



IRYMPLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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NAPLAN

This week sees the completion of NAPLAN testing for 2025. Thank you to all the students involved for their effort and for all the staff who assisted with supervisions of the sessions and remaining classes.

LAST DAY OF TERM 1

Our last day of Term is Friday, 4th April 2025. **Early dismissal will be 2.15pm.** There will be a short assembly at 12pm and the Easter Raffle will also be drawn.

EASTER HAT PARADE UPDATE

We would like to inform all families that due to Easter falling at the end of the school holidays this year, there will be **NO Easter Hat Parade** at the conclusion of Term 1. Thank you for your understanding and support.

FOUNDATION / PREP ENROLMENT 2026

The Department of Education has released the statewide timeline for enrolling in Foundation (Prep) for the 2026 school year.

If you are enrolling the sibling of a student at our school for Foundation in 2026, and both children will be attending our school at the same time, your child is prioritised for a place at our school as per the department's Placement Policy.

It is important to follow the statewide timeline to enrol your child in Foundation. Enrolling your child in line with the timelines allows us to plan our classrooms, staffing and transition activities and ensures your child has the best start to school.

Our Open Day is scheduled for **28th May 2025** with sessions at 9.30am and 12pm. Sessions can be booked by going to <https://compasstix.com/e/w8hpcbvao5>.

VICTORIAN PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Irymple Primary School is excited to be taking part! The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 and aims to help young readers develop a lifelong love of reading. It is not a competition; it is a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 5 September 2025.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books. All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers. Students have been sent home their login credentials soon – a direct link to log in to the Premiers reading challenge can be found on the student portal. More information can be found here- <https://www.vic.gov.au/school-student-and-parents-taking-part-premiers-reading-challenge>

The challenge relies on parents and students to enter the books onto the portal, this will not be done by your classroom teacher. Mr Murray will be available during IT classes to assist students and Mrs Wilson will be available during afternoon play if students need help. This year, the Challenge is celebrating its 20th anniversary with the theme '20 years of words and wonder' and a year of special activities. For details, follow the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge Facebook

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklist and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge

You can also contact our school's Challenge coordinator at stacy.wilson@education.vic.gov.au with any questions.

Happy reading!

PRIDE • RESPECT • SAFETY • LEARNING

GRADE 6 LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Our 2025 Grade 6 Leadership Program 'Next Generation Leaders' has started in style and was launched in Week 2 of Term 1. Over the last six weeks our Grade 6 students have been introduced to a new learning framework called the 4C's – Communication, Connectedness, Competence and Confidence. They have also assessed themselves to focus on an area of personal growth. The students have then used the leadership learning to transfer into a leadership project.



As part of the school budget, \$5000 has been attributed to school projects led by Grade 6 students. Working in groups, students have presented their projects to Mr. Milsom and the Grade 6 teachers. We were presented with a range of items that the students wanted to focus on. We have had ideas such as improving our gardens, new outdoor and indoor furniture, wellbeing suggestions, improving sports equipment, a mini-golf course, running track, Grade 5/6 hub upgrade, bubble taps and a breakfast club upgrade. We are currently evaluating all the ideas and will announce our first round of successful applications soon.

T20 CRICKET

On Monday the 17th of March the boys' and girls' T/20 Blast Cricket teams travelled to play against Nichols Point Primary School and Irymple South Primary. Both teams improved throughout the day and displayed our school values in their performance and effort. Both teams finished second and in a stroke of luck the girls have been invited to compete at the next division stage in Mildura next Friday the 28th of March.



YEAR 5/6 CANBERRA CAMP

The year 5/6 Canberra camp is on **Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October**. The cost of the camp is \$850.00. A Compass event has been published with the option to pay in 4 instalments with the first instalment coinciding with the \$200 deposit amount due on Friday, 4th April.

