



# THE WEEKLY NEWS

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What	When
Grade 5&6 Lightning Prem practice	Friday 13th June
Eisteddfod – Grade 3 and 4 Choir	Thursday 19th June
Grade 5&6 Lightning Prem practice	Friday 20th June
School Council meeting—7.30am	Tuesday 24th June
Last day Term 2	Friday 4th July
First day Term 3	Monday 21st July

## “Every Day Counts”

If your child is absent from school we must have a note, phone call or you can also enter the reason directly onto COMPASS to explain the absence. This is required by the Department for our records.

Contact School Council: [rceps.schoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:rceps.schoolcouncil@gmail.com)

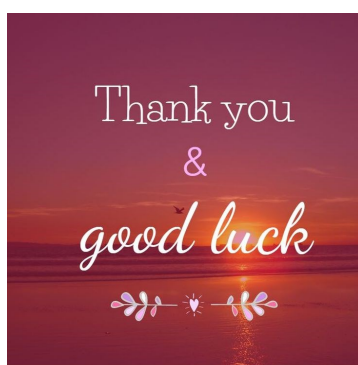
## Staff Changes

Late last week Mr. Sellens was appointed as Assistant Principal at Irymple South PS, starting Term 3. This is a fantastic opportunity for Mr. Sellens in his career. He has been with our school for the best part of 13 years, coming straight out of university and into his first classroom. During this time he has become a very important and valued member of our community. The relationships he has built with students have been genuine and long lasting. The reaction of his current class, when he shared the news with them on Tuesday, certainly showed how much he will be missed.

His legacy that he leaves behind will be one of loyalty, friendship, hard working and total commitment to the success of all his students.

I am sure you will all join us in wishing Mr. Sellens all the best at Irymple South PS.

We are currently in the process of appointing a teacher to the Grade 5/6 class. This process will take the time it needs for us to find the right person for the role. We will keep you up to date.



## Curriculum Days In Early Term 3 (3rd week)

The majority of our staff will be in Melbourne on the **4th and 5th August**. We are attending a State Conference for the Resilience Project. Therefore these 2 days will be pupil free days.

Out of School Care will be running on these 2 days (9am to 3.15pm). Bookings for these days will be taken at the beginning of Term 3.

**Birthdays:** Liam Andersen, Ollie Tait,  
Alice Dawson-Vernon.



### **Class Awards:**

**Prep: Riley Chandler** for being self-motivated. Riley, we are so proud of how much effort you put into everything you do. You always try your best, keep going even when things are tricky and you love to learn new things. Well done Riley, keep up the amazing work!

**Grade 1: Flynn Englefield** for showing a fantastic week of bravery! You have shown this attribute in so many ways recently – starting your school day with great positivity, tackling challenging maths assessments and working hard on your narrative writing. We are all so proud of you Flynn, keep up the excellent work!

**Grade 2/3: Harper Cruise** for being a brave and reflective learner. Harper, you have shown great commitment and focus when learning and applying new strategies and have confidently shared your ideas and knowledge in class discussions. In writing, you have bravely stepped outside your comfort zone when applying feedback to make your work even better. Keep up the amazing effort, we are so proud of you!

**Grade 3/4: Denver Moralla** for being a self-motivated learner. Denver, we have noticed how hard you have been working in Maths to improve your knowledge and understanding of multiplication and division strategies. You have been applying your fact knowledge and using arrays effectively, while also learning new strategies to solve a variety of problems. Keep up the fantastic effort and determination!

**Grade 4/5: Maddison Stone** for being a self-motivated and dedicated learner who always tries her hardest at school. Your positive attitude towards learning is inspiring and you consistently give every task your best effort. Recently, you have shown great focus and determination during testing, approaching each assessment with a calm and confident mindset. You take pride in your work, listen carefully to feedback, and always aim to improve. Your hard work and persistence do not go unnoticed. Keep up the amazing effort, Maddi—we are so proud of you!

**Grade 5/6: Makayla Searle** for showing excellent focus and engagement in your learning this fortnight. Makayla, you have been an active learner, consistently contributing to class discussions and sharing your ideas with confidence. Your participation has added depth to our conversations, and you continue to demonstrate a thoughtful approach towards your work.

## Enrolments are now being taken for 2026

### **Mid Year Student Reports**

Teachers are in the midst of writing mid year student reports. A lot of time and effort goes into producing reports that accurately reflect the student academic achievements and personal qualities for the first half of 2025. These reports will be finalised and made live on COMPASS on Friday 4th July (last day of Term 2).

In preparation for the reports, if you are having any concerns logging on to COMPASS please let the office know so that we can support you.



