



MIRBOO NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Upcoming Events

24th November - 12th December:

Swimming Awareness Program

9th December:

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

10th December:

Prep Zoo Excursion
Grade 1 Aquarium Excursion

12th December:

Grade 5 Bike Ride

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Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow what a few weeks at MNPS.

Last Friday we welcomed our 2026 Preps once more to school to in a continuation of face-to-face transition sessions at the school. Please don't fret if you missed a day and make sure you ring the school with any questions regarding any other transition days or enrolment next year.

Our next transition day is the state-wide transition next Tuesday the 9th of December where every child will meet their teacher for 2026. With some changes across the school to where our staff are teaching, we are excited for the transition day on Tuesday.

Our staff have been working overtime to finish our school year off on the right foot and ensure children are prepared for the change of grades next year. Numerous transition activities have occurred already, on top of camps, the swimming program and different town excursions for performances.

Our grade six children return from Wilson's Promontory this afternoon, after two glorious days of Victorian weather. It is a great finale to seven years of schooling with us for most children. To the parents that attended, our staff consisting of Ms Vansittart, Mrs Vansittart, Mrs Eden, Mr Grinham, Ms Brown, Ms Sperling, your flexibility in a busy time of year provided a wonderful camp for our grade six children that will have lasting memories for all that attended. From swimming, surfing, night walks, wildlife, fishing, cultural understanding, and great food, it is a wonderful experience in a great piece of the world, made perfect by great weather. Even the wombats behaved this year as well!

Mr Collins was reflecting with leadership on what a great start to camping with our school the Inverloch Camp is for our grade 2's. With stories of Weinberg, swimming, aqua play, dinosaur hunts, a night walk and great food it's a terrific

stepping stone into camping at MNPS. Again, thanks to Mrs Banks, Mrs Movchan, Mrs Collins, Mrs Alexander, Mrs Cheatley and Ms Smith.

Watching our children through the last few weeks reconfirmed the benefits of swimming, excursions and camps with peers and once more highlighted how important they are coming into summer. Thanks to all our staff and our parents who have put themselves out to take our kids places and give them great experiences, some of which they will remember for a lifetime.

Please be reminded that you can arrange a meeting if required with teachers at any mutually beneficial time to discuss the progress of your child. Our final reports and comments will be made live on Compass on Wednesday December the 17th. Anyone can request a printed version of the report as well. Our school pool party is booked for the last day of term with children on the 18th of December after our morning assembly and volunteer morning tea. If you are one of the 103 volunteers who have helped this year, please come along as we extend out thanks.

If you haven't heard already our wonderful Chaplain Norm D'Silva is retiring at the close of this term. We have a special assembly and morning tea on the 11th of December starting at 10am between both schools. Please inform other people you know that may be interested in attending this well-deserved celebration. I know I'm looking forward to the send off but not to the part of not having Norm in our schools next year.

Our last two weeks will finish quickly.

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards,

Matthew Snell

Principal

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15th - 17th December:

2026 learning bags available to pick up

16th December:

Final day for canteen orders

17th December:

Grade 6 Graduation

18th December:

Final day of Term 4

Whole school pool party

Normal finish time

19th December:

Student Free day

2026**Term 1****27th January:**

Office open from 9am - 1pm

Learning bags available to pick up

28th January:

First day of term 1 for all students

6th February:

School house swimming sports @ MN Pool

18th March:

