



# MIRBOO NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Upcoming Events

**29th August - 19th September:**  
Jump Rope for Heart

**5th September:**  
Fathers Day Stall

**8th September:**  
Special Persons Morning  
Grade P-2

**10th September:**  
School Council meeting

### Principal's Report

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers

It is that time of the year again when we ask you to complete the Parent/Caregiver/Guardian survey. Please tell us what you think!

This year all families will be sent an invite link and password via your compass email account. MNPS is conducting the survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. It is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage all those invited to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. School staff and school council get to see your responses as part of this process. The survey is conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time until Friday the 19th of September on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in English and other languages including Vietnamese. Through school council our results can be accessed, and parts will be communicated to parents/caregivers/guardians and through annual reporting. Please ring and speak the office if you would like more information or have questions on the survey.

#### 2026 Prep Enrolments

If you know of families that are intending to enrol at MNPS in 2026, please encourage them to drop in and collect an information package. We would appreciate the return of enrolment forms to assist us in planning for 2026. We had an information night recently, however if you know of someone or you missed out on the night and want the packs please call in at the office. The transition dates are set and are part of the packs.

#### Campfire Evening Event

Mirboo North Secondary College, in collaboration with Mirboo North Primary School, will be holding a Campfire Night on Wednesday September 3rd, 2025, on our school grounds, in celebration and acknowledgement of our Koorie students, families and support people.

With arrival from 6pm with a 6.30 start, as part of the evening, we will be seeking input around an exciting project that Mirboo North Secondary College would like to organise with Kurnai College — a Cultural Trip to New Zealand for students.

Our fabulous Koorie Engagement and Support Officer, Anne-Maree Stever will be available for any chats during the evening, with many of our school staff.

Further information can be found in this newsletter.

#### BEEES BEEES BEEES

A big shout out to Ms Linton who invited BEE man Clancy into our school this week and worked with our Art and Sustainability classes with all things bees. It was great to see so many hands-on messy activities all our children were involved with and many 'bee hotels' being created. Every grade was really engaged with Clancy and the conversations and worth following up on at home. Thanks again Sarah.

Many Thanks

Matthew Snell

Principal

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Community Bank  
Mirboo North & District

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS****Term 3****29th August - 19th September:**

Jump Rope for Heart

**5th September:**

Fathers Day Stall

**8th September:**Special Persons Morning  
Grade Prep - 2**10th September:**

School Council meeting

**11th September:**

Division Athletics

**12th September:**Pyjama Day dress up - Gold coin  
donation**19th September:**Last day of Term 3  
Footy Colours Day**Term 4****6th October:**

First day of term 4

**15th October:**Regional Athletics  
School Council meeting**20th - 22nd October:**

Grade 3/4 Coonawarra Camp

**24th October:**

2026 Prep Transition 11:30-12:30

**3rd November:**Curriculum Day  
Student Free day**4th November:**Melbourne Cup Public Holiday  
Student free day**7th November:**

2026 Prep Transition 9:00-11:30

**19th November:**

School Council meeting

**21st November:**

2026 Prep Transition 9:00-12:30

**24th - 26th November:**

Grade 6 Wilson's Prom Camp

**9th December:**Statewide Transition day  
2026 Prep Transition 9:00-12:30**10th December:**Prep Zoo Excursion  
Grade 1 Aquarium Excursion**17th December:**

Grade 6 Graduation

**19th December:**

Last day of Term 4

**WORKING TOGETHER AWARDS****Presented 15th August**

Pippa, Kayliah, Victoria, Sophie, Mia,  
Angus, Amelia, Annabelle, Charlie, Kai

**Netball Victoria School  
Championships**

Well done to our 2 teams who played at the Netball Victoria School Championships last Thursday. Our Girls team move on to Finals Day! A big thank you to Mr Grinham for coaching, Ms Vansittart and Anita for umpiring, Larissa for scoring and all the parents who came and supported the teams. Congratulations to you all!



