



# IRYMPLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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## WELCOME TO 2026

Welcome to our 2026 Preps, all our returning families and new families. We hope that those families joining us will enjoy their time with us and become a valued part of our school community. We welcomed 7 new students this year in addition to our 57 new Prep students. Wonderful news for our growing school community.

## SMART START

During the first week back students are involved in Mathematics and English tasks and activities designed to help students settle into their new classes. They participate in lessons that encourage them to learn about their peers and teachers which helps them to form a strong sense of belonging in their rooms. We call this program 'Smart Start'. Getting to a stage of feeling comfortable takes time and with parent and our support this will be worked through in a compassionate and caring way. Much time and consideration took place before all students were placed in their classes, so we like to see all the students work through normal emotions. This could include any emotion from sheer excitement to intense worry. Students learn that all feelings are okay and normal, as they work towards being able to identify how they are feeling and apply a strategy to help them work through it. We call this their 'Focus Plan'.

## CURRICULUM DAY (PUPIL FREE DAY)

Our staff will be involved in Mathematics professional learning with Dr. Ang Rogers on **Friday 27th February 2026 (week 5)**, a pre-arranged professional development opportunity requiring a **Curriculum Day (pupil-free day)**.

## 2026 IRYMPLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY STRUCTURE

As our school community continues to grow and we welcome more families to assemblies, we are introducing a new assembly structure for 2026 to ensure everyone can participate comfortably. Our school assemblies are fortnightly on Thursday afternoons.

From this year, assemblies will be split into two sessions:

- Prep to Year 2: 2:20pm – 2:40pm
- Year 3 to Year 6: 2:45pm – 3:10pm

This change allows us to better manage space while still celebrating student achievements and sharing important school moments with families.

We have also refined our awards structure, which will now include:

- An Irymple Primary School Values Award recognising students who demonstrate our school values
- A Literacy or Numeracy Award selected by classroom teachers
- A Specialist Award for each year level, recognising success in specialist areas such as ICT, PE, Art or LOTE

We appreciate your understanding and support as we implement these changes and will review the structure as the year progresses.

We look forward to seeing you at our assemblies throughout the year!

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## UPDATE PERSONAL DETAILS

We advise any families wishing to change their address will have to provide 100-point residential address check documents. Some schools (Irymple Secondary College) are facing enrolment pressure and to ensure every child can attend their local school, schools need to verify you live within their school zone. If anyone has moved since Prep enrolment, they also must update their details.

## YEAR 5/6 SWIMMING PROGRAM

It has been a big week for our senior students as they have undertaken their Swimming Program for 2026. It is a DET requirement that all students participate in the School Swimming Program, and we thank all the parents that have given their children the opportunity to learn to swim and to participate in this program. Thank you to all staff for their supervision and for many of the staff at school who have altered their schedules to accommodate the program.

## YEAR 3/4 SWIMMING PROGRAM

In week 3, from **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026** the year 3/4 students will participate in their swimming program. Consent forms are due and can be signed through the Compass. The program is free however there is a \$20.00 transport fee.

## SWIMMING CARNIVAL – YEAR 3 TO 6 STUDENTS

We look forward to as many families as possible joining us on the day of the **25 February 2026** for our Annual Swimming Sports day. Consent forms for the day will be available shortly. Hats, school sports tee shirts (in your house colour), a drink bottle, lunch, and snacks as well as sunscreen are all essentials for the day.

## NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3 and 5. The program will run in weeks 7 and 8 of Term 1. Information will be sent home to families in the coming weeks.

## COMPASS APP – PARENTS PORTAL – ABSENCES

If your child is absent, you can log this through your Compass app.

Please note this is the preferred way to log student absences. Please do not email or message the teachers as they do not always have time to read messages in the morning.

## ALL ABOUT MY CHILD

We would like to inform you that our usual *Meet and Greet* sessions will not be taking place at the beginning of this school year.

