

IMPORTANT DATES

Term 1 2024

Monday, February 5

Parent/Teacher Information Sharing
3:10pm-6:00pm

Wednesday, February 7

Classroom Helpers Training
9am-10am (session 1)

Wednesday, February 14

Classroom Helpers Training
9am-10am (session 2)

Monday, February 19

- Preps commence full time
- School Council Meeting 6:30pm

Wednesday, February 21

Classroom Helpers Training
9am-10am (session 3)

Thursday, February 22

SSVWD Swimming Carnival
(selected students)

Wednesday, February 28

Year 3 – 6 House Cross Country

Monday, March 4

Pupil Free Day

Tuesday, March 5

Year 4 – 6 Athletics

Monday, March 11

Labour Day – Public Holiday

Tuesday, March 26 & Wednesday March 27

Whole School Photos

Thursday, March 28

Last day Term 1, 2024

Friday, March 29

Good Friday – Public Holiday

Term 2 2023

Monday, April 15

First day Term 2 – 8:50am

More important dates on following page.

WADAWURUNG COUNTRY

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Raquel Tweedley

WELCOME TO THE 2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Welcome back to all families and a very special welcome to our new students and their families – you are now part of our Red and Blue Family.

We are very proud of the independence all of our students have continued to display as they make their way into the school grounds.

Despite the continued state-wide teacher shortage, we are very fortunate to have all of our staffing covered to begin the year. We thank our whole school community for continuing to be patient, understanding and supportive while trusting the decisions we make are always with the best interest of our students and school.



PUPIL FREE DAY

Each Victorian government school is entitled to four pupil free days a year. The first for every school this year was Monday, January 29 and the other three are determined by the school. This year we will have the remaining pupil free days **on Monday, March 4, Tuesday, June 11 and Monday, November 4.**

PARENT / TEACHER INFORMATION EXCHANGE

A reminder that our teaching staff will be available on **Monday, February 5 from 3:10pm – 6:00pm** to meet with parents and carers who would like to pass on information to their child's teacher that may help the teacher better understand and cater for their child(ren).

In addition to the parent/teacher interviews offered twice per year, Iramoo parents also receive information specific to year levels. This year we will be moving from year level newsletters once a term to fortnightly year level updates. These will be posted on Compass. These updates will contain specific information about the curriculum covered each fortnight and any special events or activities applicable to each year level. They will also contain what you can do at home to support your child's learning.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Our students are offered a number of opportunities each year to take up positions of leadership within the school, the most significant of these being School Captains. Congratulations to **Milla Johns** and **Calep Ray** on their appointments to School Captains and **Sienna Lee** and **Corki Kodama** who will be our Vice-Captains.

Congratulations also to the following students who have been appointed our 2024 Junior School Council: **YEAR 5: Sienna Axiak, Shayan Welabada** **YEAR 4: Nandikaa Selvakumar, Alex Christakis** **YEAR 3: Hastha Veerappan, Lorenzo Martinez.**

We have also appointed our 2024 Year 5 Flag Monitors who will be trained in their role by our current monitors, during the next few weeks. Congratulations to: **Delinda Hibbard, Taw Taw Poe, Alyssia Ransfielf, Matilda McCarthy, Elisha Ndikubwayo, Elsie Trudgian.**

In the coming weeks our Year 6 students and teachers will decide on our House, Visual Arts, Digital Technologies and Performing Arts Captains for 2024.



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Monday, February 5	Parent/Teacher Information Sharing 3:10pm-6:00pm
Tuesday, February 6	Prep lunch order day
Wednesday, February 7	Classroom Helpers Training 9am-10am (session 1)
Friday, February 9	Swimming Trials 7:30am Werribee Outdoor Swimming Pool
Wednesday, February 14	Classroom Helpers Training 9am-10am (session 2)
Monday, February 19	Preps commence full time – Monday to Friday School Council Meeting 6:30pm
Wednesday, February 21	Classroom Helpers Training 9am-10am (session 3)
Thursday, February 22	SSVWD Swimming Carnival (selected students)
Wednesday, February 28	Senior Cross Country Years 3 – 6
Monday, March 4	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday, March 5	Year 4 – 6 Athletics
Monday, March 11	Labour Day – Public Holiday
Wednesday, March 13 - 25	National Assessment Program Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN)
Tuesday, March 26	Whole School Photos
Wednesday March 27	Whole School Photos
Thursday, March 28	Last day Term 1, 2024
Friday, March 29	Good Friday – Public Holiday

Term 2 2024

Monday, April 15	First day Term 2 – 8:50am start
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CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) is again available to families with a current health care/concession card and will provide \$125 per child per annum (\$225 for secondary students). The CSEF will automatically be directed to the school and can be used for student activities such as camps, sport, excursions and visitors to the school such as our annual Performing Arts production. Unlike its predecessor, the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA), the CSEF cannot be used for uniforms, books, computers, school photos etc.

