



IRYMPLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Issue 2 – Term 1 – Week 4 – Friday 20th February 2026

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

Our first assembly with the new structure was a success. Thank you to our school community for adapting to the change. Just a reminder that 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!

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.

CANTEEN CLOSURE

Please note that the Canteen will be closed in Week 5, from Wednesday, 25th February to Friday, 27th February 2026.

PRIDE • RESPECT • SAFETY • LEARNING

OUTSTANDING RESULTS

At the conclusion of 2025 our school was presented with our School Performance Report. Like all schools, we work hard towards improving learning and wellbeing goals for the students. We were extremely pleased with our results, as was the Sunraysia Region and State personnel. Our hard work has been rewarded with Mrs. Madden and Mr. Milsom being asked to present to Principals in Melbourne from across the State at the Annual Statewide Principal's Conference in May. We will keep you informed of the outcomes!

NEW BUILDING

We are excited to announce that we will be receiving a new building. Mrs. Madden, Mr. Milsom and Mr. Lever will be meeting with the Victorian Schools Building Authority on the 25th of February to consolidate a plan for the inclusion of the new classroom. This is great news and will support our growing enrolment into the future.

GARDENS – Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden

We are continuing to work on our gardens across the school. We are looking to develop new garden beds and upgrade our kitchen garden outside the Grade 3/4 classrooms. At the moment we are planting seedlings to grow rocket, capsicums, spinach and zucchini to create healthy pizzas with the students later in the term.

If any parents have any hardy plants for our garden beds or seedlings or seed packets for our Kitchen Garden that they would like to donate to the school, please leave them at the front office or see Mr. Milsom.

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.

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 has been emailed to families of year 3 and year 5 students this week.

PREP FAMILY PICNIC

On **Thursday 12th March**, Prep families are warmly invited to join us at school for a picnic dinner from 5:00–7:00pm. Classrooms will be open from 5:00–5:45pm for children to show their parents around and share their learning spaces. Please bring along a picnic dinner to enjoy together. Pizzas will be provided at 6:00pm to accompany your meal.

We will be setting up our picnic near the P–2 Playground. This will be a lovely opportunity to meet other families, your child's friends, and their teachers in a relaxed and friendly setting. We look forward to seeing you there.

Don't forget to pack a picnic rug and some drinks!

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

Our second hand uniform stock is currently running low. If you have any school uniforms that no longer fit your children and are in good, clean condition, we would greatly appreciate your donation. These items make a real difference to families in our community and help ensure all students feel a sense of belonging at our school.

Donations can be dropped off at the front office at any time.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL – YEAR 3 TO 6 STUDENTS

On **Wednesday, 25th February** (Week 5) we will be holding our Swimming Carnival (Years 3 to 6 students only) at the Irymple Swimming Pool. Event information and consent forms are on Compass. Students will have a slightly earlier lunch and then walk with Staff to the Irymple Pool from 11am.

Please see below for an **approximate** event schedule:

IRYMPLE PRIMARY SCHOOL – SWIMMING CARNIVAL		
11.00am	Walk to Irymple Pool	
11.30am	Welcome Students & Families	
11:40am	Freestyle (with lane ropes)	Length 33m
12:00pm	Backstroke (with lane ropes)	Length 33m
12:20pm	Breaststroke (with lane ropes)	Length 33m
12.30pm	Freestyle	Across – deep end
12.50pm	Freestyle	Across – shallow end
1.10pm	Backstroke	Across – deep end
1.30pm	Noodle Race	Across – shallow end
1.50pm	Kickboard Torpedo	Across – deep end
2.10pm	Kickboard Torpedo	Across – shallow end
2.30pm	Presentation	
2.40pm	Leave Pool	
3.00pm	Arrive back at School	

Students are eligible to compete in only one event per stroke and have been assessed during their swimming programs as to what length is suitable to their ability.

Age group (age as at 31/12/26) champions will be presented to the winning student who has competed in “Length” events only.

We welcome our families on the day to cheer and support, however students are required to sit with their House teams during the event. **If your child will be leaving with you early from the pool, you must sign out at the designated area (we will have a staff member set up with a lap top).**

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.

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.