Instead of the Meet and Greets, we have sent home an **“All About My Child”** proforma for you to complete. We ask that these are returned to your child/ren’s classroom teacher by 13th February 2026 (week 3). This will allow us to gather valuable information about your child’s strengths, interests and any important insights that will support a positive start to the year.

Parents and carers will also have the option to request a 10-minute **follow-up phone call or meeting**, which will be scheduled later in the term. This will ensure that you still have the opportunity to connect with your child’s teacher and discuss anything further.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we make the most of this valuable professional learning. We look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year.

## 2026 PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS LETTER AND MEDIA CONSENT

Please note that the Parent Payment Information Letter has been emailed out to families. If you need another copy, there will be spare copies at the office, or one can be emailed if requested.

Family contributions for 2026 are now available and can be viewed in the *Payment Centre* on the Compass portal. Families are asked to please review these at your earliest convenience. As part of this process, all families must also complete Media Consent. This can be found by navigating to the *Payments Centre*, reading the information about contributions, and selecting *continue*. This will take you to the *Agreements* section, where you will find the *Media consent*. Please agree or disagree and select save to finalise.

Should you wish to contribute, payment options by instalments are available. Thank you to the families that have paid for their children already as this supports us a great deal of with early planning for the year and payment of all the requisites that we have already ordered.

## STAFF CAR PARK

Our Staff Car Park is not to be used for student drop off or pick up after school as it is not supervised. Please do not park in front of or beside our planter boxes as this is an unsafe area not only for students but other traffic in this area.

We have also received reports from neighbouring properties that families are parking on their front lawns – please do not do this.

Please be aware that the kiss and drop area (alongside the tennis court) is a drop and go area. We would appreciate if parents would not park and exit their cars as this stops the flow that this area is designed for.

## CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

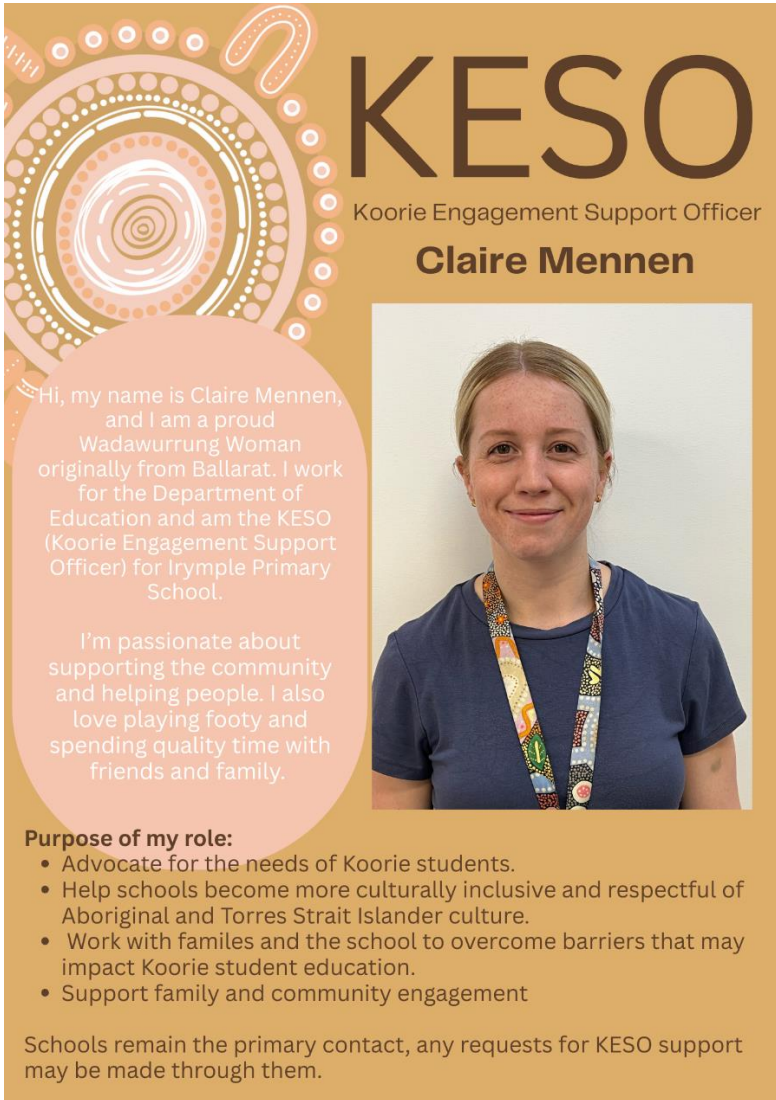
The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are \$400 for eligible Primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, and sporting activities for the benefit of your child. It is important that funding made available in 2025 supports students to participate in school trips, camps, and sporting activities this year rather than being held for future years. This funding can also be used in conjunction with any funding accrued from previous years.