If you wish to use your SSB funds, you must first log into your portal and allocate the nominated amount to 'school activities'. You must then ring or email the office to advise that you wish to use these funds for the camp. It may be easier for you to forward your confirmation from the SSB portal that you have allocated the funds to the School email. In this email you can also confirm that you wish for the full amount to be used for camp. If you wish to use another sibling's SSB to go towards your year 5/6 student's camp funds, please also advise by email. Please note that this can only be done for SSB funds NOT for CSEF funds.

Once the office is advised of how you wish to allocate funds, we can then adjust your amount owing on Compass so that you can opt in to payment instalments.

CROSS COUNTRY

On **Tuesday, 1st April (Week 10, Term 1 – Last Day of Term)** we will be holding our school Cross Country event. Students in Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 will compete in Year Level groups whilst students in Grades 3-6 will compete in Age Level groups. Age groups are determined by your child's age as of 31/12/2025. All students can dress in their house colours/t-shirts to support their team. The students have been busy practicing their distances with Mr Allen since the start of the school year.

See below for a schedule of our school Cross Country event and please note that all times are approximate, and races may start earlier or later than the time stated for a variety of reasons.

| Approximate Time | Group | Course | Distance | Approximate Time Limit |
|---|---|------------------|----------|------------------------|
| 9:10am | Cross Country Introduction *Welcome *Structure Explanation (All grades to attend) | | | |
| 9:20am | Prep Girls | 1 lap of oval | 250m | 5 min |
| 9:25am | Prep Boys | 1 lap of oval | 250m | 5 min |
| 9:30am | Grade 1 Girls | 2 laps of oval | 500m | 10 min |
| 9:40am | Grade 1 Boys | 2 laps of oval | 500m | 10 min |
| 9:50am | Grade 2 Girls | 3 laps of oval | 750m | 15 min |
| 10:05am | Grade 2 Boys | 3 laps of oval | 750m | 15 min |
| 10:20am | 9 YO Girls | 2 laps of course | 1600m | 20 min |
| 10:40am | 9 YO Boys | 2 laps of course | 1600m | 20 min |
| LUNCH AS NORMAL @ 11AM | | | | |
| 11:50am | 10 YO Girls | 2 laps of course | 1600m | 20 min |
| 12:10pm | 10 YO Boys | 2 laps of course | 1600m | 20 min |
| 12:30pm | 11 YO Girls | 3 laps of course | 2400m | 20 min |
| 12:50pm | 11 YO Boys | 3 laps of course | 2400m | 20 min |
| 1:10pm | 12+ YO Girls | 3 laps of course | 2400m | 20 min |
| 1:30pm | 12+ YO Boys | 3 laps of course | 2400m | 20 min |
| EVENT FINISHED - RETURN TO CLASS | | | | |

STAFF NEWS

Farewell to Felicity Anderson who will be and Education support Officer for over 12 months. We wish Ms Anderson all the best with the remainder of her Social Work degree and to take up work in her field of study.

Also welcome back to Mrs Louise Kent who will resume work next week after the loss of her husband Roger. We extend our best wishes to Mrs Kent and her family going forward.

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 28th March 2025. Containers will be in each classroom for donations from Friday, 14th March (Week 7). 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 the last day of school on Friday, 4th April 2025.

Tickets can be purchased online by visiting

<https://compasstix.com/event/90461be0-5f30-4f9b-9e31-4763ee4e380c>



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

We are seeking parent volunteers to assist in putting together the hamper prizes. If you can assist for an hour from

***8.45am – 9.45am on Thursday, 3rd April 2025**, please contact the office or email irymples.ps@education.vic.gov.au.*

HARMONY DAY

The Semester One Junior School Council Representatives facilitating activities focussed on Harmony Day. Thank you to everyone who wore orange in support.



JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

This term, the Junior School Council Representatives have voted to donate towards Mallee Accommodation and Support Program (MASP) for the MASP Homelessness support fund. For this fundraiser, we ask all students and teachers to participate in our 'Crazy Hair Day' fundraiser we will be holding on the last day of term, **Friday 4th April 2025**. The crazier hair the better! We ask everyone to bring a gold coin donation that will go towards the support fund.





