

# Newsletter

Thursday, October 9, 2025

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

#### TERM 4 2025

Tues, Oct 7 - Thurs, Oct 16 Year 1 & 5 Swimming Program

#### Tuesday, October 14

SSV Wyndham Division Volleyball Finals - Selected Students

#### Monday, October 20

Year 1 Ecolink Experience

#### **Tuesday, October 21**

Western Metropolitan Region Athletics Finals - Keilor

#### Thursday, October 23

Year 5 Sovereign Hill Excursion

#### Friday, October 24

Prep Werribee Zoo Excursion

#### **Tuesday, October 28**

Helpers' Morning Tea 10:45AM - 11:30AM

#### Wednesday, October 29

Prep - Year 2 Novelty Sports 9AM - 11AM

#### Wednesday, October 29

Year 4 Urban Quest Amazing Race 3PM - 5PM

#### Friday, October 31

Colour Fun Run



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL Raquel Tweedley

We've enjoyed a smooth and positive start to the final term of 2025. It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back and to extend a special greeting to our new staff, students and families who have joined our school community.

This term we are also delighted to welcome the families of our 2026 Prep students. Beginning Wednesday, November 5, our future Preps will take part in transition sessions each Wednesday from 2:00–2:45pm. We look forward to seeing our new students and their families join us as often as possible throughout the term.

At present, we have around 80 students enrolled to begin Prep in 2026. If you, or someone you know, has a child who will turn five before the end of April 2026, please encourage them to complete their enrolment at their local neighbourhood school as soon as possible.

#### **HELPERS' MORING TEA**

Our school is incredibly fortunate to be supported by so many generous parent and community volunteers. The time, energy and care you contribute make an enormous difference to the experiences we can offer our students - whether it's helping in classrooms, supporting camps and excursions, assisting in the canteen, contributing to fundraising, sport, School Council or countless other activities. We are truly grateful for everything you do.

As a small gesture of our thanks, we warmly invite all our wonderful volunteers to our annual 'Helpers' Morning Tea'. This year it will be held at 10:45am on Tuesday, October 28 in our BER building. If you have kindly given your time to support our school in any way, we would love to see you there.

To assist with catering, please phone 9741 2803 or email iramoo.ps@education.vic.gov.au by Thursday, October 23, 2025.

#### SUNSMART

A reminder to children and families that UV levels start to rise significantly from mid-August and our SunSmart policy applies - SunSmart Policy

Please ask your child to ensure that they have their broad brimmed, legionnaires or bucket 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, bucket \$8 and broad brimmed hats are \$11. Our policy of 'no hat, no play' will apply to any student not wearing a hat outside.



#### 2026 STUDENT GRADE PLACEMENT

Our staff have already begun planning for the 2026 school year. As part of this process, I would like to remind parents that if you have a specific concern or request regarding your child's class placement for next year, this must be submitted in writing and delivered directly to the office in a sealed envelope by Thursday, October 30.

For families who are new to our school, or who have not previously submitted a placement request, this is an opportunity to communicate any particular teaching style or approach that you feel would best support your child's learning.

Please note that this process is not intended for the submission of friendship lists. The primary purpose of these requests is to assist staff in forming balanced classes that promote positive learning environments. We encourage and expect that social connections and friendships will continue to flourish during playtimes and outside of school hours.

If you have more than one request, please list them in priority order, as it may not be possible to accommodate multiple requests for each student. Additionally, requests are not carried over from year to year—any considerations must be resubmitted annually if they remain relevant.

#### **FOOTY / SPORT COLOURS DAY**

We thank all of our students, families and staff who supported our Footy/Sports Colours Day on the final day of Term 3. This special event, planned and led by our Junior School Council, was not only a celebration of team spirit and school pride but also a meaningful way to raise funds for children's cancer charities.

As a school community, we are proud to share that **we raised \$734.95** for the Fight Cancer Foundation Footy Colours Day. The day was filled with energy, fun activities and a wonderful sense of connection across our school community. It was a fantastic way to conclude another successful term and we are extremely proud of our students for their leadership, enthusiasm and generosity.









#### YEAR 1 & 5 SWIMMING PROGRAM

On Tuesday, October 7, our Year 1 and Year 5 students began their 8-day intensive swimming program at Swim 4 All. From the very first session, our students demonstrated outstanding behaviour—showing respect, listening attentively to their instructors, and consistently using their best manners. They represented our school with pride and enthusiasm, embracing every opportunity to build their water safety skills and confidence. We are very proud of the way they conducted themselves both in and out of the pool.

#### YEAR 3 GAMES, PIZZA & DISCO AFTERNOON

On Wednesday, September 17, our Year 3 students enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon as part of their special Year 3 event. After the school day ended, students stayed on to take part in games on the oval, feast on delicious pizza and dance the afternoon away at a lively disco in the gym. The atmosphere was full of smiles, laughter, and energy. Even the teachers joined in, showing off some impressive dance moves!















#### **CONGRATULATIONS JOSHUA**

On Monday, September 22, Joshua from Year 1 had an unforgettable experience after winning a competition with Auskick. He was invited to walk the red carpet at the prestigious Brownlow Medal, a truly special moment!

Later that week, Joshua was also invited to attend the launch of the Mark Knight Premiership posters, which help raise funds for the Good Friday Appeal.

