Iramoo Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday, February 26, 2026

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 1 2026

March 2 - 4
Year 6 Camp

Friday , March 6
Pupil Free Day

Monday, March 9
Labour Day
Public Holiday

Friday, March 20
- National Ride 2 School Day
- Year 6 Summer Sport Gala Day

March 11-23
NAPLAN

Wednesday, March 18
- Harmony Day Celebration
- Sushi Lunch Order Day order on Compass

Monday, March 23
Year 6 - Wyndham Central College - Day In Life

March 23 - 27
Cultural Diversity Week

March 24 & 25
Whole school photos

Thursday, April 2
Last day Term 1, 2026

Friday, April 3
Good Friday - Public Holiday

TERM 2 2026

Monday, April 20
First day Term 2 - 8:50 AM

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Raquel Tweedley

It has been a vibrant and exciting start to the term, with many wonderful milestones already celebrated across our school community.

We were incredibly proud to see our JSC members and Flag Monitors officially presented with their badges by our Federal Member for Lalor, Ms Joanne Ryan. This was a special moment for our student leaders and a meaningful recognition of the important role they play in shaping our school. We thank Ms Ryan for taking the time to acknowledge and encourage our students in their leadership journeys.

We have also formally appointed our Year 6 House Captains and Specialist Leaders. These students have embraced their responsibilities with enthusiasm and maturity, setting a wonderful example for their peers as they step into leadership during their final year of primary school.

Our Prep students have now commenced full-time hours and are doing exceptionally well. It has been fantastic to see how confidently they have settled into routines, formed friendships and embraced their learning with such positivity. We are very proud of their smooth transition into school life.

Next week, our Year 6 students will head to Log Cabin Camp in Creswick for what promises to be a memorable and enriching experience. Camp provides invaluable opportunities for personal development, independence, resilience and relationship building. As they make the most of their final year of primary school, this experience will no doubt strengthen friendships and create lasting memories.

As a community, we continue to prioritise supportive community development. With the current road works along Ballan Road, McGrath Road and Greens Road, we appreciate families taking extra care when travelling to and from school. Navigating safe pathways to school is a shared responsibility and we thank you for modelling patience and road safety for our students during this time.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support. Together, we continue to create a safe, connected and thriving school community.

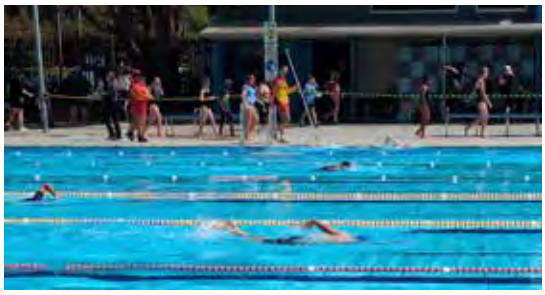
SCHOOL SPORTS VICTORIA WERIBEE DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Tuesday, February 24, eleven Iramoo students proudly represented our school at the School Sports Victoria Werribee District Swimming Carnival. Thankfully, the rain stayed away, allowing for a fantastic day of competition and school spirit.

All students performed well in the pool, giving their best in each event. Most impressive of all was the way our team conducted themselves throughout the day. They demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship, encouragement and respect — qualities that make our school community incredibly proud.

Congratulations to every student who participated in the carnival. A special mention to Nashe Chengeta (4CV) and Jade Ingle (6NP) for their excellent performances, qualifying in Butterfly and Backstroke respectively. They will now progress to the Division Finals on Thursday, March 5, 2026.

Well done, team Iramoo!



YEAR 3 - 6 CROSS COUNTRY

What an incredibly successful day we had at our Year 3 - 6 House Cross Country Carnival! Our Iramoo students demonstrated outstanding resilience, perseverance, and an all-round positive attitude throughout the entire event.

This year, we trialled a new venue and course, providing students with an exciting new challenge. It was fantastic to see how confidently they embraced the change and gave their very best effort from start to finish. Congratulations to all students who participated.

The District Cross Country event will be held on Wednesday, April 29. Further details will be shared closer to the date.