## Jump Rope for Heart kicks off next week

Jump Rope for Heart is the Heart Foundation's primary school skipping challenge that helps kids move more, have fun, and

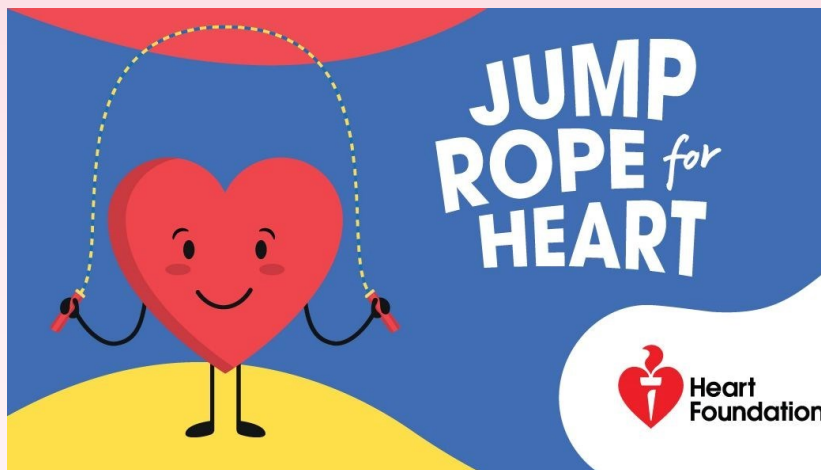
raise funds for life-saving research and programs.

Register your child online, so they can receive the full benefits of the program and participate in online fundraising, simply follow the link below to get started [Jump Rope For Heart : Heart Foundation : Parents](#)

Students will be skipping in PE lessons and during lunchtimes. During this time you can share their online fundraising page with family and friends to help raise money for this great cause.

We will hold our school Jump Off Day on Friday 19th September, this will mark the end of the program and is a chance for everyone to come together to skip and show off their newly learned skills.

Thank you for supporting the Jump Rope for Heart program!



## JNH Writing

In JNH, we have been learning about the parts of a sentence, a complete sentence and how to expand a sentence using who, where, when and what they are doing.

The students received picture prompts and created these great silly sentences.

*A horse was surfing at lunchtime in space. - Charlie*

*A teddy is sliding down at the castle at Christmas. - Gaia*

*A baby is sleeping on Sunday at the shop. - Lydia*

*On Friday a wizard is reading at school. - Leo*

*The kangaroo is driving in the zoo at night. - Cooper*

*The kangaroo was in the forest on the swings on Friday. - Nate*

*The cat is at the beach and surfing in the summer. - Ethan*

*The pirate is flying on the road at night. - Wyatt*

*The superhero was in the Great Barrier Reef he was painting on Easter day. - Mariah*



## Thorpdale Potato Festival Grant

Mirboo North Primary School was one of the lucky recipients of a grant. This was due to the hard work of Sarah Prime and some of our wonderful parent volunteers. Parents Club has planned to put the funds towards some new line markings and games across the school grounds. Thanks to the Thorpdale Potato Festival from MNPS



A big thank you from the Thorpdale Potato Festival!

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to our recent Grants Presentation Night! We're thrilled to share that over \$60,000 was distributed amongst 16 local community groups and schools, supporting a range of wonderful projects.

Over the coming weeks, we'll be highlighting these projects on our page so you can see the amazing impact this funding will have.

The Thorpdale Potato Festival is something truly special – every cent of profit goes straight back into our community. For some of these groups, this is the biggest funding boost they'll receive all year, and our committee is so proud to make it possible.

# SPECIAL PERSONS *Morning*



On Monday 8th September, the Preps, 1s, and 2s will each host a special guest of their choice. This could be a Dad, Step Dad, Uncle, Pa, Mum, Brother, Nana or friend!

After assembly—where students will perform—guests are invited to join their child's classroom for some fun maths games. (Siblings are welcome to join another class.)

