



IRYMPLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Issue 3 – Term 1 – Week 6 – Friday 6th March 2026

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Please be reminded that **Monday, 9th March 2026** is a public holiday. There will be no school on this 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.

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake. As students' progress through their school years, it is important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy. NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national proficiency standards. NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with more information about students' educational progress. NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working, and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy. **If your child takes their computer home, please make sure it is coming to school fully charged.**

The test schedule is as follows for NAPLAN testing next week:

11th March – Writing Test – 9.00am for a 9.30 am start

11th March – Language Conventions – 11.30am for a 12.00pm start

12th March – Reading Test – 9.00am for a 9.30 am start

13th March – Numeracy - 9.00am for a 9.30 am start

It is important that all students have had a good rest the night before with an early bedtime and a good breakfast in the morning and be settled on arrival at school. Some students have thought in the past, that if they are away, they do not have to do each test, but there will be compulsory catch up sessions that go into the next week.

We wish all the students in Year 3 and Year 5 all the best and it is a test for their past years at school and a test done on one day in the year for each subject listed above. No students can enter the exam session after the start time, so it is important to be at school on time for everyone involved.

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!

PRIDE • RESPECT • SAFETY • LEARNING

CURRICULUM DAY – FRIDAY 27th FEBRUARY

Last Friday our staff were involved with a full day of learning that focused on fluency in Mathematics. The day was led by Dr. Ange Rogers, with staff being engaged in a range of tasks and understandings to help our students become more fluent in their Mathematics.

We will release a video on our social media that unpacks the program further this week.



PAT CRONIN FOUNDATION

Recently our Grade 4, 5 and 6 students participated in workshop from the Pat Cronin Foundation. The message from the day was focused on eliminating violence from our Community. Martine, our presenter from Melbourne, took us through the Be Wise – Think Carefully, Act Kindly workshop.

Our students had done some pre-work leading into the learning and will complete some follow-up work too.



BOOK CLUB IS BACK FOR 2026!

A huge THANK YOU for your amazing support of our Scholastic Book Club over the past couple of years! Because of you, our shelves (and our students!) are thriving!

🌸 Issue #2 Catalogues will be heading home with your student soon — get ready to discover some great reads!

Here's the best part, every time you place an order, 15% goes straight back to our school in Scholastic Rewards. That means more exciting new books for our library.

Win-win! 🙌📖

📱 All orders are placed through the Loop app (quick and easy!).

🚫 Please note: we're unable to accept cash payments.



How parents order from Book Club online

1. Log in, or create a new account at <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>
2. New parents can follow the Wizard to set up a child's profile
3. Click the ORDER tab, and select the child's school and Issue of Book Club
4. Select your child's name
5. Enter the product item number from the Book Club catalogue
6. Apply promotional codes that children may have earned from previous issues
7. Make a payment via credit card. Please note a 1% surcharge applies to all card payments.
8. Feel great about the Scholastic Rewards that have been earned from the school!

EASTER RAFFLE

This year we will again be running our Easter raffle. Families are asked to donate an Easter item to their classroom by Friday 27th March 2026. Containers will be in each classroom for donations from Monday, 14th March (Week 8). As in the past, it does not have to be all eggs and chocolate, it can be a range of easter items that children can enjoy ie. craft etc. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday, 1st April 2026 at the Easter Hat Parade.

Tickets can be purchased online by visiting <https://compasstix.com/e/5avs068dpo>



Alternatively you can pop into the office to purchase tickets and pay by card or cash.



BOOK FAIR

Our Book Fair is back this year and will run from **Thursday 21st May through to Monday 25th May (Weeks 5 and 6 of Term 2)**. Students and families may visit the Book Fair in the Library from 8.30am to 8.55am before school. The Library will also be open from 3.15pm to 3.45pm after school. There is always a great range of books and knick knack items to choose from with many specials on offer as well. Proceeds from the sales allows us to choose books from the fair for our Library. Our past Book Fairs have always been very well supported by our school community and this is very much appreciated.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Last Friday we had our Swimming Carnival for Years 3-6. All students had a great day with **Sturt** coming out the winners. 2nd place was **Chaffey** following with **Flinders** in 3rd place and **Bass** in 4th place. It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers who were able to come along and support the students. Well done to students and a big thank you to staff who assisted.