If you hold a current health care/concession card, you have access to the CSEF from the first day of this term. Please ensure that we have a copy of your card as soon as possible as applications will be processed from our office. Information from the Department of Education regarding the CSEF is available at <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/guidance/submitting-application>

SAFETY AROUND OUR SCHOOL

We have been asked by the Wyndham City Council to make our families aware that they are taking a proactive approach to safety around school zones. They have put several strategies in place to ensure that drivers doing the wrong thing are held to account.

Parking officers are already out on patrol and will be looking for parking offences such as stopping:

- within 20 metres before or 10 metres after children's crossing
- contrary to a no-stopping sign
- on nature-strip
- double parked
- within 10 metres of intersection
- on footpath
- on or across driveways.

Parking patrols are conducted all-year-round every day of the week, and it is important to park legally to protect children and families around schools.

Please be aware that our front carpark on McGrath Road is not a 'drop off or pick-up' zone. Cars are required to park legally when picking up or dropping off students. If there are no car parks available drivers need to exit the carpark and re-enter.

If you need to drive to school, get your child into the habit of using the kerbside doors, away from traffic.



EXTREME WEATHER

Please note that *children are never sent home early from school* without parent permission or without being collected/signed out by an authorised adult.

When the weather is extreme, we modify our activities at school but classes are not dismissed before 3:00pm. If the weather is very hot as it often is in February/March, some parents may wish to collect their child(ren) from school *early*. On the very hot days, 1:20pm is an ideal time to collect children so that they can be signed out from the office before they go out to play. Please note that all of our classrooms are air-conditioned.

PERSONAL GOODS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL

All Principals are asked by the Department of Education (DE) to annually remind parents, students and staff that private property brought to school is not insured and that DE accepts no responsibility for loss or damage. Please note that students must not bring their own electronic games, 'gadgets', computers/tablets, cameras or mobile phones to school.

*Attached is our Mobile Phone Policy outlining our procedures & requirements for children who bring their mobile phones to school.

[Mobile Phone Policy](#)

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Principals have also been asked to remind parents that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and carers are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for their own children and this includes transport cost.

The Department is aware of the number of insurers including JUA Underwriting Agency Pty Ltd, EBM Insurance Brokers Pty Ltd and JLT Pty Ltd who provide accident insurance policies for students. These policies provide cover for a reasonably low cost for students who are injured in accidents. Other insurers may also do so.

ANNUAL PRIVACY REMINDER

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in our schools' Privacy Policy and our school's Privacy Collection Notice.

We ask parents/carers to review our school's collection statement, found on our website

www.iramoops.vic.edu.au

For more information about privacy, refer to: **Schools' Privacy Policy – information for parents.**

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FOUNDATION (PREP) ENROLMENTS

The Department of Education (DE) has a statewide Foundation (Prep) enrolment timeline.

The timeline advises families when and how to enrol their child into Foundation (Prep) at a Victorian government primary school, including Iramoo Primary School.

2025 Prep enrolments open in Term 2. You can find information and resources about the enrolment timeline and procedures at: [Enrolling in Foundation \(Prep\)](#).

Congratulations – Baby News

Ms Blas, one of our teachers welcomed a healthy daughter into the world, on January 24.



Sun Smart

A reminder to children and families that UV levels are significantly high this time of the year and our SunSmart policy applies – see attached.

Please ask your child to ensure that they have their broadbrimmed or legionnaires hat at school every day. As per our policy, hats should be worn during any time spent outdoors from **now through until the end of April each year**. If your child has lost their hat, new hats can be purchased from our school. Legionnaire hats are \$6 and broadbrimmed hats are \$11. Our policy of 'no hat, no play' will apply to any student not wearing a hat outside.

[Sunsmart-Policy](#)



PREP STUDENTS' FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

It was lovely meeting many of our Prep families yesterday afternoon during our Meet and Greet session. We all enjoyed ice-creams courtesy of our 'Out of School Hours Care' service BIG CHILDCARE and it was great to see the children begin to develop new friendships.

We would like to thank all of the families who were able to attend and a special thank you to all of the staff who spent time getting to know students and their families.

We are looking forward to seeing all of our Prep students in their uniforms today as they embark on their primary school adventures.



COVID UPDATE

There is at present an increase in community transmission of COVID-19 in Victoria.

If your child shows symptoms of COVID-19, please ensure they stay home and get tested. The easiest way to test is to use a rapid antigen test (RAT).

If your child has symptoms but tests negative, please ensure they stay home until they no longer have symptoms.

If the RAT test result is positive, please ensure they stay home for at least 5 days and until there are no more symptoms.

Thank you for your support – this approach will help us all stay well.