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

Over the past two weeks, students in Grades 3-6 were given the opportunity to apply to represent their class in our Semester 1 Junior School Council. All classroom teachers were proud of the efforts each student put into their speeches. The following were then selected by their peers as our representatives. Congratulations to the following students:

The Class Captains are:

Room 8

Mahmonir Memarzadeh & Lizzie Cole



Room 9

Alaura Manning & Mia Menegaldo



Room 10

Aleah Rogers & Noah Williams



Room 11

Ivanna Gorringer & Daryl Yavit



Room 12

Daisy Dalla Santa & Harvey Allen



Room 13

Johnpeter Torquati & Sienna Jerkin



Room 14

Titus Segura & Ronix Landells



Room 15

Odynn Ransome & Ilario Primarano



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.

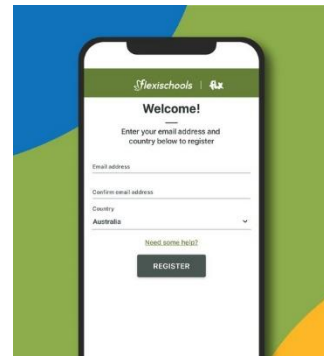
How to set up your Flexischools account

1. Download the app



2. Register

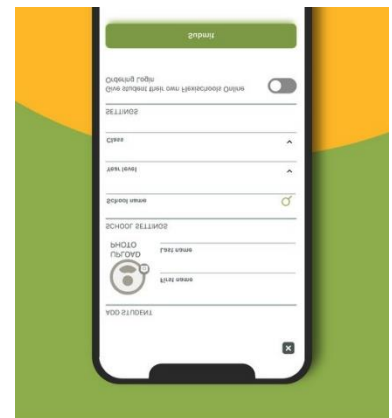
- Open the Flexischools App and click 'Register'.
- Submit your email address to create an account.
- Go to your inbox and open the registration email from Flexischools
- Click on the link and follow the registration process.



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.



MORE

For more

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.

INFORMATION

information about CSEF visit:

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



Values Awards

Lily Schelfhout
Andre Majury
Santino Deluca
Croia Crocker
Alby Wilson
Thea Andison
Patrick Jones
Daisy Garraway
Louis Corrie
Zaleigh Gordon
Daisy Dall Santa
Rylee Bryant
Titus Segura
Tegh Kaur Sohi

Subject Awards

Paige Ginn
Sage Mallinson
Dayne Carson
Harper Meek
Grace Honeysett
Anna Tsai
Jack Tonkin
Kai Grembecki
Darci Deiesi
Lachlan McGregor
Lily Sutherland
Luca Sergi
Toa Fangaloka
Odynn Ransome

Specialist Awards

Knox Seddon
Hosna Farsi
Peyton Burgess
Titus Segura
Arianna Parfrey
Xavier Ellis
Jimmy Foote
Mahmonir Memarzardeh
Honey Hill
Croia Crocker
Knox Harrison
Aria Long
Izaiah Stringer
Jake Hocking
India Hudson
Monty Doering
Hugo Freckleton
Rylee Miller
Logan De Vos
Sebastian Frasca
Kixten Boundy
Maree Ghidinelli
Luca Sergi
Amber Kennedy
Daisy Garraway
Izaiah Stephens



River Elliott
Bodhi Stephens
Roy Weight

Lian Ahmed
Arianna Parfrey
Tye Dempsey
Anna Picken

Amity Scholes
Zaleigh Gordon
Indiana Brown
Kruuze Majury

Hannah Tsai
Daryl Yavit
Ava King

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ITALIAN WORD OF THE WEEK

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DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 1 2026

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



2026 Open Day Sunday 22nd Feb, 12 - 2 pm

@ Henshilwood Recreation Reserve
Mini roos (mixed) - U6, U8, U10
Juniors (boys and girls) - U12 to U16

All registrations and payments are now **ONLINE**
<https://rego.prd.letsplayfootball.au/signin>

If you are new and need some assistance to register, we are there to help.
Meet coaches, Play, Volunteer
or just enjoy a BBQ! See you there!



COME & TRY BASEBALL

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EAGLES BASEBALL CLUB

- BASEBALL ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS
- GIVEAWAYS ON THE DAY
- FREE COFFEE
- FREE BBQ
- ALL AGES WELCOME

29TH MARCH
10AM - 12PM | NEWY FIELD