Thank you to our parent volunteers who helped with marshalling. We always appreciate help offered by our families. Such a big parent presence was really appreciated on the day.

Congratulations to our Year Level Champions, medals will be awarded at the next Assembly:

9yo Girls	Ella Corrie	10yo Girls	Lia O'Callaghan	11yo Girls	Airlie Bateman
9yo Boys	Havey Allen	10yo Boys	Diesel Kehl	11yo Boys	Ricky Taylor
12yo Girls	Willow Healy				
12yo Boys	Will O'Neill				



SSV Division Swimming

On Wednesday we had several students compete in the Sunraysia Division Swimming Meet at the 50m Mildura pool. Our results below indicate that we had an incredibly successful day with many placings. Congratulations to all students!

9/10yo Boys

2nd place – Freestyle

Diesel Kehl

2nd place – Backstroke

Diesel Kehl

11yo Girls

2nd place – Freestyle

Sienna Wilton

2nd place – Backstroke

Sienna Wilton

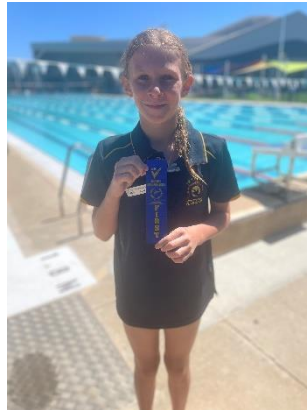
11yo Boys

3rd place – Backstroke

Ricky Tylar

2nd place – Breaststroke

Jordan Andriotis



12yo Girls

1st place Backstroke

Frankie Heppell

1st place Breaststroke

Willow Healy

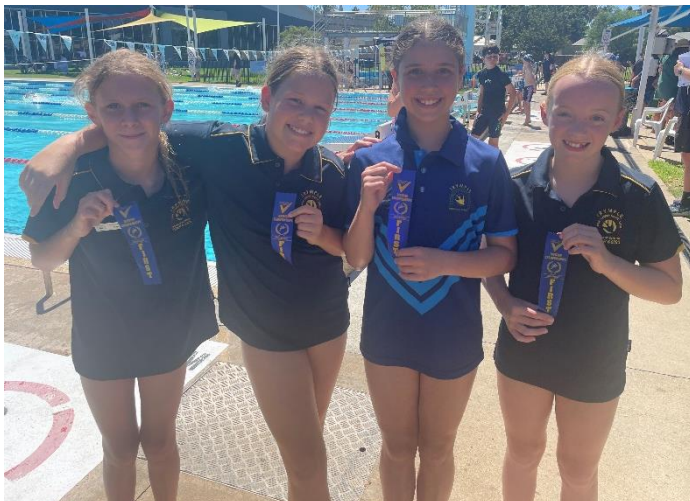
3rd place Freestyle

Willow Healy

1st place Freestyle Relay

Willow Healy, Frankie Heppell, Mia Menegaldo, Mia O'Callaghan

Congratulations to **Willow Healy, Frankie Heppell, Diesel Kehl** and the **Relay team** who will now travel to Swan Hill to compete in the Regional SSV event next Tuesday.





VICTORIA POLICE

Neighbourhood Policing Team
Mildura
Division 6
Western Region

24 February 2026

To parents,

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Dear parents,

I have noticed a lot of E-Scooters being ridden by school age children around our town. These scooters are being ridden both on the road as well as footpaths, with many riders not wearing helmets or protective gear. E-Scooter related injuries has caused an increase in the number of Emergency Room visits, a large proportion of these are School aged children presenting with injuries such as broken bones, spinal injuries and serious head injuries resulting in ABIs (acquired brain injuries).

'More than five Queenslanders per day are ending up in the emergency department due to e-scooter injuries, according to new state hospital data.' (Queensland hospital data shows e-scooter injuries escalate to five per day. ABC News 11/02/2026)

Children have been shown to take greater risks as they are still growing and have not achieved the brain development required to always make good decisions.

"A teen's developing brain places them at greater risk of being reactive in their decision-making, and less able to consider the consequences of their choices." (Why teenagers make terrible decisions: A guide for parents ABC news 22/01/2018 By James McCue, Edith Cowan University)

E-Scooters are high powered, heavy transportation devices that require sensible decision making to avoid risk of injury to themselves and those around them in public. The Victorian government creates legislation to govern the safe use of these devices and Victoria Police are responsible for enforcing the laws. You may not be aware of these laws, so I have put some of them below. The brackets contain some of the contributing factors as to why these laws were created.