School Photos

WORKING TOGETHER AWARDS**Presented 21st November**

Braxton, Kayliah, Aubrie, Lorelei,
Frankie, Liam,

WORKING TOGETHER AWARDS**Presented 28th November**

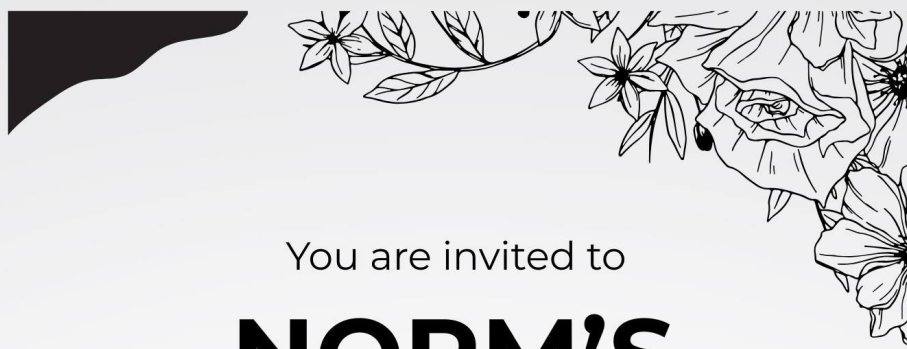
Riley, Ollie, Jagger, Rory, Jayda

**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!

Chaplaincy News continued

Last Friday 28th November was a special night for the Mirboo North Schools' Chaplaincy committee as many of us got together to celebrate and acknowledge the work of our amazing Chaplain Norm DeSilva. For those who may not be aware, earlier this year Norm notified the committee and schools that he would be retiring at the end of 2025. Last Friday was an opportunity for us to reflect on the past almost 23 years, witnessing firsthand the crucial role Norm and the Chaplaincy program has played in the lives and wellbeing of our students and their families. A special assembly and morning tea has been organised for Norm and everyone is welcome to come along and use this as an opportunity to wish Norm well. The assembly and morning tea will be held on Thursday 11th December in the Secondary College auditorium commencing at 10am. Hope to see you there! Thanks Norm and congratulations on an outstanding career.



You are invited to

NORM'S RETIREMENT MORNING TEA

Please join us as we honour Norm's incredible
journey at MNPS and MNSC.

And, celebrate his exciting new chapter.

Thursday **11** December

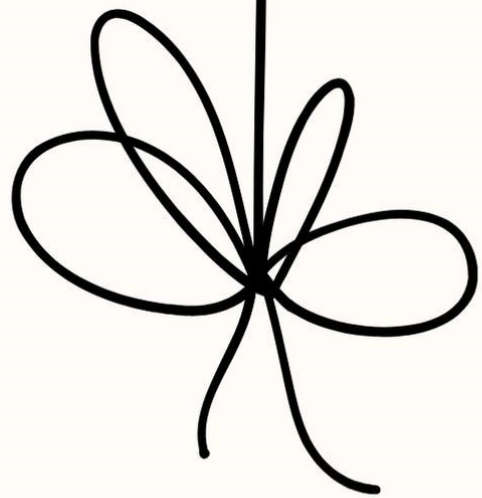
10am - Thankyou/Goodbye Assembly

10.30-11am Morning Tea.

MNSC Auditorium



Thank
you



Dear MNPS Volunteers,

We wanted to extend a heartfelt thank you for helping our school community throughout the year of 2025.

We are truly grateful for the extra support and invite you to a THANKYOU morning tea after our final assembly.

When: Thursday 18th December

Where: School Staffroom

Time: Approx 10 / 10.15am (or... you are also welcome to our assembly at 9am as it will be straight after that!)

WELLBEING @ MNPS

12TH DECEMBER 2025

Getting close to the end of year ..

Wellbeing Dates:

Thursday 11th Dec from 10am
Special Thankyou assembly for
Norm, plus a morning Tea.
(MNSC auditorium & 10.30 staffrooms)

Volunteer Thankyou Morning Tea
Thursday 18th at 10am (ish!)
MNPS staffroom after our whole school
assembly.

State-wide Transition

Tuesday 9th December

All students are meeting their teachers
and classes for 2026.

P-2 students will have a letter in their
bag that day.

Next Year!

Coffee & Chat after Monday morning
assemblies – in hub. (9am)

Coffee Cart in school grounds first day
back. All welcome.