Please note that the team selected to represent our school at the district event will be determined by students' recorded times in correlation with their age, not by the finishing place in their year level race.

Well done again to all of our runners on a fantastic day!

SCHOOL COUNCIL

At the close of nominations on Monday, February 16, we received four nominations for our four parent vacancies on School Council, so I declare Mrs Jen Kuster, Mrs Adetola Olatunji, Mrs Suzana Sela and Mrs Hannah Whelan the nominees elected for 2026 / 2028.

Office bearers for 2026 will be decided at our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Monday,March 16 at 5:30PM. Our AGM is an open forum and all member of our school community are welcome to join.

GRADE LEVEL EXPENSES

Printed below is a table with the approximate expenses that Iramoo parents can expect during the school year. This information is to assist families with their annual budgeting but does not include items such as special lunches, private music lessons, etc. Parents holding a health care card current as of January 31, 2026 are also eligible for the state government Camp, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) of $400 per child and this can be used towards many of the items listed below.

Year Level	Excursions/ Visits/ Sports	Cultural Experience (Performing Arts)	Swimming Years 1 - 6	Inter House Athletics Carnival	Camp	School photos (approx)	Year 6 uniform (approx)
P	$40*	$7				$25	
1 & 2	$40*	$7	$40*	$6*		$25	
3 & 4	$40*	$7	$40*	$6*		$25	
5	$80*	$7	$40*	$6*		$25	$50
6	$80*	$7	$40*	$6*	$350*	$25	

***indicates CSEF can be used towards these listed items.**

- One additional expense that the parents of Year 6 will have near the end is the farewell pack, containing a whole group photo, electronic yearbook, certificate, a commemorative gift and 2 tickets for the farewell evening.
- Current Year 5 parents can expect to pay approximately $50 in November for their child's special Year 6 uniforms.
- As our school does not have school 'fees' as such, we do rely heavily on the support of parents and extended families, friends, neighbours, etc. for our fundraising activities which are conducted regularly throughout the year.

CAMPS,SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) & SCHOOL SAVING BONUS

The **Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)** is again available to families with a current health care/ concession card and will provide $400 per child per annum. 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. The CSEF cannot be used for uniforms, books, school photos, etc.

Each year an application for the CSEF needs to be submitted. 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 CSEF Application Form.

Sun Smart

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 hats are $8 and broad brimmed hats are $11. Our policy of 'no hat, no play' will apply to any student not wearing a hat outside.

Follow our Iramoo Artists on Instagram

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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.

PROUDLY SUPPORTING good Friday appeal THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

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We're Raising Funds for the Good FridayAppeal

Help support our online fundraiser by scanning the QR Code below to donate directly to our fundraising page

RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY RELATIONSHIPS

LAST WEEK AT BIG

WELCOME TO TERM 1!

It's been a wonderful start to the year, with lots of new faces ☺

We have celebrated the Lunar New Year; Mother-language Day and have a planner completely devised by our Junior Leaders.

IMPORTANT DATES:

**March 6th: Student Free Day. We will be running an all day program for those that need our services.*

**April 2nd: Last day of Term 1.*

THIS WEEK AT BIG

TERM 1 JUNIOR LEADERS!

Congratulations to Ruby D, Aariah, Molly, Monique, Brax, Ruby F, Zoe and Sophia for obtaining Junior Leaders.

This program allows children to gain independence, the opportunity to lead others in the program, to help the children and Educators and to be good role models while upholding the values of BIG and Iramoo Primary School.

Autumn Holiday Care!

Get ready for the most thrilling holiday adventure your kids have ever experienced! Big Holidaycare is back and better than ever, promising non-stop fun and excitement for your little adventurers. From themed days to exciting outings, our holiday program is jam-packed with activities that will ignite their imagination and create memories that last a lifetime. Don't miss out on the fun – book your spot now online at **bigholidaycare.com** and let the adventure begin!

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2027 PREP ENROLMENT

You will be able to apply to enrol your child in Foundation (Prep) 2027 at Iramoo Primary School from Monday, April 20 until Friday, July 31, 2026.

If you or your friends or neighbours have a child who will be 5 years old before the end of April 2027, 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

And 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.

