

Newsletter

Friday, November 7, 2025

IMPROVEMENTS TO BE PROUD OF

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL Raquel Tweedley

We are very proud of the ongoing improvements taking place across Iramoo Primary School. Over recent years, our commitment to continuous improvement has resulted in significant gains in both learning and wellbeing, which are clearly reflected in our 2025 School Performance Report.

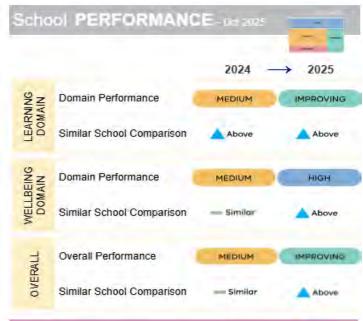
Our staff have worked consistently to implement Positive Classroom Management Strategies, including wholeschool entry and exit routines and calls to attention that are used by all teachers — and even by visitors to our classrooms. These consistent approaches help create calm, focused and respectful learning environments where every student can thrive.

In addition to these teaching and wellbeing improvements, we continue to enhance our learning and play spaces through:

- Refreshed and flexible learning areas that support collaboration and creativity
- Playground and outdoor upgrades to promote active play and social connection
- Landscaping and garden enhancements to make our school grounds more welcoming
- Ongoing technology upgrades to strengthen digital learning opportunities

We are proud of how far we've come and excited for what's ahead. Thank you to our staff, students, and families for your continued support in making Iramoo Primary School a place where every child can learn, grow, and belong.





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TERM 4, 2025 IMPORTANT DATES



Tuesday, November 11

Remembrance Day - *Lest We Forget*First Lego League Competition Day - Iramoo Robotics Team

Wednesday, November 12

2026 Prep Transition session 2 at 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM

Tuesday, November 18

Wyndham Central College Visit - Selected Students

Wednesday, November 19

2026 Prep Transition session 3 at 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM

Tuesday, November 25

Year 5 Stencil Art
Art Enrichment Street Art - Selected Students

Wednesday, November 26

2026 Prep Transition session 4 at 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM

Wednesday, December 3

2026 Prep Transition session 5 at 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM

Monday, December 8

Year 6 Farewell Evening

Tuesday, December 9

2026 Prep Orientation Day at 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Year 7 - 6 Orientation Day - All Day

Wednesday, December 10

Prep Christmas Concert 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Thursday, December 11

Yr 1 Christmas Concert 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Monday, December 15

Year 6 Laser Quest Excursion

Tuesday, December 16

Christmas Carols on the Green whole school 2:00 PM - 2:50 PM

Friday, December 19

Last Day Term 4 - Early finish 12:30 PM

SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA - WESTERN METROPOLITAN REGION FINALS ATHLETICS

On Tuesday, October 21, three of our students proudly represented Iramoo Primary School at the Western Metropolitan Region Finals for Athletics. Kobie - Discus, Addison - 800m, Aleeah - 200m.

Congratulations to all three students on their outstanding effort and achievement. What a fantastic opportunity and a great reflection of their dedication and hard work!









KOBIE

ADDISON

ALEEAH

SSV WYNDHAM DIVISION VOLLEYBALL FINALS

Tuesdsay, October 14, thirteen volleyball stars represented our school at the Wyndham Division Finals. Iramoo PS played in the Mixed and Girls division finals and had to play 5 30-minute games in a round robin format.

All of the students who attended showed excellent sportsmanship, outstanding effort and resilience.

The Girls team won 4 games and ended up runners up on the day. The Mixed team had a great win against Truganina and some other very close games.

All of our students should be extremely proud of their efforts as it was a very competitive day with some









YEAR 1 STUDENTS EXPLORE THE WORLD OF MINIBEASTS

As part of our Term 4 Integrated Studies topic 'Schoolyard Safari', we are exploring what minibeasts are, the special features and behaviours they have to help them to survive in their habitat and how they are a vital part of ecosystems. On Monday, October 20, our Year 1 students took part in an exciting incursion, 'Investigating Minibeast Parts', run by Ecolinc, and it was a huge hit!