Tuning into Kids – Parentzone
Starts 18/2/26 (6 week program)

Wednesdays 1-3pm

in Hub at MNPS.

All welcome; rsvp to Sarah

Holiday/Christmas Food Parcels



Please let Sarah know
if you would like a
food parcel for the
Christmas holidays.

In the community...



A place for community to connect and
find nourishment. All are welcome at the
table.



Fortnightly on
Thursdays 1-3pm

In the hall at St Mary's
114 Ridgway
Mirboo North

Join us for a cuppa
and a chat. Free take
home meals.

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MN
Community
Garden's
OPEN DAY
is
Sat 13th Dec.
All welcome,
Children are
invited to
plant
strawberries!

**Christmas
in the BOO**
is on
tonight...

Have fun!



Mirboo North PS TheirCare

TERM 4

NEWSLETTER

5th December 2025

Week 8 – Character Week

On Monday the children celebrated National Fairy Bread Day by making their own fairy bread. We discussed the pyjama foundation and its support for children in foster care, all the while enjoying a sweet treat. Throughout the rest of the week the children explored their imaginative adventurous sides, enjoying aspects of design and sharing their favourite characters with their peers. Some of activities included designing their own characters, having a go at sewing their own teddy designs, Pokémon dodgeball group game, and pretend play. We also enjoyed making bottle rockets, volcano eruptions, making fruit doughnuts, and creating bath bombs.



Week 9 – Athletics week

During this week we have had loads of active play including group sports and classic athletic competitive activities. Some highlights have included long jump, hurdles, cricket, and races. Indoor games included ring toss, 10 pin bowling, bean bag bucket toss and Lego mini AFL. They have also enjoyed making slime, bath bombs, Christmas decorations lots of Lego creations and arts and crafts. We finished off our week with a fantastic water fight.



Special dates for the holidays



Who can believe it is the end of the school year already?! We can't! Keep an eye on your inbox for all of our open and closed dates, Holiday Program timetables, and our return to care for the new school year in 2026!

TheirCare GALACTIC CIRCUS

SUMMER 2026 HOLIDAY PROGRAM

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN!!
Book via TheirCare.com.au

From everyone at TheirCare, we thank you for a wonderful year and we wish you and your family a safe and happy holidays!



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FELICE ARENA

Live at Traralgon Library!




Join us for this high-energy, interactive presentation complete with theatre improvisations, as Felice brings his stories to life and jump-starts a lifelong love of books.

Felice Arena's works include the Specky Magee, Farticus Maximus and Sporty Kids series as well as his most recently acclaimed historical adventure novels The Boy and the Spy, Fearless, Frederic and A Great Escape.

Reader's Emporium will be at the library so you can buy his books and get them signed!

Suitable for primary school aged children. Children under 12 must be supervised for the duration of the event.

TRARALGON LIBRARY
Thursday 15 January 11am to 12noon



For more information and to book, scan the QR code or visit our book library.



Stay local

SCAN THE QR CODE TO FIND OUT MORE. Book online or at your local library.

JOIN, BORROW, READ, AND WIN!

Big Summer Read Fun Days!
Traralgon Library
Thursday 15 January 2026
11am to 2pm

Item Felice Arena*
• Smoothie bowl*
• Arts and crafts*

Moe Library
Friday 23 January 2026
11am to 2pm

Big Summer Reading Club
Latrobe Regional Gallery Morwell
Tuesday 13 January 2026
2pm to 3pm

Churchill Library
Fri 16 January 2026
11am to 12noon

Bookings required. *Drop-in sessions for all ages.

WIN PRIZES!
National and Statewide Prizes
• Book bundles, Kobo, headphones, and more!