# Book Week

Our Book Week festivities started off strong with great excitement! Each day this week, some of our SRC members hid a book character for students to find.

## Monday began with "Where's Wally?".

Alice and Malena were rather sneaky and needed to provide a clue in order for him to be located. Last seen on his way to the Digi Tech room before being trapped by some construction workers. Congratulations to Gemma who was able to answer the much asked question of "Where's Wally?" Gemma has scored herself a voucher from [The Wren's Nest](#) Mirboo North.



**MISSING TUESDAY** - The Very Cranky Bear Thanks to Imogen, Lachie and Aubrie for hiding our Cranky Bear. Kayliah found him on the oval near the Gaga Pit and is now the lucky owner of a [The Wren's Nest](#) voucher.



## Book Week Day 3

The smile says it all. Congratulations to Aubrie for finding our missing book character for Wednesday, none other than The Wonky Donkey. Aubrie has received [The Wren's Nest](#) voucher.

Thank you to SRC reps Arlo and Arlow for hiding him (twice). The original hiding spot was blocked off moments before lunchtime for some tree maintenance works.



## Thursday - Dress up day

Our lunchtime missing Book Characters were human size on Thursday! Thankyou to the SRC reps who had fun hiding in different areas around the school grounds. And, a big CONGRATULATIONS to all our winners! Books galore as our prizes today. Here are some of our happy winners and the found characters. Big effort to Coco, who was missing most of lunch. All characters were found, despite missing some celebration photos, the rush was on and we sadly missed the first couple of winners. THANKS SRC!

# MISSING



Can you find any of these missing book characters today?

Lorax, Oompa Loompa, Harry Potter, Disgusted, Man from Snowy River, An elf, Ninja kid and Coco





# Book Week continued





# The Library Buzzes Before the Bell!



It has been wonderful to see our school library buzzing with activity before the school day even begins. Each morning it is open, the library becomes a hive of excitement as students arrive with their families, eager to explore the shelves, check out the latest displays, and proudly show off their library to mums, dads, carers, and grandparents.

There's something special about the joy on a child's face when they bring someone they love into the library space. Whether they're choosing a new book, showing off their current read, or just enjoying the calm and colour of our ever-changing displays – it's clear that our students value this time.

The library is open before school on **Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8:30 am**. If you're dropping your child off, why not pop in for a few minutes to help them choose a book, read a few pages together, or simply see what's sparking their interest right now? It's a great way to support your child's reading journey and make the most of our wonderful library space.

Let's keep the buzz going – we'd love to see you in the library!





# WELLBEING @ MNPS

22nd August 2025

## The school is a buzz...

### Bee Man ... Clancy

Clancy is coming next week and we are excited to work with him to create NATIVE bee hives for our school and our community. We will keep you updated and let you know when our creations are around our beautiful town.

### Thankyou SRC

Another eventful week with SRC yet again, going above and beyond. All the students looking for book characters around the school yard at lunch time has been fun to witness!

Thankyou to all the SRC who hid on Thursday, making the challenge extra exciting.

### Remember to Breathe...

In theme with Bee man coming... Please find the following beathing technique.

Making the bee noise tricks our brain into feeling safe when we are anxious or nervous.

### BUMBLEBEE BREATH

Lightly place a finger in each ear. Take a deep breath in through your nose, and hum softly like a bee as you breathe out.



## Uniforms and Food Parcels



Contact Sarah or Kate in the office to organise uniforms for Term 4! All we need is your child's uniform size!

Also, if needed, feel free to contact Sarah/Norm to organise a Food Parcel for your child to take home.

## Caring & Capable in the Yard

### AUG

26

Capable is - allowing the front playground for Prep - 2 children.

### SEP

1 - 5

Caring is - Using kind words in the playground.

## Stormbirds

Thanks to the parents who attended today's Stormbird celebration session.