To top it all off, on AFL Grand Final day, Joshua had the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to run onto the ground and through the banner with the Geelong Cats!



It was an absolutely incredible week for Joshua and his family, one filled with unforgettable memories and exciting milestones. *Congratulations, Joshua!* 

#### SAFETY REMINDERS

#### **ROAD & TRAFFIC SAFETY**

Many staff and parents are concerned about dangerous drivers, bike riders and pedestrian behaviour on the roads around our school before and after school.

Please ensure that:

- Helmets are worn at all times when riding a bike.
- School crossings that surround our school are used.
   (Sometimes this means walking a few extra metres).
- Cars are parked *legally* before children get in or out of them.

We have been asked by the Wyndham City Council to make our families aware that they are continuing to take 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 often patrol our school area and enforce parking offences such as stopping/parking:

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

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.













#### CHILDREN ENTERING AND LEAVING SCHOOL

#### **Pedestrian Traffic**

For safety reasons there is no pedestrian access to our school via the staff car park. The staff car park is **OUT OF BOUNDS AT ALL TIMES**.

#### **Bicycle Traffic**

Students in Year 3-6 are permitted to ride bicycles to school and are required, by law, to wear approved safety helmets. The law also requires that these bicycles be in a roadworthy condition.

Bicycles must be parked in the bike racks provided. The school accepts no responsibility for these bicycles.

Children in Years Prep/1/2 are **NOT** to ride bikes to school unless in the company of a responsible adult. Skates, scooters, skateboards etc. are not to be brought/ridden to school.

We remind all drivers that these streets are one way between the hours of 8.30am – 9.15am and 2.30pm – 3.15pm and the speed limit is 40km.

#### THUNDERSTORM ASTHMA

There is an increased risk of seasonal asthma, hay fever and thunderstorm asthma during seasons with increased grass pollen levels. In Victoria, this is typically from October to December.

<u>Thunderstorm asthma</u> is triggered by a combination of higher grass pollen levels and a certain type of thunderstorm. Under these conditions, people with a history of asthma, or whose asthma or hay fever is poorly treated, are at higher risk of a sudden and serious asthma attack.

Thunderstorm asthma can occur even in people who have never had asthma before. If anyone has wheezing, shortness of breath or chest tightness, apply asthma first aid and get emergency help.

The best way to reduce and prevent symptoms of asthma or hay fever and reduce absences from school is to follow an up-to-date asthma action plan or hay fever treatment plan, provided by a GP or specialist.

Please ensure that our school has the most recent version of your child's Asthma Action Plan and that it is in date.

For further information refer to the link at the <a href="https://example.com/en-link-at-the-">Thunderstorm asthma | Better Health Channel</a>

## **School Colour Fun Run 2025**

This term we are fundraising to further improve our outdoor play areas with a Colour Explosion School Fun Run with Australian Fundraising!

The Colour Explosion School Fun Run will be on Friday, October 31, 2025.

- Please make sure students wear a WHITE shirt and closed in shoes.
- Students will be given free sunglasses and a rainbow headband for the event.
- Students will be covered in non-toxic, biodegradable colour powder from head to toe.
- Colour Powder is made of high-quality corn starch and permitted food colours. Safety data sheet is available on request.

As our major fundraiser is quickly approaching, we are encouraging all of our students to create online profiles and begin raising money for our school.

As of 12pm, Thursday, October 9, the following percent of students had already created an online profile:

Year 6 - 14%

Year 5 - 19%

Year 4 - 15%

**Year 3 - 24%** 

Year 2 - 20%

Year 1 - 26%

Prep - 37%



How Do We Fundraise?

Fundraising for our Colour Explosion School Fun Run is entirely online. Follow the instructions in your child's sponsorship booklet to create a cybersafe, online profile page at www.australianfundraising.com.au

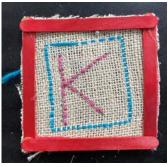
At the end of our fundraiser students can order up to a total of 5 prizes based on their donations received. They can even mix and match!



### Follow our Iramoo Artists on @iramoops\_art











#### 2026 PREP ENROLMENT

Attached is information for you, your friends or neighbours whose child will be 5 years old by the end of April, 2026.

We encourage families to enrol at their local neighbourhood school as soon as possible.

Any families who know they will be moving schools in 2026 also need to advise our school either via our school office 9741 2803 or email: iramoo.ps@education.vic.gov.au to assist us with our 2026 planning.

#### 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.





## **2026 PREP ENROLMENT**

We are currently taking enrolments for 2026 Prep. If you, your friends or neighbours have a child who will be 5 years old before the end of April 2026, please encourage them to enrol at their local neighbourhood school as soon as possible.

Please email your supporting documents to iramoo.ps@education.vic.gov.au or bring the following documents into our office:

- The child's Birth Certificate (front and back)
- Immunisation History Statement
- Two documents for proof of the child's permanent residential address\*\*, either:
  - Contract of sale/title document/rates notice (for homeowners) or
  - Rental agreement provided by a real estate agent (for tenants) or
  - Any current Centrelink related document e.g. health care card or
  - A current document from the Australian Taxation Office along with one other current piece of evidence such as a utilities bill (eg. gas/electricity).

Please note that documents must be original or certified copies.

\*\*Statutory declarations will not be accepted, and no enrolment will proceed without the required documentation.

























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