



IRYMPLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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NAPLAN

This week sees the completion of NAPLAN testing for 2026. 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 Thursday, 2nd April 2026. **Early dismissal will be 2.15pm.**

SCHOOL COUNCIL

This week we held our first School Council meeting for the new year. We warmly welcome Tegan Pyke as our new President and sincerely thank Michelle Thompson for her many years of dedicated service in this role. Michelle will continue as Vice President. We look forward to working together with our 2026 committee: Tegan Pyke, Michelle Thompson, Robert Thompson, Sandra McKnight, Stacey Byrnes, Amie Hickey, Alistair O'Callaghan, Rosie McClure, Liv Healy, Daniel Frasca and staff representatives, Yvonne Madden, Andrea Soebardi, Shakeira Chislett, Katie Floramo, Ben Milsom and Carley Hall.

VIC KIDS EAT WELL

At Irymple Primary School we are always continuing to strive to be better. We have recently joined the Vic Kids Eat Well Movement.

We're on a mission to improve our food and drink environment. This will include looking at food and drink in our Canteen, as well analysing the nutritional value of food and drinks being brought to school.

We will keep our community posted with updates going forward.

**VIC KIDS
EAT WELL**

**WE'VE JOINED
THE MOVEMENT!**

PRIDE • RESPECT • SAFETY • LEARNING

CROSS COUNTRY

On **Thursday, 2nd 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 31/12/2026. 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.

Early dismissal from school will be 2.15pm.

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				

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.



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, 2nd April 2026, please contact the office or email irymples.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

EASTER HAT PARADE

On **Wednesday 1st April 2026**, we will be holding our Easter Hat Parade for students in Prep to Year 2. Students from Year 3-6 have also been invited to participate. We kindly ask that you support your child in creating their very own Easter hat at home. Some of the most creative and special hats are made using items you already have around the house, so we encourage you to get imaginative!

T20 CRICKET

On Monday we travelled to Nichols Point to play Boys Grade 5/6 cricket. First we played Nicholas Point Red and it was a close game. We lost by 4 runs. The scores in the end were 81 to 85. Secondly, we played Irymple South. The game started off with it being a close game but around the middle of the game, Irymple South started belting some sixes and we ended up losing by 20 runs. The scores ended up being 120 to 140. The final game was against Nichols Point Blue team and lost convincingly. Nichols Point score 186 and we scored 90. We all enjoyed the day together and each of us got better as the games progressed. Mr. Milsom said that our sportsmanship was 10/10. *By Brodie and Kael*



Our girls cricket team also played teams from both Nichols Point and Irymple South on our home ground. The girls won both games and will now proceed to the Division tournament to be held next Friday, 27th March 2026.

THANK YOU, BUNNINGS MILDURA

Our school would like to thank Bunnings Mildura for the generous donation of shrubs and vegetable seedlings. These will be used to enhance our vegetable garden and school grounds, supporting hands-on learning and creating a vibrant, sustainable environment for our students to enjoy.

CHESS CLUB IN THE LIBRARY! ♀

Every snack time, students in Grades 3–6 are welcome to join Chess Club in the Library with Mrs Wilson! ♀

Students enjoy friendly games of chess while learning new strategies, improving their thinking skills, and challenging their friends. Whether they're just learning the moves or already love the game, Chess Club is a great place to practice, play, and have fun together. All skill levels are welcome, and students are encouraged to come along and make their next move!



CODING CLUB IS HERE! 🖥️

Every snack time, students in Grades 3–6 are invited to head to the Library with Mrs Carra for Coding Club! 🚀

Students jump onto the student portal and explore amazing coding programs like Grok, Code, or Scratch while learning, creating, and having fun with friends. Whether they are a beginner or already love coding, everyone is welcome to come along and give it a go!



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.

PREP PIZZA AND PICNIC NIGHT

Last week, we loved welcoming our Prep families to our Pizza and Picnic Night. Families were invited into the classrooms, where students proudly shared their wonderful work and learning. It was fantastic to see the excitement and confidence as they showed their families around. We then enjoyed a relaxed picnic together, providing a great opportunity for families to connect and be part of our school community.