If you would like to apply for CSEF Funding, please call into the office to collect a form.

## CANTEEN HELPERS

Thank you to the parents that have volunteered to assist in our Canteen. Our Canteen Manager, Mrs Sue Rodgers, is happy to be contacted directly if you can assist for even one day each term. Children are welcome and no experience is necessary – Sue will assist you with every step while you work through the routine. We have our wonderful Year 6 leaders that also assist in the Canteen to make our 3 days a week possible. Please note that all volunteers must have a Working with Children's Check.



**KESO**  
Koorie Engagement Support Officer  
**Claire Mennen**

Hi, my name is Claire Mennen, and I am a proud Wadawurrung Woman originally from Ballarat. I work for the Department of Education and am the KESO (Koorie Engagement Support Officer) for Irymple Primary School.

I'm passionate about supporting the community and helping people. I also love playing footy and spending quality time with friends and family.

**Purpose of my role:**

- Advocate for the needs of Koorie students.
- Help schools become more culturally inclusive and respectful of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.
- Work with families and the school to overcome barriers that may impact Koorie student education.
- Support family and community engagement

Schools remain the primary contact, any requests for KESO support may be made through them.

## CANTEEN AND FLEXISCHOOLS APP

Please note that our Canteen is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Orders can be made at the Canteen (correct cash only) by 9am or you can use the Flexischools App to place orders (orders through the app must be made before 8.45am).

**If you are already registered on the app you must go into settings and change your child's room number at the beginning of every year.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

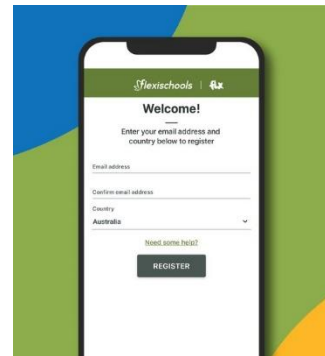
# How to set up your Flexischools account

## 1. Download the app



## 2. Register

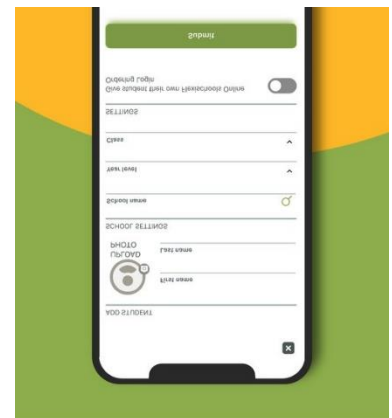
- Open the Flexischools App and click 'Register'.
- Submit your email address to create an account.
- Go to your inbox and open the registration email from Flexischools
- Click on the link and follow the registration process.



## 3. Log in to your Flexischools account and enter your child's details

- Once your account is set up, log into the Flexischools App
- Select the 'Profile' icon on the navigation bar.

Under 'Students', click 'Add new'. Enter your child's name, school, year level, and class. Click 'submit'.