Protecting against mosquito-borne diseases

Warm and wet weather can result in greater numbers of mosquitoes and increased risk of illnesses from mosquito bites. While the overall risk is low, some mosquitoes carry diseases that make people sick.

The best protection against mosquito-borne illness is to avoid mosquito bites.

Families can protect against mosquito bites by:

- covering up as much as possible with long, loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing
- applying insect repellent that contains picaridin or DEET on exposed skin when leaving home
- limiting outdoor activity if lots of mosquitoes are active.

Families with any health concerns should see their doctor or phone [NURSE-ON-CALL](tel:1300606024): 1300 606 024 (available 24 hours).

Free Japanese encephalitis vaccines

Japanese encephalitis virus is spread to humans through bites from infected mosquitoes and can cause a rare but potentially serious infection of the brain.

Free Japanese encephalitis vaccines are available to protect Victorians at higher risk of the virus.

The Victorian Department of Health encourages eligible people who live or work in high-risk local government areas to get vaccinated.

For more information, including what is considered a high-risk area and eligibility for a free vaccine, refer to the Department of Health's [Japanese encephalitis webpage](#).

Find out more:

For more information on protecting against mosquito-borne diseases, families can refer to the following Better Health Channel pages:

[Mosquitoes can carry diseases](#)

[Protect yourself from mosquito-borne disease](#), including a handy checklist to help reduce mosquito breeding sites at home and resources translated into other languages.

Follow our Iramoo Artists on





IRAMOO PRIMARY SCHOOL No 5152

SUNSMART

POLICY

Rationale:

Iramoo Primary School is committed to promoting a healthy balance between too much and too little Ultra Violet (UV) Radiation. Too much of the sun's UV can cause sunburn, skin and eye damage and skin cancer. UV damage accumulated during childhood and adolescence is strongly associated with an increased risk of skin cancer later in life. Too little UV from the sun can lead to low vitamin D levels. Vitamin D is essential for healthy bones and muscles, and for general health.

Aims:

- To ensure that all children and staff are well protected from over-exposure to UV radiation by using a combination of sun protection measures.
- To ensure that the outdoor environment provides shade for students and staff.
- To ensure that students are encouraged and supported to develop independent sun protection skills to help them be responsible for their own sun protection.
- To support duty of care and appropriate Occupational, Health and Safety strategies to minimise UV risk and associated harms for staff and visitors.

Implementation:

- To assist with the implementation of this policy, staff and students are encouraged to access the daily local sun protection times via the link <http://www.sunsmart.com.au>.
- The sun protection times are a forecast from the Bureau of Meteorology for the time of day UV levels are forecast to reach 3 or higher. At these levels, sun protection is recommended for all skin types. In Victoria, UV levels regularly reach three or higher from mid-August to the end of April.
- All children and staff use a combination of sun protection measures whenever UV levels reach three or above – typically from mid-August to the end of April in Victoria.
- Particular care is taken between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. (11 a.m. and 3 p.m. daylight savings time) when UV Index levels reach their peak during the day.
- Our SunSmart policy is considered when planning all outdoor events; e.g. assemblies, camps, excursions and sporting events. Where possible, outdoor activities and events are held earlier in the morning or later in the afternoon, or indoor venues are used, if they are available.
- Whenever possible, on hot days outdoor activities will be scheduled before 11 a.m., particularly during Terms 1 & 4.
- Children must wear broad brimmed or legionnaire hats, which protect the face, neck and ears whenever they are outside; e.g. recess, lunch, sport and excursions.
- Children without broad brimmed or legionnaire hats will be restricted to playing in designated shaded areas during recess and remain indoors during the lunch break.
- Broad brimmed and legionnaire hats are available for purchase from the uniform shop and the office.
- Children and staff are encouraged to bring and apply their own SPF 30 or higher broad-spectrum, water resistant sunscreen and wear sunglasses labelled AS1067 that meet Australian standards prior to recess and lunch breaks.
- Sun protective clothing is included in our school uniform/dress code and sports uniform. School clothing is made of close weave fabric and includes shirts with collars and longer sleeves.

- Staff will act as role models by also wearing broad brimmed hats when outside.
- Adult helpers and spectators will be required to act as role models by also wearing broad brimmed hats when outside.
- Adequate shade structures are provided over play equipment areas.
- The school council ensures that there is a sufficient number of shelters and trees providing shade in the school grounds particularly in areas where children congregate; e.g. canteen, outdoor lesson areas and popular play areas.
- Programs on SunSmart are included in the curriculum for all year levels.
- The school newsletter and school assemblies will be used to highlight and reinforce the SunSmart policy.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

Point Cook Centrals Cricket Club's Inaugural

ALL ABILITIES CRICKET

Learn basic cricket skills including catching, throwing, batting, bowling and teamwork! All ages welcome!

