



MIRBOO NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER NO. 2 - 13th February 2026

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Principal's Report

Upcoming Events

16th February:

School house swimming sports
@ MN Pool

18th February

No school for Preps
Parent Teacher Interviews
Tuning into Kids

20th February:

District Swimming Sports

23rd February:

Open Morning Assembly

25th February:

No school for Preps
Tuning into Kids
School Council Meeting

27th February:

Division Swimming Sports

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I'm pleased to say it's been a busy and enjoyable start to the year at school. Classes have been settling into their routines and teachers have been setting their expectations collectively with their students so that we maximize student voice.

Our School Captains have begun taking on some responsibilities and from next week will be taking over lunch order deliveries to help the process run smoother across the school. The House Captains have also been busy and are learning how they can earn House Points for their House which will go towards some rewards for each house at the end of the term. Thanks to Miss Sperling for organising this.

With Swimming and Parent Teacher Interviews next week we have found it hard to have parents witness the great achievements of their child/ren already this term. So, with that we are hoping to have an 'Open Morning Assembly' on Monday the 23rd at 8:45am. We will have a Coffee Cart on site from 8:15am for you to grab a coffee or hot chocolate on us.

Then after Assembly we hope for you to stay around and come into our open classrooms to have a look at some learning that your child/ren will have displayed. Whilst a short visit, we hope you can make it and see the wonderful

efforts of our students so far this year.

Of late I have sent out some reminders to parents/carers about hats and school uniform expectations. Please note that a personal branded coloured hat/cap is not endorsed by our school uniform and SunSmart policy and from next week we need students to be wearing a school endorsed navy blue wide brim hat. If you need assistance to purchase a hat such as this, please contact the office when you get a chance.

With the weather of late being so warm we are really looking forward to a great Swimming Carnival. We hope to see some families in attendance on Monday and cheer their child/ren on as they compete in several events across the day. Please note the times for events are hard to predict so we can't accurately say what time each event will run.

Good luck to all of the participants on Monday whether they are competing or in the Lap-a-thon for the first time as a Grade 1/2 student.

Regards,

Anthony Collins
Acting Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Term 1

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Division Swimming Sports

4th March:

No school for Preps

Tuning into Kids

9th March:

Labour Day public holiday

Student free day

11th March:

Tuning into Kids

18th March:

School Photos

25th March:

Tuning into Kids

1st April:

Tuning into Kids

2nd April:

Final day of term 1

Term 2

20th April:

First day of term 2

6th May:

District Athletics

8th June:

King's Birthday public holiday

Student free day

26th June:

Final day of term 2

Term 3

3rd July:

First day of term 3

22nd - 24th July:

Grade 5/6 Melbourne Camp

18th September:

Final day of term 3

Term 4

4th October:

First day of term 4

3rd November:

Melbourne Cup public holiday

Student free day

4th - 6th November:

Grade 3/4 Phillip Island Camp

WORKING TOGETHER AWARDS

Presented 30th January



Oakley, Lorelei, Lucy, Indie, Jimmy, Oli

WORKING TOGETHER AWARDS

Presented 6th February



**Scarlett, Haiden, Caleb, Clara,
Zeffie, Hunter, Mason**

2026 School Leaders



Introducing our 2026 School Captains

Pictured Left to right:

Aisling (Vice Captain)

Hudson (Vice Captain)

Ava (Captain)

Victoria (Captain)

Kayliyah (Vice Captain)

Jackson (Vice Captain)

Anthony Collins (Acting Principal)



Clarke House Captains

Alix (Vice), Isaac (Vice), Lucy (Captain), Oscar (Captain)



Fraser House Captains

Grace (Vice), Malena (Captain), Charlie (Captain), Jameson (Vice)



Jackson House Captains

Sophie (Vice), Oli (Vice), Ayla (Captain), Braxton (Captain),
Tabatha (Vice)



Gould House Captains

Maisy (Captain), May (Vice), Poppy (Vice), Blake (Captain),
Oisin (Vice)



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's financial circumstances and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS and EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school excursions, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or support an out of home care student you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid directly to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is \$400 for all school students.

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>



House Swimming Sports

MNPS House Swimming Sports are next **Monday 16th February** at the Mirboo North Swimming Pool.