## How to order food on the app

1. Click 'Order food' at the top of the app home screen
2. Select which student you would like to place an order for
3. Choose which service you would like to order (e.g. lunch)
4. Choose which date to order
5. Select any items you want to order
6. When you have finished adding items, click 'confirm order'
7. Complete payment to place your order

# 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.

### 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.

## MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>





### Values Awards

Dylan Deluca  
Audrey Dowsley  
Jind Sohi  
Maree Ghidinelli  
Xavier Urquhart-Singh  
Greysen Fraser  
Giselle Nicolaci  
Indi Diamandis  
Mia Menegaldo  
Aubree Ross  
Rita Rimapeni  
Isla King  
Preston Davis  
Avalon Baker  
Amber Kennedy

### Subject Awards

Alora Wood  
Ziggy Fullgrabe  
Octavia Shaw  
Taj Weston  
Piper Follon  
Vienna Matulick  
Angelina Beh  
Elizabeth Cole  
Aidan Matulick  
Henry Thompson  
Christopher Katis  
Lucas Grembecki  
Ella Corrie  
Georgie Heppell  
Abel Dempsey

### Specialist Awards

Teddy Reynolds  
Blake King  
Angelina Beh  
Amelia Baker  
Aubree Ross  
Logan Neilson  
Roy Weight  
Winslow Fullgrabe  
Alora Wood  
Aaliyah Taylor  
Mason McKenzie  
Vienna Matulick  
Aaylah Baker  
Diesel Kehl  
Aria Long  
Phoenix Ransome  
Darci Deiesi  
Dylan Deluca  
Archie Carroll  
Cora Chen  
Christina Beh  
Logan De Vos  
Elizabeth Cole  
Thea Andison



Paige Ginn

Primrose Garraway

Mohammad Hassan

Mahmonir

Memarzadeh

Memarzadeh

Alby Wilson

Bentley Hagen

Aria Long

Lia O'Callaghan

Mehmet Demirci

Yumi Soriano

Mehmet Demirci

PAROLA ITALIANA DELLA  
SETTIMANA

ITALIAN WORD OF THE WEEK

*Welcome*

*Benvenuti*



# DATES TO REMEMBER

## TERM 1 2026

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
<b>Week 2</b> Feb	<b>02</b>  Yr 5/6 Swimming	<b>03</b>	<b>04</b> No Preps	<b>05</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>08</b>
<b>Week 3</b> Feb	<b>09</b>  Yr 3/4 Swimming	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> No Preps	<b>12</b> Assembly	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Week 4</b> Feb	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> No Preps	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Week 5</b> Feb	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> IPS Swimming Carnival  Prep Interviews	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  PUPIL FREE DAY	<b>28</b>	<b>01</b>
<b>Week 6</b> Feb/Mar	<b>02</b> Division Swimming Carnival	<b>03</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>08</b>
<b>Week 7</b> Mar	<b>09</b> PUBLIC HOLIDAY	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  NAPLAN	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Week 8</b> Mar	<b>16</b>  NAPLAN	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Prep reading info session	<b>20</b> School Photos	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Week 9</b> Mar	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Week 10</b> Mar/Apr	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>02</b> IPS Cross Country  Last Day of Term 1	<b>03</b> GOOD FRIDAY	<b>04</b>	<b>05</b>

## THREE COLOURS SOCCER CLUB COME & TRY DAY

WHEN:

SUNDAY 1ST & 15TH FEBRUARY 2026  
10AM - 11:30AM

WHERE:

PITCH 10 AT SOCCER PARK  
OLD AERODROME OVALS  
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4 & 5 years	>	MON	3:30pm – 4:00pm	- \$7 p/session
5-12 years	>	MON	4:00pm – 4:45pm	- \$10 p/session
5+ years	>	TUE	4:30pm – 5:15pm	- \$10 p/session
4-12 years	>	SAT	9:00am – 9:45am	- \$10 p/session
MATCH PLAY	>	SAT	9:45am – 10:15am	- \$3 p/session



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TERM 1 - 2026

MON 4:45pm – 5:30pm | TUE 5:15pm – 6:00pm  
\$10 p/session

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