Also, to Beth and Donna who helped out with the junior group this term. We will keep you updated on whether we are going to offer again next term.





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SECONDARY COLLEGE



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

# CAMPFIRE NIGHT



Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> September



6pm, for a 6:30pm start



Mirboo North  
Secondary College

**Join us in celebration and acknowledgement of our  
Koorie students, families and support people**



## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EVENING



Warm welcome – students greeting families



Community gathering – Primary and Secondary together



Cultural trip to NZ project input – with Kurnai College



Feedback opportunity – how your child is going

## RSVP

KESO: Anne-Marie Stever

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Marrung Lead: Chloe Hogg

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Please RSVP by COB Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August for catering!





Mirboo North TheirCare

TERM 3

# NEWSLETTER

22nd August 2025

Over the past couple of weeks, it's been great to be able to get outdoors and enjoy the sunshine. The children have made the most of the wonderful weather playing footy, basketball and enjoyed all sort of playground play.

Our science week celebration brought in some fantastic explorative experiences for the children to enjoy including bouncy eggs, magic milk, elephant toothpaste, bi-carb and vinegar play with volcanoes and blowing up a balloon, fireworks in a jar and DIY bouncy balls.

Boundless adventure was encouraged throughout book week. Some activities have includes drawing their favourite characters and designing new ones, They had a go at creating comic strips, enjoyed playing Disney guess who and our movie night.



## Science Week Celebrations

We had a lot of fun at  
TheirCare during Science Week!



## Secret Garden

SPRING HOLIDAY  
PROGRAM

**BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN**  
Book to secure your child's spot in  
this magical journey of fun and  
discovery at [TheirCare.com.au](http://TheirCare.com.au)



## FEEL GOOD FIESTA



Date: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September

When: After School Care

Where: At Your TheirCare Service!



Join us on R U OK? Day for a magical afternoon of fun and feel-good vibes at our wellbeing party. It's all about happiness and mindfulness as we take part in a selection of calming and self-care activities.

To join in, simply book into service.



**WeCare!**  
Community connection

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## School Based Traineeship

### At MNPS

Are you leaving year 12?

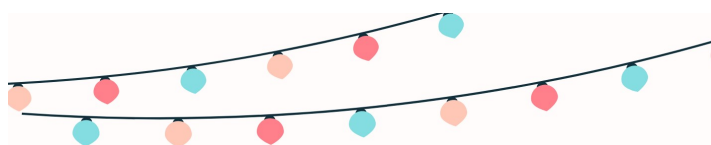
Are you unsure what to do next?

Would you like to work in schools  
and get paid to study at the same  
time?

Or just chasing some employment  
for the 2026 year in a primary  
school setting?

Interested students could be  
employed as an education support  
staff member (ES) in a government  
school while they study to get real  
hands-on experience.

To know more please register your  
interest with us at the school.



MIRBOO NORTH SCHOOLS' CHAPLAINCY INC  
together with  
MIRBOO NORTH AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION



INVITE YOU TO

*Morning Tea*



THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

TIME: 10.30am

At CoSpace, 96 Ridgway Mirboo North  
RSVP [mnschaplaincy@gmail.com](mailto:mnschaplaincy@gmail.com)

Our way to say thank you to all our donors  
and also share some updates with the  
community on all things Chaplaincy,  
including special milestones and future  
projects.

Chaplain Norm De Silva will also share  
insights into the role of a Chaplain.




**Junior Tennis**

October 2025

Saturday Mornings

Only \$50 for the whole season

Contact Lesa 0417 682 722

A grade - 18 & under, B grade - 15 & under, C grade - 12 & under

Stay up to date!



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@baromitennisclub



**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS UNDER LIGHTS.**

OCTOBER 2025.

JOIN OUR LOCAL NIGHT TENNIS COMP IN MIRBOO NORTH

Wednesday Nights 7:30pm

Walter J Tuck Recreation Reserve

Contact Lesa 0417 682 722

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