



# THE WEEKLY NEWS

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What	When
Information sessions	Wednesday 25th February
Labour Day long weekend	Monday 9th March
NAPLAN begins (Gr 3 and 5)	Wednesday 11th March
'STOMP' dance week	Monday 23rd–Thursday 26th March
Curriculum Day (pupil free day)	Friday 27th March
Last day Term 1– 2.15pm dismissal	Thursday 2nd April

### “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)

*There is no assembly this week*

### Information Sessions

This we have decided to run 2 information sessions for parents and students to attend (only need to attend one of them).

Teachers are motivated to run the sessions so that all parents have the opportunity to become familiar with the workings of their child’s class for 2026. Teachers will share how things are going to work for the year:

- homework
- nightly reading
- camp program
- learning expectations in the classroom
- communication with home and school
- Question time

There is no booking process for the sessions. We just ask that you attend one of the sessions on the night.

Teachers will not have the opportunity to chat at length with each parent either before or after the information sessions. In saying that, all teachers will have their diaries with them to make appointment times with any parent who would like to meet to have further conversations.

We are running 2 sessions to cater for working parents that cannot make the 4.30 session, and also for parents with more than one child at school. This way they have the chance to attend sessions for both children. If you have more than 2 children at school, you may have to divide and conquer.

We would like the students to attend the sessions with the adults so that everyone is a part of the session. That way we know that everyone is on the same page and that we are all in this together. It does not make sense not to have the students involved, after all, it is their learning space.

Non school age students (younger siblings) can attend as we will have staff who can look after them during the sessions (playground etc).

**Wednesday 25th February**

4.30 to 5pm  
5.00 to 5.30pm

**Birthdays:** Hudson Bates, Thomas Seipolt, William cotter, Charlotte Thomas, John Borlase, Sonny Glen, Taylor Smith, Jack Hall.



### Class Awards:

**Prep: Alby Cruise** for being self motivated in the classroom! Alby, you are always showing us that you are ready to learn by sitting on the floor being ready to listen. You help your class mates by showing them what a good learner should do! Great work Alby!

**Grade 1/2: Ruby Hernandez** for the wonderful start you have made to Grade 2! Ruby you have been the perfect example of what an active learner is and have set an excellent example for your classmates. You should feel so proud of yourself. We are really lucky to have you as a part of our classroom. Well done!

**Grade 2/3: Flynn Englefield** for the way you have confidently settled into your new class. We have noticed how bravely you have approached learning class routines and your willingness to step outside your comfort zone. Keep up the amazing effort Flynn. **Makyah Dowdy** for being a self motivated learner. Makyah, we have noticed how quickly you organise yourself for your learning and your willingness to help others. You always display a positive attitude and a strong commitment to give your best effort in everything you do! Well done keep up the amazing effort.

**Grade 3/4: Ethan Nice** for being a 'Self Motivated Learner'. Ethan, we have noticed how well you have begun your year. You have demonstrated a positive attitude towards schoolwork and been focused and ready to learn. Keep up the great work.

**Harper Cruise** for being a 'Self Motivated Learner'. Harper, you have had a fantastic start to your year. You have been prepared to work through on some new ideas and concepts. We hope you have a great trip and you will be missed during the year.

**Grade 4/5: Siera Dixon** for being brave at starting at a brand new school with new classmates and teachers, and you have also been brave with your learning. You always have a go, even when tasks feel challenging and that is wonderful to see. Your positive attitude and willingness to try new things show what it means to be a brave learner. Keep up the fantastic work, we are so proud of you!

**Grade 6: Henry Glen** for showing bravery. You have stepped outside your comfort zone, taken on new challenges and contributed your ideas even when it may have felt uncomfortable. That shows real courage and strength of character. The way you have started the year sets a strong example for others and you should be proud of yourself. Congratulations Henry—keep leading with courage.

