



MIRBOO NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Upcoming Events

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

13th November:

Stormbirds Celebration

14th November:

Staff professional
development day
Student free day

Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

A great week at MNPS was highlighted by some important visitors, our 3/4 campers at Coonawarra and some terrific works around our school.

With the surprise welcome visit of Premier Allen on Tuesday morning, our staff and children are to be congratulated on how we presented ourselves. The school was humming on Tuesday morning as the Premier toured the school with Member for Eastern Victoria, Tom McIntosh, MP. They looked at our school, the Landcare efforts of our children and staff, and to see the state of our community's aging gymnasium. They also looked at the proposed site of an Early Childhood Learning Centre.

Our school captains and student leaders from the Secondary College engaged in great conversations with the Premier and Tom. They spoke about some of the schoolwork they have been involved with and some of the challenges they face in our community, as they led the entourage from the gym to the arboretum. With the Premier being a passionate supporter of women's sport, and in particular women's basketball, local Olympian Belinda Snell led some conversations about the gymnasium, alongside Ruth Rogan of the Mirboo North and District Community Foundation, Secondary College Acting Principal Melissa Neil, and Secondary College PE teachers Angela Burke and Chole Hogg.

Local Member and State National Party leader Danny O'Brien again visited and was welcomed into the school on Thursday, noting it was good to see the Premier take an interest in a potential development that is long overdue for our community.

It was echoed in both visits that our schools support any proposal from the Mirboo North Schools and Mirboo North Community Gymnasium user groups that funding be included in the next State budget to support a feasibility study and high-level concept design for an Indoor Recreation Facility in Mirboo North. Given that South Gippsland Shire's own Community Stadiums Plan in August 2021 outlined the lack of any such facility in Mirboo North, the shire's third largest town, we as a town need this addressed for community members and school children alike.

For the background of the gym, the Mirboo North Community Gymnasium (Gym) is on the grounds of the Mirboo North Secondary College (Department of Education (DE) land) and it was built in the 1970s.

The community funded 50% of the build cost and DE funded the other 50%. Since then, it has provided an indoor recreation facility for thousands of community members and visitors. It is used by both the Mirboo North Primary and Secondary Schools during the school day, and it is used by a number of different user groups after school hours. The facility itself comprises one small indoor basketball/netball court, a viewing balcony, change rooms, toilets and an office.

That the building has reached the end of its life and planning is required for a facility to meet the existing and future needs, has been recognized by both the community and South Gippsland Shire over the past 10 years.

Over the years it has been suggested that an indoor recreation facility for the community should be built at the recreation reserve. The recreational groups and community have had numerous discussions about the best location. There is broad agreement that locating this facility on the schools' grounds allows for the sporting and healthy activity needs not only of the community but of the 700 students at the schools. It allows for high utilization of a community asset.

The Mirboo North Schools will continue to engage with the DE in relation to this project, which is on their land. However, it should be recognized that the schools alone are not entitled to an expansion of an indoor recreation space based on their numbers. Along with a community gymnasium working group, we will continue to advocate for any redevelopment to happen at the school site.

Our school always looks terrific at this time of year and it's nice to see our fences finally nearing completion. With thanks to the funding from the VSBA, this school led project delivered more than expected, with the Secondary H'wy fencing completed as well in the same project.

A reminder that the 3rd of November will be a report writing day for staff and no children will be on site and the 4th of November is a public holiday.