Tours of our school for prospective families will be conducted on alternative Wednesday afternoons at 2:00pm throughout Term 1 & 2. Tours will start from Wednesday, February 18 at 2:00pm.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

APPLICATION FORM

School Name | **School Ref ID**

Applicant details

Surname	
First Name	
Address	
Town/Suburb	
State and Postcode	
Contact Number	

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

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OR ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)* **OR** ☐ Special Consideration**

*Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card.

*Out of Home Care applications must include a letter of support from the institution facilitating the arrangement (for example, Mackillop Family Services or the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH)) as evidence of the arrangement and must be no more than 18 months old).

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

Declaration

I authorise the Victorian Department of Education (DE) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry about my Centrelink customer details and concession card status to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of any enquiry to DE regarding temporary care orders. I understand that:

- DFFH or Centrelink will use information I have provided to DE to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DE personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- This consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to my child's school so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DE.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to DFFH and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You can request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____ **Date** ____/____/202 _

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund eligibility

Applications must be submitted to the school as soon as possible and no later than the end of Term 2.

Where a school or family is unsure if the concession card is eligible, they are encouraged to submit the application into the CSEF system for validation.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.

Those who are eligible to apply for the CSEF **must meet both** of the following two criteria or be eligible for special consideration.

Eligible means-tested cards

Only financially means-tested cards are eligible.

Eligibility date

Eligibility will be subject to the parent/carer's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink (refer to the department's policy, Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)), on either the first student day of Term 1 or Term 2.

Criterion 1 – General eligibility

The applicant must be one of the following:

- a parent or carer who is the beneficiary of a financially means-tested card
- a student over 16 years who is considered a mature minor and holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card). Applicant to use the 16 and over application form. For guidance on assessing whether a student is a mature minor, refer to the department's policy on Mature Minors and Decision Making
- a parent or carer whose child is 16 or over and the beneficiary of a financially means-tested card but are not considered a mature minor. Applicant to use the 16 and over parent consent form.

For students over 16 years of age and where the eligible card is in the name of the student, the fund is only granted to that student, not their siblings.

Criterion 2 – Be of school age and attend a Victorian school

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a registered Victorian school. CSEF is not payable to a student attending pre-school, kindergarten, TAFE or who are home schooled.

Special Consideration

A special consideration eligibility category exists to assist families and students in certain circumstances. Applications should be made through this application form. For more information, refer to: Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF): Eligibility.

Payment amounts

The CSEF is an annual payment paid directly to the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child. Please refer to the department's policy for the current rates and more information, Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF): Payment amounts.

How to complete the application form

Note: all sections must be completed by the applicant.

1. Complete the APPLICANT DETAILS section.
   Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
2. Complete the STUDENT DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible and no later than the end of Term 2.

Privacy Statement

The Department of Education is committed to protecting your privacy. All information collected will be handled in accordance with the Privacy Data and Protection Act 2014 (Vic) and the Health Records Act 2001 (Vic). This personal information is collected to assess your eligibility to receive a CSEF payment. Your data is securely managed and only shared with Centrelink and DFFH when necessary for business operations or legal compliance. By submitting this form, you consent to our data practices. For more information regarding correction to your personal information or the handling of personal information please email csef@education.vic.gov.au. For more information about the departments privacy policy, please visit: Schools' privacy policy | vic.gov.au

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$200 Visa gift card to be won each week.

- Spend at least $10 to enter the draw for a $200 Visa Gift Card
- Complete the online entry form to enter.

Competition open **from 6am, Tuesday 24 February 2026 to 11pm, Thursday 30 April 2026**. Winners drawn Tuesdays.

For more information visit **bigbuild.vic.gov.au/ballanroad-spend-and-win**

How to enter:

1. Scan QR code
2. Upload your receipt of purchase
3. Fill in your details

Terms and conditions apply, visit https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/projects/roads/terms. Participants must be aged 18 years or over. Competition closes at 11pm Thursday 30 April 2026. Prize will be drawn every Tuesday at 12pm. Winners will be published at bigbuild.vic.gov.au/ballanroad-spend-and-win

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