During this hands-on, interactive science session, students observed live and preserved minibeasts, used magnifying glasses to explore their body parts, and discovered how creatures like insects, worms, and snails are built to survive in their environments.

One of the highlights for many students was handling real phasmids (stick and leaf insects), which sparked plenty of curiosity and excitement! Students also chose their favourite minibeast of the day to draw and label, reinforcing their learning in a fun and creative way.

The incursion supported the Year 1 science curriculum by building observation skills, encouraging the use of scientific vocabulary, and deepening students' understanding of how animals' body structures help them thrive in their habitats.

The students were fully engaged throughout the experience and loved discovering science in such an exciting, hands-on way. We encourage you to explore your own backyard with your child to observe and discover any minibeasts that might be hiding!





YEAR 5 EXCURSION - SOVEREIGN HILL

Our Year 5 students travelled back in time at Sovereign Hill, experiencing life on the Victorian goldfields in the 1850s. On Thursday, October 23, our students were given the opportunity to explore the township and deepen their understanding of this important period in Australia's history, complementing their classroom learning.

Our students were exceptionally well behaved and enjoyed a fun and engaging day.

















GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Thank you to all the grandparents' and special people in our lives who were able to visit our Prep students on Thursday, October 23. It was wonderful to see everyone interacting with the children. Our Prep students were thrilled to share their work, show their visitors around the classroom and even challenge them with some fun games.









CELEBRATING OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS

Our school relies heavily on the generosity of volunteers and community members who support the many and varied programs we offer our students. Our school simply could not offer the range of extra experiences — such as camps, excursions, amazing races, and canteen support, to name just a few — without the time, energy, and commitment of our amazing volunteers. It was wonderful for our staff to be able to host a special morning tea last Tuesday, October 28 to thank our volunteers for all that they do.

We are truly grateful for their contribution to making our school a richer and more vibrant place for all students.







JUNIOR SPORTS DAY

What a fantastic day for our Junior Sports Day!

The sun was shining as our Prep and Year 1 students enjoyed a range of fun novelty events, while our Year 2s showcased their skills in our Junior Athletics Carnival.

It was wonderful to see so many smiles, teamwork, and encouragement throughout the day. Our senior student leaders did an amazing job supporting and cheering on our younger students, helping to create such a positive and inclusive atmosphere.

A big thank you to all the families and friends who were able to come along to cheer, support, and share in the fun. Today was all about friendship, having a go, and trying our best — and our students certainly

lived up to that spirit!

Prep Novelty Sports Day Clip:https://youtu.be/Yhi-u6sIPR4

Year 1 Novelty Sports Day Clip:https://youtu.be/JXunXtFULhQ

Year 2 Athletics Day:

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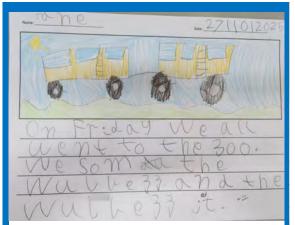




PREP ZOO

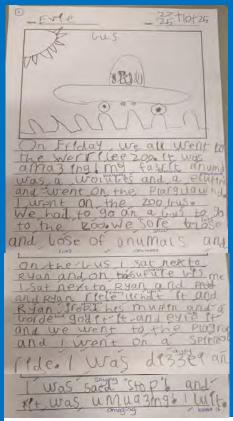
Below are some of our Prep children's writing about their recent Werribee Zoo excursion. It was a wonderful day full of many happy memories.

https://youtu.be/ERQgogJ lhk



Jane

On Friday we all went to the zoo. We saw the wallabies and the wallabies eat.



On Friday we all went to the Werribee Zoo. It was amazing! My favourite animal was a wallaby and an elephant. We went on the zoo bus. We had to go on a bus to go to the zoo. We saw lots and lots of animals and on the bus, I sat next to Ryan and on the safari bus I sat next to Ryan. Ryan really enjoyed it and Ryan dropped his muffin and a bird got it and ate it. We went to the playground, and I went on a spinning ride. I was dizzy and I was saying "stop!". It was really amazing, I loved it!