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards,

Matthew Snell

Principal

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3rd November: Curriculum Day Student Free day	19th November: School Council meeting	18th December: Final day of Term 4
4th November: Melbourne Cup Public Holiday Student free day	21st November: 2026 Prep Transition 9:00-12:30	19th December: Student Free day
7th November: 2026 Prep Transition 9:00-11:30	25th - 27th November: Grade 6 Wilson’s Prom Camp	
13th November: Stormbirds Celebration	27th - 28th November: Grade 2 Inverloch Camp	
14th November: Staff professional development day Student free day	9th December: Statewide Transition day 2026 Prep Transition 9:00-12:30	
17th November: Japanese Drumming Workshop Gr 3/4	10th December: Prep Zoo Excursion Grade 1 Aquarium Excursion	
	17th December: Grade 6 Graduation	

WORKING TOGETHER AWARDS

Presented 10th October



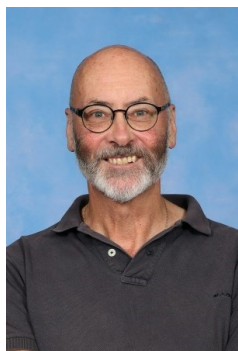
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Harper, Aubrie, Flynn, Rory

WORKING TOGETHER AWARDS

Presented 17th October



Ayla, Scarlett, Natasha, Alahna,
Phoenix,
Aurora, Juno, Edward



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!

THANK YOU

On behalf of Riley we would like to thank our school community for supporting World Cerebral Palsy Day last Friday, by wearing a splash of green and bringing a gold coin donation. We raised \$250 which we will forward to Cerebral Palsy Australia to help them continue to raise awareness and support those living with CP. Well done Riley on your resilience and thank you for continuing to inspire us each and every day with your determination and the way you embrace life. We are very proud of you!



REGIONAL ATHLETICS

We are so proud of all the students who participated last Wednesday, at Regional Athletics! We have 3 students who have qualified for the State Finals in Melbourne in November. A big thanks to Miss Brown, Mel, Vanessa and Steven for driving some students and all the parents who came and supported .



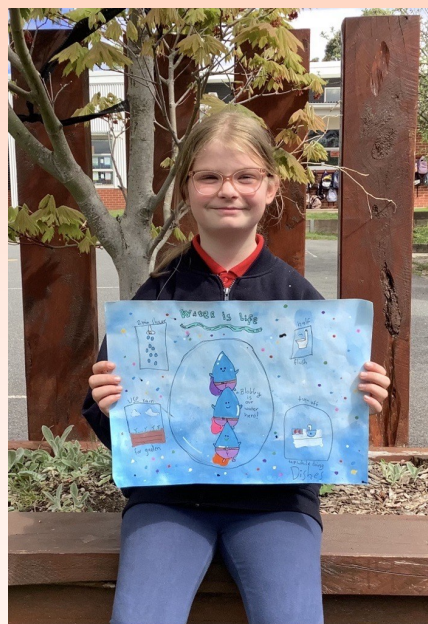
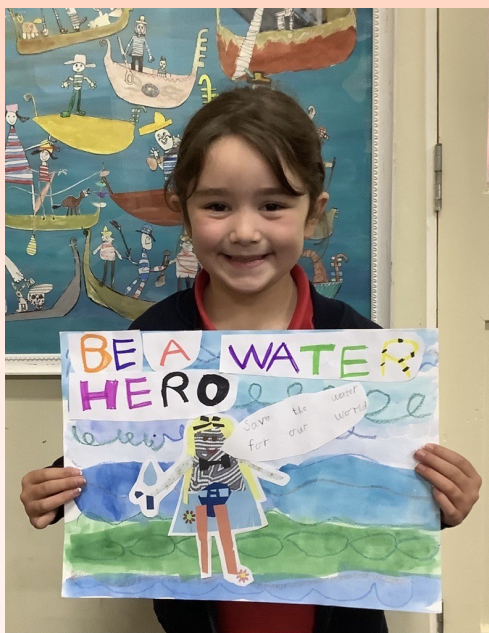
Teddy Bear Hospital

Last Friday the 10th of October our junior school participated in our first Teddy Bear Hospital incursion. The program was ran by the Monash University Rural School of Medicine students. The junior school were taken through 9 activities that related to health and wellbeing. The goal of the program to reduce “white coat anxiety” and normalising and explaining doctor and hospital visits and some health concerns and treatments they may receive over the years. Our preps, 1s and 2’s got to experience a cast on their fingers, pretend x rays, were explained about asthma, germs amongst other topics. “Big Bear” was our special visitor along with our own teddy ‘patients’ we brought from home. The kids had such an amazing time and all the learning was hands on and play based- we learnt a lot. We are very grateful to the students who gave up their time to share their knowledge and skills with our kids.