Worker of the Fortnight

Rylee Hibberd
Haydar Folau
Luca Slingo
Thea Anderson
Cora Chen
Izaiah Williams
Libby Giddings
Georgia Katis
Kai Grembecki
Mackenzie Bryant
Ned Giddings
Aria Long
Freya McKnight
Christopher Katis

Subject Awards

Aaylah Baker
Bodhi Stephens
Dayne Carson
Mia Vergamalis
Mila Long
Hugo Freckleton
Londyn Eric Martin
Roy Weight
River Elliott
Amelia Skipsey
Ashlyn Herbert
Denholm Blyth
Asha Hamdorf
Timothy Thompson
Sofia Mazza
Gabriella Parfrey
Cooper Josephs
Michelle Platten
Avalon Baker
Adrianna Di Toro
Octavia Collins
Amos Karallis
Jaxson Mayes
Henry Thompson
Bryce Turnbull
Sienna Wilton

Specialist Awards

Noah Williams
Leo Karallis
Toyo Ravarua
Oscar Pavis
Regan Dowdy
Meranda Miller
Lucas Grembecki
Asher McKenzie
Khaleesi Taylor
Jack Johnston
Chaise Turnbull
Nathan Shaw
Leila Tuifao
Jack Ginn
Jordan Brown
Mia Menegaldo
Titus Segura
Freya McKnight
Sailor Keem
Hugo Freckleton
Chaise Tynan
Jordan Brown



Gabriel Musolino
Eli Herbert
Elizabeth Cole

Hendrix Vallance
Theo Winton
Elva Weaving

Freya McKnight
Thanasi Karallis
Ilario Primarano

Ricky Taylor
Amos Karallis
Aubrey McIntyre





DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 1 2025

| | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|---|-----|-----|
| Week 7 March | 10 Public Holiday | 11 Regional Swimming | 12 NAPLAN | 13 Assembly 2.15pm | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| Week 8 March | 17 NAPLAN Catch-ups | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 School Photo Day | 22 | 23 |
| Week 9 March | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 Assembly 2.15pm | 28 Division Cricket Yr 5/6 Girls Cricket Yr 3/4 | 29 | 30 |
| Week 10 Mar/Apr | 31 | 01 IPS Cross Country | 02 | 03 | 04 Last Day of Term 1 2.15pm Dismissal Crazy Hair Day | 05 | 06 |

TERM 2 2025

| | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Week 1 Apr | 21 EASTER MON Public Holiday | 22 First Day of Term 2 | 23 | 24 | 25 ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY | 26 | 27 |
| Week 2 Apr/May | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 02 Teddy Bear Hospital - Preps | 03 | 04 |
| Week 3 May | 05 | 06 Division Cross Country | 07 | 08 Mothers Day Stall | 09 Alpha Show | 10 | 11 |
| Week 4 May | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

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 background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & 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 trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid 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:

- \$150 for primary school students
- \$250 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

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.



Looking for a Team? Join Our Mildura Magic Team as an Individual Player!

Have you been struggling to find a netball club/team to join? Don't sit on the sidelines—come be part of something special! Our Mildura Magic Team is looking for individual players ready to learn, grow, and compete in a supportive and fun environment.

- ✓ No team? No problem! We welcome players looking for a fresh start.
- ✓ Develop your skills with great coaching and teammates.
- ✓ Be part of a team that values effort, teamwork, and improvement.
- ✓ Make new friends and enjoy the game you love!

Don't miss your chance—join our Mildura Magic Team today!



Are you looking to join a team?

We are excited to open individual registrations to join our Magic teams:

- 9&U
- 11&U
- 13&U
- 15&U



Players must enter in their 2025 age groups (age as at 31/12/2025).

Registration must be completed on Netball Connect - first 10 registrations will be taken.
For more information please email competitions@milduranetball.com.au



FUNDRAISING TWILIGHT MARKET

SATURDAY, 22ND MARCH
4:00PM - 7:00PM

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