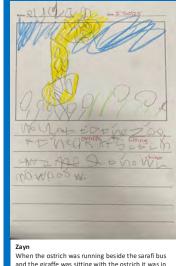
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When the ostrich was running beside the sarafi bus and the giraffe was sitting with the ostrich it was in the rhino poo.



Scarlett

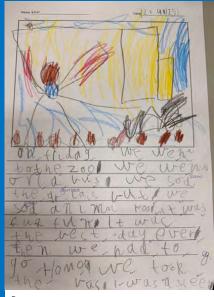
We went to the zoo and we became habitat heroes. My favourite part was going on the safari bus because it was my first time on the bus. The elephant was also my favourite thing.



and the giraffe was sitting with the ostrich it was in the rhino poo.



We went to the zoo and we saw the meerkats standing on the steps and it went back down the steps to hide from us.



On Friday we went to the zoo. We went on a bus. We saw the gorillas but we saw animal poo. It was fun. It was the best day ever. Then we had to go home. We took the bus I was asleep.



Indigo

On Friday we went to the zoo. We saw a giraffe on the safari bus and the giraffe had a

YEAR 4's AMAZING RACE ADVENTURE!

Last Wednesday, October 29, our Year 4 students took part in an exciting Urban Quest Amazing Race experience that had everyone buzzing with energy and enthusiasm! The after-school event was packed with puzzles, challenges and clues designed to test the students' critical thinking, logic, orienteering and teamwork skills. Working together in teams, the students raced around the school, solving riddles and uncovering hidden clues in a thrilling journey that combined fun and learning. Each activity encouraged decision-making, trust, leadership, resilience and communication, helping students strengthen important life skills while having an incredible time. Cheers erupted when the winning team proudly raised their trophy high to celebrate their hard-earned victory! We are immensely proud of all our Year 4 students for their outstanding behaviour, teamwork and positive spirit throughout the afternoon. It truly was an unforgettable experience full of laughter, learning and adventure!











COLOUR RUN SUCCESS!

On Friday October 31, excitement and colour filled our school grounds on the day, with students, staff, and families all joining in the fun. We are extremely grateful for the generosity of our students' families and friends who helped us raise approximately \$12,520 through our recent Colour Run! Our fundraising target was \$10,000,so this is a fantastic achievement for our school community.

The funds raised will go towards improving our school grounds and play areas - projects that will benefit all our students for years to come.

Thank you again to everyone who contributed, participated, and supported this wonderful event - your enthusiasm and community spirit made it a huge success!









WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

We celebrated World Teachers' Day last Friday. A special opportunity to recognise and thank our incredible teachers for the passion, care and dedication they bring to our school community every single day.

Our teachers do so much more than educate, they inspire curiosity, nurture confidence and build meaningful relationships that help every student thrive.

We extend our gratitude to all our teachers for the positive impact they make, both in and beyond the classroom. Thank you to our teachers for their ongoing commitment, energy, and enthusiasm in shaping bright futures.



PREP 2026 - TRANSITION SESSION 1

It was wonderful meeting our 2026 Prep students and their families at our first transition session yesterday. There were many smiles and the children settled very quickly. They thoroughly enjoyed their time in the classrooms and completing the Three Little Pigs activity.

We look forward to seeing our 2026 Preps again at our second transition session on *Wednesday, November 12 at 2pm.*











RESPECTING OUR NEIGHBOURS & OBEYING RAOD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

There have been recent incidents of adults parking across the driveways of homes surrounding our school before and after school hours.

We remind all parents and carers to park legally and respectfully at all times.

Many families choose to park a short distance from the school and walk, helping to ease traffic congestion during the busy periods of 8:00am–9:30am and 2:30–4:00pm.