- ⇒ **Grade 3-6 students will be walking to the pool in the morning and events will begin at 9:30am. There will be heats in the morning followed by finals.**
- ⇒ **Grade 1/2 students will be joining us at the pool at around 10:45am. Grade 1's will be playing some games in the learner pool and the Grade 2's will be having a lap-a-thon in the big pool.**

There is no cost for entry.

Students can wear house colours on the day and will need to bring;

- Bathers
- Towel
- Goggles (if required)
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Lunch and snacks
- Bag for wet clothes

Parents Club are running a BBQ at the sports. Sausages in bread will be available for \$3.00, primas \$2. and Zooper Doopers \$1. The pool's canteen will be open from 12:30pm on the day for confectionery items.

Parents and families are welcome to attend

Students who qualify for the District Swimming event, it will be held on **Friday 20th February** at Korumburra Swimming Pool.

Looking forward to a great day.

HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS

PARENTS CLUB

BBQ LUNCH

\$3 SAUSAGES



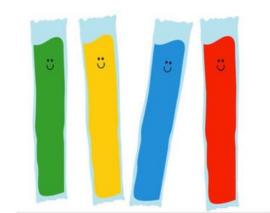
\$2 FRUIT DRINKS



\$3 POPCORN



\$1 ZOOPER DOOPER



Swimming Sports Program

Order of events – approx. 9.30am starting time:

- 100m Open Freestyle (Final)
- 25m Backstroke (Heats)
- 25m Freestyle (Heats)
- 25m Breaststroke (Heats)
- Grade 2 Lap-a-thon & Grade 1 Games approx.. 11:00am
- 50m Backstroke (Finals)
- 50m Freestyle (Finals)
- 50m Breaststroke (Finals)
- 50m Butterfly (Finals)
- Open Girls' 100m Medley (Final)
- 25m Age Group Relays
- Grade 6 students vs Teachers Relay (If Time Permits)

POINTS

Morning Events (Heats) :

Every child gains 1 point per swim.
No points for 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc.

Afternoon events (Finals) :

1st - 4 Points
2nd - 3 Points
3rd - 2 Points
4th - 1 Point

The Referee has full authority over all officials and shall enforce all rules and be in charge of sorting out any disputes or protests which may occur. The Referee has the authority to disqualify competitors for any violation of the rules.

PRESENTATIONS WILL BE MADE AT APPROXIMATELY 2.30 P.M.

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WELLBEING



A great start to 2026

Tuning into Kids!

PARENT CHATS / SESSIONS STARTS THIS COMING WEDNESDAY - 18th FEB

Starting Wed 18th from 1pm-3pm
No cost.

Community Room at MNPS
Chat to Sarah, or your teacher, if you have any questions. Or, enrol by scanning the code on the flyers in newsletter/facey/compass etc.

State School Relief - Uniforms & Food Parcels

Many families are eligible for S.S.R.

You can order up to three times per year to help with uniforms.



If you would like to look further into this, please contact Sarah, or the office, and we will organise an order form. This includes hats, shoes and swim wear.

Thanks to FOODBANK DONATIONS we are also able to provide food parcels for families. Please touch base if you would like some extra support.

What is happening in the HUB?

THANK-YOU to all the resilient students who have been waiting patiently for Breakfast Club to start!

We spontaneously delayed it until next week whilst we settle the Preps into their morning routine.

We are hoping to start next week.
Sorry for any inconvenience.

PARENTS /CARERS WELCOME!
Coffee/Tea in Hub on Mondays after assembly

Fresh fruit is back in the classrooms for 2026

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL):

All students participate in SEL once a week in their classrooms.

MNPS uses the RRRR curriculum and in Term One, the focus is emotional literacy. Students also have a mini focus each week that aligns with our School Values. Our focus this term is CARING.

If you would like to make an appointment time to meet with Sarah (Wellbeing Coordinator) her Wellbeing Days are Monday and Friday.

Sarah teaches Tues-Wed-Thurs from recess. The mornings are generally free for Breakfast Club / Transitions & meeting students individually or in small groups.

MONDAY MORNING - 23rd February. (Time 8.45 - 9.30am)

- Free Coffee Cart = ✓
- Your child's favourite piece of work on display = ✓
- A casual check in with teachers and or the school = ✓
- A chance to catch-up with other parents = ✓
- Some fun for the kids to have parents onsite = ✓
- ALL WELCOME !





