



MIRBOO NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Upcoming Events

24th November - 5th December:

Swimming Awareness Program

25th - 27th November:

Grade 6 Wilson's Prom Camp

27th - 28th November:

Grade 2 Inverloch Camp

5th December:

Grade 5 Bike Ride

Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Friends,

2026 Planning

At this time of the year, many decisions and arrangements are being made in preparation for the 2026 school year. To assist in our planning, we would appreciate being notified immediately of any the following situations. New enrolments (2026 Preps and other levels) – if you know of any new enrolments, please notify the office. Moving away – if you are not returning to us in 2026 (Grade 6 excluded), please notify the office of your impending departure or feel free to arrange a meeting with me. If you have any specific concerns around grade transition to 2026, please notify me in writing/email or again arrange a meeting, no later than the 4th of December. Whilst there are no guarantees, reasonable concerns will be considered.

We currently have 280 students enrolled at the school which is 8 more than at census time at the start of the year and we are currently planning on 273 students being here at the start of 2026.

In planning for 2026 we at this stage aim to have the same number of grades supported by the same 6 specialist sessions, 9 educational support staff and one more teacher that will continue to be wellbeing focused.

Emergency Evacuation/Lock Down

Over the next two weeks we are planning some Safety Drills in the school. The whole process should take no more than 30 minutes and is part of normal OHS and Emergency Management planning prior to summer.

Swimming Program

Thanks to the parents who have returned notes and payment for the swimming program starting next Monday. Dates were

finalised on Tuesday with South Gippsland Shire, after the pool was unavailable for use last year. Even though it is a 5-session program we have heavily subsidised the program with Sporting Schools funding and Department of Education funding. As we know swimming lessons prior to summer are vitally important for children to start thinking of the dangers around water.

Brendan Lee

Last Friday Brendan Lee worked with all our staff focusing on the science of learning and delivering effective teaching practices. It has been some time since we last had school wide professional development and he was well received by our staff. Coming from Sydney and working with schools around Australia, Brendan had two days with our school, firstly visiting grades and observing Teachers on the Thursday then giving feedback to staff as part of the professional development day on Friday. In grades throughout 2026 we will be working on some of his suggestions and again having Brendan back with us through the year.

Camps

We look forward to our camps next week. Our grade 6's are heading to Wilson's Promontory on Tuesday until Thursday and our 2's head off on their first camp to Inverloch. Both are fantastic camps with the 6's finishing their camps at MNPS with the best one last of all. Thank you to the parents volunteering and to our staff for organising and running them. Hopefully the weather will be terrific!

Many Thanks

Matthew Snell

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

24th November - 5th December: Swimming Awareness program

17th December: Grade 6 Graduation

25th - 27th November: Grade 6 Wilson's Prom Camp

18th December: Final day of Term 4

27th - 28th November: Grade 2 Inverloch Camp

19th December: Student Free day

5th December: Grade 5 Bike Ride

9th December: Statewide Transition day
2026 Prep Transition 9:00-12:30

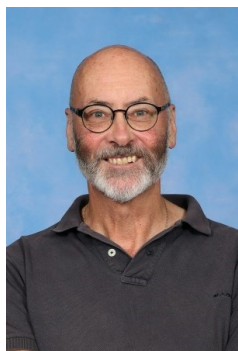
10th December: Prep Zoo Excursion
Grade 1 Aquarium Excursion

WORKING TOGETHER AWARDS**Presented 24th October**

Jackson, Charlie, Charlotte,
Jarrah

WORKING TOGETHER AWARDS**Presented 31st October**

Will, David, Blake, Fletcher,
Arlo, Harry



CHAPLAINCY NEWS

Our wonderful school chaplain, Norm, will be retiring at the end of the year. If you have seen him previously & would like to catch up for a chat before he leaves, please let him know. Thanks!

2025 Victorian All Schools Track & Field

Congratulations to Pippa who came 2nd in the u14 (bottom age) 3000m walk on 26th October at Lakeside Stadium. Pippa will now compete at Nationals on December 4th. Great work Pippa!!



Thankyou

A big thankyou to the Mirboo North Bendigo Bank for donating money boxes to our school. Many of our prep and Grade 1 students had a lot of fun learning while using them in math's, practicing their skip counting, addition and playing some fun math's games.



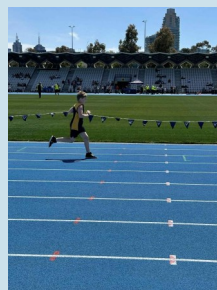
Division Softball

Well done to our Softball team who competed at the Division event in Bass on November 5th. After 3 games, the team came away with one win and lots of improved skills. So proud of how the students listened, took on feedback and worked to improve their Softball skills throughout the day! A big thanks to our wonderful parent helper who helped train and prepare the team, as well as attending the event.



State Athletics

Congratulations to our Super Star athletes - Marley, Blake & Riley - who represented MNPS and the Gippsland Region at STATE Athletics on November 6th. No podium finishes, but all great performances by our ★ s. MNPS couldn't be prouder! Thanks to our families for getting our students there.