E-Scooter riders must:

- be at least 16 years old. (Under 16 yr olds not developed enough to make safe choices)
- not ride with a second person. (The brakes are not designed for this)
- not ride on the footpath. (Danger to pedestrians)
- wear an approved bicycle helmet. (High chance of head strike with footpath in collision)
- not travel faster than 20 kph. (The faster they go the more dangerous they become)
- not travel on roads signposted above 60kph. (High speed vehicles present a large risk)
- not use mobile phones while riding. (This is a massive distraction)

The above offences may attract fines of up to \$611.

The use of headphones for music while riding an E-scooter, while not illegal, is strongly discouraged. This can act as a distraction and may prevent your child from hearing any approaching danger.

I am asking parents to please consider the safety of their children when they are considering purchasing one of these devices for their kids and please reconsider. If your child is 16 or over and has an E-Scooter, please have a discussion with them about the importance of riding on the road, wearing a helmet and being safe.

Thank you for taking the time to read this message,

Nick RAYNOR
Senior Constable 41794



Values Awards

Alisi Katoa
Lila Press
Rylee Hibberd
Haydar Folau
Violet Garraway
Racheal Ling
India Hudson
Ella Sutherland
Amelia Baker
Sienna Wilton
Ada Colak
Winslow Fullgrabe
Claire Frasca
Harrison McClure
Frankie Torquati

Subject Awards

Aiden Nimmo
Patrick Saville
Kento Deluca
Regan Dowdy
Alex Compt
Atlas Katis
Ollie Sedon
George Paongo
Will O'Neill
Jake Hocking
Patrick Stone
Lincoln Dowsley
Maddison Platten
Johnpeter Torquati
Ryder Nimmo
Elva Weaving

Specialist Awards

Georgia Kinnersley
Kaiden Polimeni-Turvey
Madison Polimeni
Isla King
Francesco Torquati
Nyaziel Nending
Theo Saville
Maeve Neagle
Henry Shepherd
Lian Ahmed
Maria Fangaloka
Paige Ginn
Nate Shaw
Anna Tsai
Kayden Franco
Avalon Baker
Paddy Stone
Pippa Old
Meave Neagle
Jind Sohi
Mayla Rogers
Callum Higgins
Annaliese Young
Mahmonir Memarzadeh
Greyson Fraser



Brooklyn Drust

Hosna Farsi

Nyx Taylor

Lily Sutherland

Ollie Stone

Anna Tsai

Mohammad Hossein Farsi

Zara Morello

Ari Matulick

Kaylani Leslie

Vienna Matulick

Harvey Allen

PAROLA ITALIANA DELLA
SETTIMANA

ITALIAN WORD OF THE WEEK

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DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 1 2026

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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	03	04 Division Swimming Carnival	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 catch ups	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

COME & TRY BASEBALL

WITH THE
EAGLES BASEBALL CLUB

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

29TH MARCH
10AM - 12PM | NEWBY FIELD



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

AND MUSICAL THEATRE
PRODUCTION

FROM 13TH APRIL TO 17TH APRIL
9:00AM- 3:00PM
TO BE HELD AT CHAFFEY
SECONDARY COLLEGE.

GRADE 3-6 AGE
(8-12YEARS OLD)

THE TRUE STORY OF JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

PERFORMANCES FRIDAY 17TH

OVATION

THEATRE COMPANY

INFORMATION NIGHT
WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH

MILDURA BRASS BAND HALL

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Rivaside Hockey Club Hockey Beginner Skill Sessions

Want to give hockey a try and learn new skills?

Come along to our junior skill sessions.

Starts Thursday March 12

5.15pm – 6.15pm

Aero Oval

adjacent to hockey and

opposite the Little Aths oval



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WANDERERS BASEBALL CLUB INVITES YOU TO



COME AND TRY DAY

Calling all kids! Come along and play the great game of baseball! Bring your friends and join in on the fun!

SATURDAY 28TH MARCH - 10AM

BBQ AND ZOOPEER DOOPERS PROVIDED!

INTERCLUB SENIOR MATCH TO FOLLOW!

✓ THROWING ✓ HITTING ✓ FUN