ART NEWS

This week was National Water Week, and in term 3 all students in Prep to Year 4 had the opportunity to design and create a poster during art lessons to enter into the National Water Week Poster Competition held by Gippsland Water. There were many amazing designs produced by our creative students to communicate this year’s theme for the competition: “Water Heros: Save Every Drop!” We are very proud to announce that two of our extremely talented students were chosen as 1st place winners for their year level categories by Gippsland Water, with Charlotte T. in JKW winning the Foundation category; and Lenny in MTT winning the Year 3 and 4 category. It was also extremely exciting to receive the news this week that, not only did Lenny win the local competition, but her poster was also elected as the 2nd place winner in the statewide competition. Congratulations to these two very deserving winners!





Mirboo North PS TheirCare

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Week 2 – All things Food

Throughout the week the children participated in cooking activities such as making jelly slice, S'mores, pikelets, lemonade, and raspberry and white chocolate muffins. They worked well together, combining the recipe ingredients, measuring and following the instructions. They had a go at making their own restaurant names and menus, enjoyed restaurant role-play and a game of food memory match.

Week 3 – Wild Week

This week we have explored wild antics through lots of craft activities, investigative research, observation and group games.

We began creating our own adventure and exploration board games, enjoyed animal button mosaics, played jungle memory, animal charades and animal tracks discovery game. We had a go at nature Quilling craft and felt animal masks.

In celebration of reptile awareness day we had a go at making origami lizards, completed some reptile fact files, made a lizard habitat, and searched for and studied skinks in their natural environment



TC Tucker is off to a great start!

This World Food Day, we celebrated with the return of our TC Tucker program!

The children have had so much fun experimenting with new tasty recipes and acquiring valuable cooking skills! Check out some of the fantastic dishes we have created together so far.



National Fairy Bread Day

Monday 24th November

Join us for a classic Aussie treat—fairy bread! But it's about more than just sprinkles and smiles. National Fairy Bread Day helps raise awareness and support for kids in need through important charities like The Salvation Army, Foodbank, and The Pyjama Foundation, which we support through our WeCare program.

Book into After School Care on Monday 24th November to enjoy some tasty fairy bread while supporting a great cause—one slice at a time!



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YEARS OF EDUCATION

TARWIN LOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL CENTENARY CELEBRATION

1925-2025

1st November 2025

BACK TO SCHOOL OPEN MORNING

10am -12pm

Tarwin Lower Primary School
School Road
Tarwin Lower

Beady Eye Bush Band performance
School tours
Opening of 80th time capsule

HISTORY & MEMORABILIA DISPLAY

12pm onwards

Tarwin Lower Mechanics Hall
27 River Drive
Tarwin Lower

Reminisce over photos and stories
from TLPS's rich history
Refreshments to enjoy while catching up
with faces from the past.

Centenary pathway pavers for sale throughout the day.
Contact the office on 56 635 263 for further information or
tlpscentenary@gmail.com



The Get Active Kids Voucher Program is open! Get in quick as applications for a voucher will close on 13 November or earlier if the budget allocation is fully exhausted.

Victorian families with a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card can apply for up to \$200 to support their child's sport and active recreation activities. Apply now at www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers

Get \$200 to help your
child play sport!


getactive.vic.gov.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 fully completing 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
**Wednesday
5th November**

When?

12:30pm – 3:00pm
Over 3 Fridays:
November 7th
November 14th
November 21st, 2025

Cost?

FREE - but booking your spot is essential!

To apply or find out more please contact:

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