prep to 2 students will be performing their acts early on in the schedule.

We are hoping that we will have some special guest judges making an appearance.



2026

		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
DECEMBER	9	**30** 2027 School Captain Speeches	**1** Prep 2027 Transition #4 LiA Basketball Day	**2** School Council Meeting 6:00pm	**3** Grade 2 Sleepover →	**4**	**5**	**6**
	10	**7** 2027 House Captain Speeches	**8** Grade 6 Transition Day	**9** Choir on Tour	**10** LiA Walkathon	**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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	4	**15**	**16** School Photos	**17** Prep Rest Day	**18**	**19**	**20**	**21**

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!

Scan me to enter the challenge online!

JOIN. BORROW. READ. WIN!

December 1 - January 31

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.

Carer Gateway may support you with things like help at home, young carer social events, counselling or study help.

Scan to learn more

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Calling All 2027 Preps!

Big Adventures Start with Little Steps!
Come along and experience an afternoon at TheirCare! Meet our friendly educators, explore our space, discover our afternoon routine and see what to expect at After School Care.
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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