Drumming Workshop

Thankyou to Toshi Sakamoto, from Wadaiko Rindo, who ran four engaging Taiko (drumming) Workshops, for the Year 3/4 students on Monday. They loved learning Japanese language, culture, and TAIKO! The music sessions were filled with big energy, great rhythms, strong vibration, discipline, and LOTS of fun. Thanks also to Karen and Prom Recitals who helped organise this very special visit with no cost to the school or our students. We are incredibly appreciative of Prom Recitals, supporting local schools with internationally acclaimed experiences. Thankyou!



Christmas in the Boo is fast approaching, this year being held on Friday the 5th of December. Our wonderful Parents Club have been offered a stall at the market, making and selling delicious, fresh popcorn. If anyone from the school community can spare some time on the evening to help out with this on the day, please click on the below link to sign up on the roster. Help at events like these is so greatly appreciated and always contributes towards making our school better as these funds go towards things like play equipment and school resources. See you at the market!

<https://legacy.signup.zone/PACH3hcBGWWXAWuFW>



Christmas in The Boo

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER

family friendly event
from 5pm - 10pm

market stalls ✦ christmas shopping ✦ food trucks
a visit from santa ✦ live music ✦ kids disco
free activities for the whole family ✦

HELD IN BEAUTIFUL BAROMI PARK

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NIPPERS 2025

MEMBERSHIP NOW OPEN - 2026





INTERCHANGE GIPPSLAND COLOUR RUN

WHEN: Saturday 29th November 2025
11:30am to 1pm

WHERE: Newborough Football Netball Club
Southwell Avenue, Newborough VIC 3825

WHO: Open to the whole community - \$5 per person
Interchange Gippsland affiliated families run for free!

WHAT: Be a part of the Interchange Gippsland Colour Run 2025 and experience a burst of energy, music & colourful vibes! Remember to wear a white shirt! AGM to follow at 1pm!

RSVP: Register today by contacting us on 1300 736 765 or admin@icg.asn.au





Engaging Adolescents Parenting Program

-RESOLVE DIFFICULT BEHAVIOUR IN TEENAGERS-

FREE program for parents of teens (and pre-teens) aged 10 to 18

Tired of yelling and nagging?

In 3 sessions parents will learn:

- Some common ground shared by parents & reasonable expectations to hold about adolescents;
- New understandings of adolescents;
- A three-option model & flow chart for decision making;
- Self-check-in first, for parents;
- Building a relationship with your teenager and making the best of your non-crisis conversations with them.

On full completion of all 3 sessions of the program parents will receive:

- A FREE workbook (valued at \$12) to apply the concepts learnt
- A Certificate of Completion

Do this highly sought-after program live online from the comfort of your own home!

HURRY!

Applications close
**Monday
1st December**

When?

6:30pm – 8:30pm
Over 3 Thursdays:
December 4th
December 11th
December 18th, 2025

Cost?

FREE - but booking your spot is essential!

To apply or find out more please contact:

Mark Brookes
0484 072 775 (Mo/Th/Fr)
or
Jo Choyce
5671 3273 (Mon-Thu)
Bass Coast Health
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2026 Southern Fusion Team Registrations Open

Southern Fusion aims to equip players with the requisite knowledge, skills, and understanding to prepare them for the Netball Victoria Development Pathway. Many of Southern Fusion's current players have developed these skills and knowledge to progress into various VNL Programs next season.

Fusion holds training on Sunday mornings at Meeniyan & District Sports Stadium, with games on Wednesday nights at Casey Netball Stadium (indoor courts).

The 2026 Season will commence in January and run through to July, with no games during the Easter School Holidays.

DATES:

Sunday 23rd November 2025

Sunday 30th November 2025

TIMES:

Under 13 Girls & Boys @ 09:00AM – 10:30AM

Under 15 Girls & Boys @ 10:30AM – 12:00PM

Under 17 Girls & Boys @ 10:30AM – 12:00PM

VENUE: MEENIYAN & DISTRICT SPORTS STADIUM

IMPORTANT: - What To Wear: White Or Light Top With Dark Shorts

- Please Arrive 10 Mins Before With Water, Ready To Start Warmup

- Please Register Via The Online Form Below

PLEASE NOTE: Players are required to attend both trial dates unless discussed with Leonnie McCluskey beforehand.

REGISTRATION LINK:

<https://forms.gle/vaHLq1JPKrsZEFu7A>



1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parenting Program

Free live ONLINE program for parents of children aged 2 - 12 years

Tired of yelling and nagging?

Resolve difficult behaviour in children aged 2 – 12 years

In 3 sessions parents will learn:

- How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
- How to handle challenging behaviours
- How to use emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
- Strengthen your relationship with your child
- Improve your child's emotional resilience

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Applications close
Thursday 27th Nov

When?

11:00am – 2:00pm
Over 3 Tuesdays
December 2nd
December 9th
December 16th, 2025

Cost?

FREE - but bookings are essential!

To book your spot please contact:

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or
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