It is important that we approach these issues with a positive and collaborative mindset, focusing on education and community cooperation to create a safer and more respectful environment for everyone.

https://engage.vic.gov.au/keeping-school-staff-safe

RESPECTFUL BEHAVIOUR IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that respectful interaction is expected at all times within our school environment.

All of our staff play a vital role in supporting students and families every day.

They are always willing to assist and go above and beyond to help our school community.

They deserve to be treated with courtesy and respect in every interaction.

Unacceptable behaviour towards any member of our staff will not be tolerated.

We are committed to maintaining a safe, respectful and supportive environment for everyone at Iramoo

Primary School.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support.

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Complaints Policy.pdf



PROTECTING AGAINST MOSQUITO-BORNE DISEASES

Warm and wet weather can result in greater numbers of mosquitoes and an increased risk of illness from mosquito bites. While the overall risk is currently low, some mosquitoes may be carrying 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 outdoors
- limiting outdoor activity if lots of mosquitoes are active
- clean up and remove containers and items around the home that may hold water where mosquitoes may breed.

Families with any health concerns should see their doctor or phone <u>NURSE-ON-CALL</u>: 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.

A free vaccine is available to some individuals to protect Victorians at higher risk of the virus.

For more information, including vaccine eligibility, refer to the Department of Health's <u>Japanese encephalitis</u> <u>webpage</u>.

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
- <u>Protect yourself from mosquito-borne disease, including a handy checklist to help reduce mosquito breeding sites at home and resources translated into other languages.</u>
- Japanese encephalitis virus

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REMINDER: SCHOOL SUPERVISION HOURS

We kindly remind families that students are supervised by school staff between 8:35am and 3:15pm.

Recently, we have seen an increase in the number of students arriving at school well before 8:35am some as early as 7:45am. Please note that school grounds are not supervised before 8:35am, and for safety reasons, students should not be on site before this time.

If your child needs to arrive earlier, they should be enrolled in our Before School Care program, which is operated by Big Child Care.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us keep all students safe. If you would like more information about enrolling in Before School Care, please contact Big Child Care directly **BIG CHILDCARE**





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Generous contributors to Iramoo Primary School student health/welfare. Please support this local business whenever you have the need for a pharmacy and don't forget to mention that you are from Iramoo Primary.



WELCOME TO TERM 4!!

- This term has started off well, with the children getting involved in the BIG cooking club, which have included fettucine and cookies so far...yummy!
- The children loved the spring holiday, including the BIRTHDAY DAY, where each child received a birthday gift. We are currently planning for the Summer holidays with loads of fun and action packed in
- CHLDREN'S WEEK 20th-26th October, and we have the children planning the activities, and what snacks we will be providing this week in ASC.
- If you are interested in BSC, ASC or Vacation Care, please come and see Sharra or Alex for any information ©