Tuning Into Kids

Tuning into Kids is an evidence-based program designed to support parents and caregivers emotionally tune in and support their children.

We work towards giving you a better understanding of your children, yourself, and improve communication, managing emotions, conflict, and challenging behaviours.

Would you like tips and strategies to:

- How to create open communication channels with kids.
- Strategies for helping children manage emotions and conflicts.
- Approaches for addressing challenging behaviours.
- Ways to help kids build resilience, especially in the face of anxiety or stress.

Children with emotional intelligence:

- Have greater success with making and keeping friends
- Show improved concentration at school
- Have fewer illnesses.

DATES: Wednesdays

18th February - 1st April 2026

6 Sessions

No session 18/3

TIME: 1:00pm - 3:00pm

WHERE: Mirboo North Primary School

To register for the Tuning into Kids program, please complete the registration by clicking this link or scan the QR code
2026 TERM 1: TUNING INTO KIDS – Fill out form



E: parentzone.gippsland@anglicarevic.org.au
P: (03) 5135 9555



PARENTZONE

Mirboo North Primary School

Invites



PARENT'S & GUARDIANS

Coffee Cart - Free. Available from 8.20am

Assembly at 8.50am

9 - 9.20am - visit your child's classroom &
they will have their favourite piece of
work for 2026 on their table.



Monday
23/02/26

8.30-
9.30am



TERM 1



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Hello February!

Week 2 – Mythical creatures

Our week was filled with imagination and adventure as we explored the mythical realm. Some activities included designing their own mythical creatures, crafting origami dragons, enchanted sensory garden, bubbling brew experiment, and playing a capture adventure tag game of elves & dragons.

Week 3 – Winter Olympics

This week we have taken inspiration from the Winter Olympic games for our activities such as magnetic ice skater figurines, ice block curling, table hockey, Olympic torch and snowboarding craft, and salt painting Olympic rings.



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FLIPPIN' FUN

PANCAKE PARTY!

TUESDAY 17 MARCH

We're mixing up Shrove Tuesday and St. Patrick's Day cheer! We'll be flipping pancakes, enjoying green crafts, making good luck charms, and playing silly games. Join in the fun during after-school care, at no extra cost to families. To book visit TheirCare.com.au



Check your enrolment is up-to-date, so you're ready when life 'happens'!

You know the feeling – stuck in traffic, an unexpected meeting or appointment, or managing the unexpected! We are ready to support your family with flexible, last minute bookings!

Jump into our booking system and check all your enrolment details are up-to-date, so that we are ready to take your before or after school care booking. There are also some really fun activities planned for throughout Term One that you won't want to miss!! Dive in at theircare.com.au and click the 'Book Now' button.



Something exciting is coming this Autumn...

iSpy Kids!

Packed with mystery, curiosity and fun filled adventures, it will be one school holiday program you won't want to miss! Bookings open soon...

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NDIS Coordinator Onsite at MNSC

The Local Area Coordinator for the NDIS will be on site at Mirboo North Secondary College on the following dates:

Tuesday 24/2/26 Times: 9-1pm

Tuesday 19/5/25 Times: 1-4pm

Tuesday 11/8/25 Times: 9-1pm

Tuesday 8/12/25 Times: 9-1pm

Bookings can be made by contacting Ms Boothman via Mirboo North Secondary College - 5667 9000

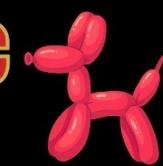
Save the date...
Family Day @ the pool
Friday 13th February 2026

**Mr Music
Kids Show**

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Mr. Music Kids Show

Games, Prizes, Music, Magic, & Balloon Animals!
Join the Fun – Perfect for All Kids’ Events! Book Now!



Games

Prizes

Dancing

Music

Kids Disco

0403-051-761

corieblackley@gmail.com

Featuring Mr Music
from 3.30pm – 5.30pm
More details to follow soon....

YOUTH ACTIVITY EXPO 2026

Thursday 19 &
Friday 20 February

3pm to 6pm

Saturday 21 February

11am to 2pm

Information and Registration
day for youth activities
including:

- Football
- Netball
- Music
- Dance
- Community Youth Programs
- Youth Skills & Job Centre
- Pre School activities & more!

LOCATED
IN CENTRE COURT



Scan the QR to see the
organisations & clubs that
will be participating:



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