Every Saturday in February, from 9am at
Featherbrook Reserve, Point Cook

Head to our website for more information!

pointcookcentralscricketclub.com.au



Point Cook All Abilities Cricket Program

4 Weeks of inclusive cricket where everyone's part of the team for FREE. Welcome to Point Cook Centrals Cricket Club's inaugural All Abilities Cricket Program!

When: Saturdays 3, 10, 17 and 24 February, 9am

Where: Featherbrook Reserve, Point Cook.

All cricket-related equipment will be provided.

To Register: Please fill out the form [here](#)



Crochet and Connect

Social Groups

COME ALONG AND LEARN CROCHETING SKILLS WITH ONE OF OUR CLINICIANS WHILST BUILDING MINDFULNESS SKILLS AS WELL AS MAKING SOME NEW SOCIAL CONNECTIONS AND CREATING A WONDERFUL CROCHETED ITEM TO TAKE HOME. ALL SUPPLIES INCLUDED. OPEN TO ALL AGES AND GENDERS



To obtain further information and register your interest call Embodied psychology, Laverton on 8593-9598

Group Dates

Term 1, 2024

Tuesdays 6/2, 13/2, 20/2, 27/2, 5/3, 12/3

Term 2, 2024

Tuesday 21/5, 28/5, 4/6, 11/6, 18/6, 25/6

Term 3, 2024

Tuesday 20/8, 27/8, 3/9, 10/9, 17/9

Term 4, 2024

Tuesday 19/11, 26/11, 3/12, 10/12, 17/12

**Open to all ages and
genders.**

**Private fee or NDIS fee
applicable**

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL SKILLS PROGRAM
FOR KIDS WITH AUTISM AGED 6YRS TO
14YRS

WESTMEAD FEELINGS PROGRAM



CONTACT US AT EMBODIED PSYCHOLOGY,
LAVERTON
(03) 8593-9598 FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO
REGISTER

Commencing Term 2, 2024 after school at 4pm for one hour
NDIS funding and Private Fee applicable

WHAT IS THE WESTMEAD FEELING PROGRAM?

THE WESTMEAD FEELINGS PROGRAM IS AN EVIDENCE BASED INTERVENTION PROGRAM DEVELOPED TO SUPPORT CHILDREN WITH DIAGNOSES OF AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER AGED FROM 6 YEARS TO 14 YEARS OF AGE IN ORDER TO TEACH THEM HOW TO MANAGE AND UNDERSTAND THEIR EMOTIONS AND BUILD IMPORTANT SOCIAL SKILLS.

DATES:

TERM TWO

. TUESDAY- 16/4, 23/4, 30/4, 7/5, 14/5 4PM TO 5PM

WEDNESDAY- 17/4, 24/4, 1/5, 8/5, 15/5 4PM TO 5PM

TERM THREE

TUESDAY 16/7, 23/7, 30/7, 6/8, 13/8 4PM TO 5PM

WEDNESDAY 17/7, 24/7, 31/7, 7/8, 14/8 4PM TO 5PM

TERM FOUR

TUESDAY 8/10, 15/10, 22/10, 29/10, 12/11 4PM TO 5PM

WEDNESDAY 9/10, 16/10, 23/10, 30/10, 6/11 4PM TO 5PM

*PARENT SESSION CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM 7PM TO 8PM AT A DATE TO BE CONFIRMED BUT GENERALLY IN WEEKS 1 AND 5 OF EACH TERM.

2024 POINT COOK T-BALL & SOFTBALL PROGRAM

HOME RUN
HEROES

COST

\$38

WHO?

JUNIORS
AGED 5-12
ALL ABILITY
LEVELS

**6 WEEK PROGRAM INCLUDES
FUN SKILLS AND DRILLS AND A MODIFIED GAME
OF T-BALL OR SOFTBALL IN EACH SESSION**

DATES

MON 12 FEB - MON 25 MAR

TIME

5:00PM - 6.30PM

AGES

5-12 YEARS

VENUE:

**BROOKDALE ROAD
RESERVE, 2
BROOKDALE RD,
POINT COOK**

SCAN
HERE TO
REGISTER



2024 POINT COOK SOCIAL 7S SOFTBALL COMPETITION



COST

\$72

WHO?

MIXED GENDER
TEAMS AGES 16
AND ABOVE ALL
ABILITY LEVELS

**7 WEEK PROGRAM INCLUDES
FUN SKILLS AND DRILLS FOR 30 MINUTES AND A
1 HOUR GAME OF SOCIAL 7S SLOW PITCH
SOFTBALL EACH SESSION**

DATES

WED 14 FEB - WED 27 MAR

TIME

7:00PM - 8.30PM

AGES

16 & ABOVE

VENUE:

**BROOKDALE ROAD
RESERVE, 2
BROOKDALE RD,
POINT COOK**

**SCAN
HERE TO
REGISTER**