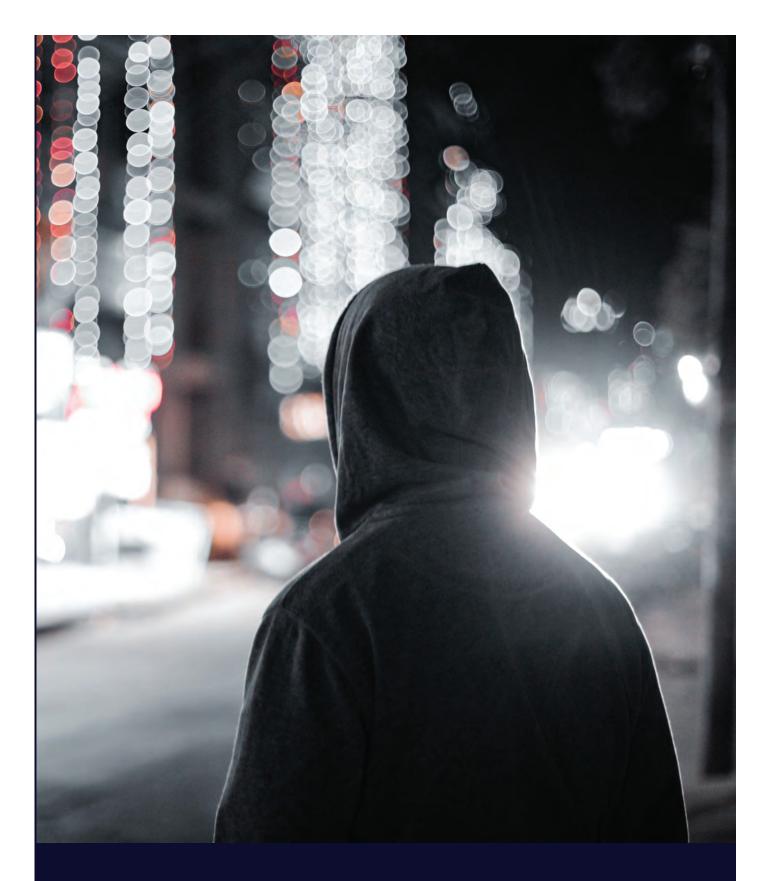
WELCOME LOEKU AND HANI

Zane Ward in grade 2 had a suggestion about getting a pet for ASC but this isn't feasible at the moment, so an idea was had to start tracking some animals. The children had a vote and the giraffe and lion won, so we are now tracking Loeku (lion) and Hani (giraffe) adventures across Africa.

We have also started a book exchange, thanks to a donation of books from one of our families. The children are welcome to take home a book for as long as they like and can come and swap for another one. HAPPY READING!







Cut the Violence Live Knife Free



Dangers of Carrying a Weapon

Carrying a knife might seem harmless, but it's essential to recognise the hidden dangers it can bring.

- A knife can provoke or escalate conflicts that might otherwise remain non-violent.
- Carrying a knife can create a false sense of security, encouraging someone to engage in risky behaviour they might not otherwise consider.
- Carrying a knife increases the risk of accidents for the person carrying the knife and others nearby. Knife injuries can cause serious harm or even death.

What the Law Says

Carrying a weapon, like a knife, without a lawful reason is illegal in Victoria.

Examples of knives you cannot carry without a lawful purpose include:

- Swiss army knives
- Box-cutters
- Kitchen knives
- Bayonets



What's a Lawful Purpose for Carrying a Knife?

- For work e.g. you are a chef.
- For recreation e.g. camping or fishing.
- For display e.g. for a museum or gallery.
- For religious reasons e.g. an item of faith like a kirpan.

Carrying a knife for self-defence is NOT legal.

What are the Penalties?

You can go to jail for:

- 1 year for carrying a knife.
- 5 years for threatening to injure someone.
- 5 years for recklessly injuring someone.
- 10 years for threatening to kill someone.
- 10 years for intentionally injuring someone.
- 15 years for recklessly causing serious injury to someone.
- 20 years for intentionally causing serious injury to someone.
- Up to 2 years for selling a knife to someone aged under 18 years.
- Up to 25 years for murder.

Carrying a knife could lead to a criminal record, impacting: employment, housing, travel opportunities, and education.

Support Services:

If you believe that the situation poses an immediate threat to someone's safety, please contact **000**.

Victims of Crime Helpline:

victimsofcrime.vic.gov.au | 1800 819 817 - Open everyday, 8am-11pm Provides support and information for victims of crime in Victoria.

Legal Aid Victoria:

legalaid.vic.gov.au | 1300 792 387 - Open Monday - Friday, 8am-6pm Provides legal advice and representation for those who cannot afford a lawyer.

Beyond Blue:

beyondblue.org.au | 1300 224 636 - Open 24/7 Provides information, support, and resources for mental health.

Lifeline:

lifeline.org.au | 13 11 14 - Open 24/7

Offers mental health support and counselling services.

Crime Stoppers Victoria:

crimestoppersvic.com.au | 1800 333 000 - Open everyday, 7am - 11pm Report crime information online or over the phone, without saying who you are.

Victoria Police:

police.vic.gov.au

Provides information about rules related to weapons and how to report incidents.