Values Awards

Axel Heywood
Macson Soo
Nathan Shaw
Liliana Pileggi
Maisy Tuifao
Florence Reynolds
Amity Scholes
Mia Gatehouse
Saverah Franco
Yumi Soriano
Bryce Turnbull
Diesel Kehl
Bentley Hagen
Lorcan Pyke
Ella Ryan

Subject Awards

Hayley Leerson
Ayar Gould
Stella Bishop
Sailor Keam
Kaylani Leslie
Cooper Cole
Alexis Hillier
Destany Bolitho
Dakodah Harrison
Jaxson Mayes
Daisy Johnson
Bodhi Pearce
Willow Loveridge
Riley Poole
Patrick Griffiths

Specialist Awards

Aurora Winton
Regan Dowdy
Hugo Freckleton
Enzo Pileggi
Odynn Ransome
Ricky Taylor
Logan Neilson
Hugo Freckleton
Jind Kaursohi
Joey Winton
Axel Heywood
Phoenix Ransome
Harley Coates
Harrison McClure
Bodhi Pearce
Axel Heywood
Vienna Matulick
Lucas Grembecki
George Paongo
Alisi Katoa
Maree Ghidi`nelli
Amelia Hickey
Joshua Shaw
Charlotte Butler
Amity Scholes
Mia Menegaldo



Ari Matulick
Kaylani Leslie
Ricky Taylor

Harvey Allen
Ollie Stone
Freya McKnight
Theo Winton

Nyx Taylor
Alisi Taylor
Eli Herbert
Thanasi Karallis

Anna Tsai
Joseph Winton
Lila Press

PAROLA ITALIANA DELLA
SETTIMANA

ITALIAN WORD OF THE WEEK

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pencil



DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 1 2026

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	
Week 8 Mar	16	17	18	19	20 School Photos	21	22	
	NAPLAN catch ups →							
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	

TERM 2 2026

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Week 1 April	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Week 2 April/May	27	28	29	30	01	02	03
Week 3 May	04	05	06 Division Cross Country	07	08 Mothers Day Stall	09	10
Week 4 May	11	12	13	14	15	16	17

srs Benetook Farm

EASTER MARKET

FREE ENTRY FOR ALL

SAT 28 MAR 2026
10 AM - 1 PM

Get a selfie with Easter Bunny

you are EXACTLY who you should be...

NEVER GIVE UP

FREE BBQ * LUCKY DOOR PRIZES * FACE PAINTING * ACTIVITIES * COFFEE VAN

HOMEBASE OPEN DAY

10AM-12PM SATURDAY
28 MARCH 2026
89-91 PINE AVENUE

FEEL Safe

Hoops

Everyone is invited to come along and explore HomeBase and learn more about the programs and services available!

JOIN THE MAGIC!

- 9&UNDER COMPETITION**
- 11&UNDER COMPETITION**
- 13&UNDER COMPETITION**
- 15&UNDER COMPETITION**



The Mildura Netball Association (MNA) is looking for players to join our MNA Magic Teams for the 2026 Winter Competition.

Season Start: 29 April 2026

Season Length: 13 rounds

Eligibility: Player age is determined as at 31 December 2026.

Come and be part of the Magic! ✨

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN PLAYING OR WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION PLEASE EMAIL: COMPETITIONS@MILDURANETBALL.COM.AU



SWIM IN TERM 2

**\$200 Active kids
voucher redeemable
for eligible families**

Round 10 applications
close: 2 April 2026 at 10am
(or earlier if the budget
allocation is fully
exhausted)

Voucher expiry: 29 April 2026



<https://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers/apply-for-vouchers>

Term 2

20th April - 28th June

Weekday \$190

Weekends \$215

Pre Squad \$220



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Mildura Waves Creche

April School Holiday Program!

Week 1 Activities

Tuesday 7th Biscuit Decorating & Etch Art

Wednesday 8th Pastel Bunny Painting

Thursday 9th Playdough Making (Take Some Home!)

Friday 10th Fairy Bread Making & Interactive Fun!

Week 2 Activities

Monday 13th Autumn Fork Painting

Tuesday 14th Watercolour Leaf Art

Wednesday 15th Milkshake Making & Mask Designs

Thursday 16th Leaf Print Painting

Friday 17th Donut Decorating & Hama Beads

**Lots of Holiday Fun
for Everyone!**

**MILDURA
WAVES**

IRYMPLE BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

PRESENTS

MINIBALL

TERMS

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Terms 2-4



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