## OHSC—After School Care

Good afternoon families, this week at After School Care we are finishing our foil art project. There are some unique master pieces hanging up near the office so please make sure you take the time to have a look at your child's artwork.

Inside play this week will consist of starting to make some butterflies out of milk cartons. Should you



have any empty spare milk cartons, we would love to have them please. This activity will help children to enhance their fine motor skills, creativity as well as practising to stay focused.

Outside play this week we spent most of our time on the playground or in the sand pit. As the weather is getting colder, we are only able to stay outside for a limited time, so we are making the most of it and children "never" feel the cold.

A few children ask on a regular basis if they can go tree climbing. While it is a no during school hours, we at After School Care and encourage children to have a go. Why?

Because it gives them the opportunity to increase their resilience, builds physical strength and ability, increases their self-confidence, experience nature and lets them evaluate risks.

With any climbing there are rules in place to always ensure the safety of all children.

Alina is going to be absent for some dates in the later part of this term. Unfortunately we do not have the human resources to replace Alina during these times:

- Thursday 19th June
- Monday 30th June to Friday 4th July (last week of Term 2)



### *Mildura/Upland Sister City Association Inc.*

Invites you to our 2025 annual Jaffle Day to be held again at the Psyche Pumps Reserve, Kings Billabong. This year we are including an **'Old Fashion, Family Picnic Day' on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2025 12:00 noon to 3:00pm.**

With interesting games for all, especially children, including sack races, three legged races, egg and spoon races, and other fun games for the children, and quoits, hookey, and other games for adults.

NO charge for will be made, but attendees are asked to bring along their own ingredients for the jaffles.

Some ingredients that you might like to bring for your jaffles include:

Sliced bread, sliced ham, salami, sliced cheese, baked beans, tomatoes, mushrooms, spaghetti (tinned), apple (tinned), relish, bananas, Nutella or anything that you would normally have in a toasted sandwich!

We do have quite a few jaffle irons but would welcome more if you have them.

Also, please bring your own drinks and chairs.

Tea and coffee will be provided.



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## Resilience Project

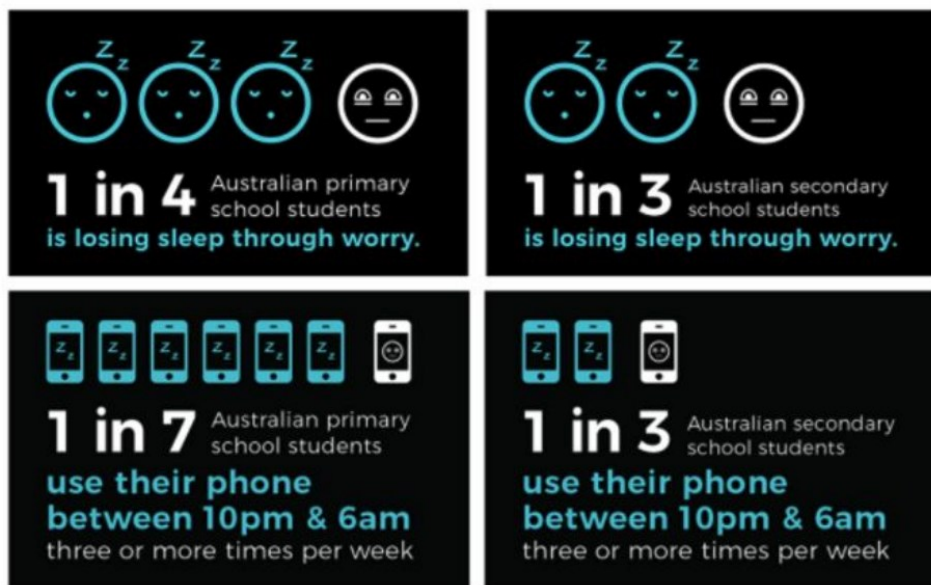
Many young people are spending a lot of hours on devices when they should be sleeping.

These are some facts that may interest you and perhaps even get you thinking about your context at home.

Talking to your children about any worries they may have is a way to start working through any problems they may be tackling.

# Sleep & Devices

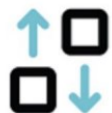
## THE NUMBERS



## WHAT CAN WE DO?



Kids should have  
**ALL notifications turned OFF**



**Rearrange the home screen**  
to remove social media apps from view



**Schedule time for phone use**  
instead of scheduling time off your phone

## OTHER TOOLS FOR PARENTS

1. **Limit technology**, and reconnect with your kids emotionally through play and other activities they are interested in.
2. **Role model** the behaviour you would like to see
3. Limit your own time on your device to enable you to **have special time with your kids** that is not interrupted by a work email!
4. **Don't be afraid to set limits!** Turning off the Wifi and leaving your devices on the kitchen bench are great ways to help your child get quality sleep