### After School Care

This week at After School Care we have been doing lots of inside activities due to the warm weather. Thank you to those families that have sent spare hats along for your children for outside play. This makes the transitioning to outside play a lot easier than having to get hats out of the classrooms.

Children have been creative with Duplo building as well as lots of Origami.



We have also baked chocolate cookies, cupcakes as well as honey joys.

We have had limited technology time where children have been able to use the school's iPad /laptops to play games on approved internet sites.

We have set up the multipurpose room as a gymnastic centre one day and the children loved showing off their individual moves and tricks.

We have had a number of Prep children start After school care with us over the last couple of weeks and we would like to take the opportunity to formally welcome them to our program. We hope you make new friends, have fun and enjoy the great food we provide



## CSEF—Camps, Sports And Excursion Fund

The Camps, Sports and Excursions fund is available to anyone with a valid Health Care Card or are a temporary foster parent. The fund will enable the school to hold money for you at the school. You can then use this money for excursions, camps etc. All you need to do is let us know that you want us to use it.

*If you applied for CSEF last year, you do not need to reapply.*

You may need to reapply if your circumstances have changed since last year.

If you have a Health Care Card, please collect an application form from the office.

### 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

## Curriculum Day—27th March

The planned curriculum day (pupil free day) for the 27th March will involve all staff. This means that the usual full day after school care program will not be running. We understand that this may be an inconvenience for some families, but it is important that all staff attend the training on this day.

**Pupil free day—Friday 27th March**

## The Dental Van

Students received a form yesterday to take home to their parents. This form explained the upcoming opportunity for a free dental checkup for our students.

If you would like your child to participate in this free program, please complete the form and return it to school no later than **Monday 23rd Feb (next Monday)**.

If you did not receive a form, please feel free to collect one from the office.



### Bringing Bright Smiles Where They Matter Most

At The Dental Van, our mission is simple: we want to make dental care easy, accessible, and genuinely comfortable for every child and every community we visit. We deliver expert dental care straight to your school or early learning centre. So, no need to worry about the commute.

## Bus Travellers

Parents of bus travellers, please remember to return the form sent home earlier this term. If your child is planning on using the school bus before or after school at any stage this year, they must have a completed bus form returned to school. Please collect a form from the office if you need one.



## TEENS TENNIS

@ RED CLIFFS LAWN TENNIS CLUB

TERM 1 - 2026

MON 4:45pm – 5:30pm | TUE 5:15pm – 6:00pm  
\$10 p/session

Boost your skills and technique to become a more competitive player in a social tennis environment.  
**BONUS > it will get you off your screens and help you keep fit!**

ALL  
STANDARDS  
WELCOME!

To enrol or for more information  
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COMMUNITY COACHING  
TERM 1 - 2026

4 & 5 years	>	MON	3:30pm – 4:00pm	- \$7 p/session
5-12 years	>	MON	4:00pm – 4:45pm	- \$10 p/session
5+ years	>	TUE	4:30pm – 5:15pm	- \$10 p/session
4-12 years	>	SAT	9:00am – 9:45am	- \$10 p/session
MATCH PLAY	>	SAT	9:45am – 10:15am	- \$3 p/session



**Includes a FREE Hot Shots T-Shirt!**  
Racquets available. Learn the fundamentals of tennis in a safe, fun, and social environment!

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HOME BASE HOOPS  
Mailee D'Arce Di'a Action Centre

# FREE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

FOR YOUTH AGED 10 - 17 YEARS

5PM TO 8:30PM

CHAFFEY SECONDARY COLLEGE BASKETBALL STADIUM

EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT  
20TH FEBRUARY TO 20TH MARCH

FREE MEAL AND TRANSPORT HOME INCLUDED

RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
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## SUNRAYSLIA PRE SEASON

### MILDURA SPORTING PRECINCT

STARTING SUNDAY FEB 22  
10:00am

\$55 for 4 WEEKS  
INCLUDES A FOOTY!

7 - 12 YEAR OLD  
BOYS & GIRLS