If you feel pressured to carry a knife, the first thing you can do is talk about the situation with a trusted adult, like a parent, teacher, or coach. If you don't feel you can talk to these adults, you can reach out to:

Kids Helpline:

kidshelpline.com.au | 1800 55 1800 - Open 24/7

Provides free confidential counselling service available any time of the day or night by phone or webchat.

Youth Support Service:

ysas.org.au | 1800 458 685 - Open Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm Offers counselling, support, and resources to address various challenges.



BALLAN ROAD INTERSECTION UPGRADE

SPRING 2025



More than 30,000 vehicles travel through the roundabout at Ballan, Greens and McGrath roads every day, making it one of the busiest and most congested intersections in Wyndham Vale.

Community and business feedback in early 2023 told us that 94% of community respondents and 91% of business respondents support an upgrade. The top response for community concerns for the current intersection were traffic congestion and road user and pedestrian safety.

The upgrade will help reduce congestion and make travel times more reliable on Ballan Road between Manor Lakes and Werribee.

Works to upgrade the intersection will start soon.

As part of the upgrade, we'll:

- replace the roundabout at Ballan Road, Greens Road and McGrath Road north with traffic lights and add extra lanes through the intersection
- install traffic lights at Ballan and McGrath Road south near the 7-Eleven to make it easier to turn right towards Werribee



- add a priority bus lane on Ballan Road towards Manor Lakes to make your bus commute more reliable
- install pedestrian crossings and shared walking and cycling paths to make it safer to access schools, shops and services.

The upgrade will make it easier and more reliable to travel through the intersection, especially during busy times.

Drivers using Ballan Road can save up to five minutes during peak periods and will benefit from significant safety improvements, once the project is complete.



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31/10/2025

Dear Resident/Trader,

Ballan Road Intersection Upgrade – Site establishment on Greens Road service road and overnight road closure

We're upgrading the intersections of Ballan, McGrath and Greens roads in Wyndham Vale. The upgrade will improve traffic flow through the intersection, alleviate peak congestion, and increase safety when driving, walking or cycling through the area.

To prepare for the upgrade, we'll build a project site office and compound in the grassy reserve area off Greens Road service road between McGrath Road south and Wembley Street. We'll also undertake other works around the roundabout to prepare for major construction in early 2026.

What we'll be doing and when

From **Thursday 6 November through to early December 2025**, we'll work mostly during the day, from 7am to 6pm, to build our site compound, which will be used by our workers throughout the project.

Throughout November and December, we'll also start to relocate underground services like water and telecommunications. To safely do this work, we'll close lanes at times.

Night works

We'll work at night between **8pm and 5am on Thursday 6 November** at the intersection of McGrath, Greens and Ballan roads

 install temporary safety barriers on Ballan, Greens and McGrath roads to create a safe working area around the site compound.

What you can expect

During these works, you may notice:

- construction noise
- more workers, vehicles and equipment moving in and out of the area.

There will be an overnight road closure at the intersection on **Thursday 6 November**, **from 8pm to 5am**, while we install the temporary safety barriers. Please see the map on the next page for more information.

Access for residents

If you live near the intersection on Greens Road service road or McGrath Road south, you'll be able to get home with help from a traffic controller. You may need to wait up to **5 minutes** while we safely guide you to your property.

Changes to parking on the service road

To allow vehicles to safely enter and exit our site compound, and to prevent any risk of damage to parked cars, on-street parking on Greens Road service road will be removed for the duration of the project. We understand this may be inconvenient, but this restriction is necessary for everyone's safety. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.







8 WEEK DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR KIDS 3-12 YEARS

PROGRAMS

- Preschoolers Ages 3-4 (Sun: 9-10AM)
- Mini Boomers Ages 4-5 (Sat. 9-10AM/Sun: 10-11AM)
- Little Boomers Ages 6-8 (Sat. 10-11AM/Sun: 11-12pm)
- Mighty Boomers Ages 9-12 (Sat. 11-12PM)

REGISTRATION OPENS 8 December 2025



14 February 2026

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