Latrobe City Draw
• Special prize bags

Latrobe City Council

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Free school holiday activities for the entire family

JANUARY 2026

Lego Lab
2pm to 4pm
Traralgon Library
Mon 12 Jan

Age 5+
Drop-in session

Summer Storytime
10.30am to 11.30am
Traralgon Library
Tue 13 Jan

Age 5 to 9
Bookings preferred

Latrobe Regional Gallery Morwell
Tue 13 Jan

BBR Reading Club
2pm to 3pm
Latrobe Regional Gallery Morwell
Tue 13 Jan

Age 8+
Summer patterned

Churchill Library
Fri 16 Jan

GameFest
1pm to 4pm
Moe Library
Wed 14 Jan

Age 8 to 15
Drop-in session

Wiggle & Jiggle Go Go Go!
9.30 to 10am
Latrobe Regional Gallery Morwell
Wed 14 Jan

Age 18 months to 2 years
Bookings preferred

Churchill Library
Tue 22 Jan

Library Up Late - Teens
6pm to 8.30pm
Traralgon Library
Fri 16 Jan

Age 13+
Drop-in session

All Games and Scavenger Hunt
All libraries during opening hours
Sat 20 Dec 2025 to Friday 28 Jan 2026

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JANUARY 2026

KUBO Primary
Coding
Traralgon Library
Wed 14 Jan
11am to 12noon

Age 7 to 12
Bookings required

KUBO Preschool
Coding & Story
Moe Library
Wed 27 Jan
11am to 12noon

Age 1 to 5
Bookings preferred

Family Movie
Moe Library
Sat 24 Jan
9.30am to 11.30am

All ages
Bookings preferred

Family Trivia
Morwell Library
Sat 17 Jan
2pm to 4pm

All ages
Bookings preferred

Fun with Monsters
Drawing Workshop
Traralgon Library
Tue 20 Jan
11am to 12noon

Age 7 to 12
Bookings preferred

Manga Workshop
Traralgon Library
Sat 20 Jan
1.30pm to 3pm

Age 12 to 17
Bookings preferred

Big Summer Read Fun Day!
Moe Library
Friday 23 January 2026
11am to 2pm

Creative Writing Workshop*
Sat 24 Jan 11.30 to 12.00pm (Book 13 to 17)
• Smoothie bowl*
• Arts and crafts*

Bookings required. *Drop-in sessions for all ages.

Latrobe City Council



The Fire Brigade are running their annual lolly run on Thursday 18th December starting at 5pm.

Look out for Santa and listen for the sirens.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ART PROGRAM

Angel Art School and Studio Gallery
Shop 2 75 Ridgway
Ph. 0409463437 Mirboo Nth

Art Sessions
Mon to Fri
10am - 11am
12pm - 1pm
2pm - 4pm double session
Evening Session
6 - 8pm double session

Children's Holiday Program

Bookings Available Now All Welcome

Gallery Space and Artist Studio

Art Journal Sessions

Workshops

Learn and practise the Art Elements and Principles

Unwind

Develop your style, process and artwork

Please just drop into the shop.

Angel Art School 0409463437

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Mirboo North
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Announcing Italian Language Classes

Children 5pm Mon + Tue

Adults 6pm + 7pm

Bookings Open Now

Learn to speak Italian by a qualified Language Teacher

Benvenuti! (welcome)

Evening Sessions Mondays + Tuesdays

\$30 per hourly session



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](#)



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P: (03) 5135 9555

Tuning in to Kids **PARENTZONE**



St Mary's Anglican Church Mirboo North

Welcomes you to Hope Kitchen

A place for community to connect and find nourishment. All are welcome at the table.



Fortnightly on Thursdays 1-3pm Join us for a cuppa and a chat. Free take home meals.

In the hall at St Mary's 114 Ridgway Mirboo North

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St Mary's Anglican Church Mirboo North

Welcomes you to Hope Kitchen

Thursday 6th November 2025
Thursday 20th November 2025
Thursday 4th December 2025
Thursday 18th December 2025
Thursday 1st January 2026
Thursday 15th January 2026
Thursday 29th January 2026
Thursday 12th February 2026
Thursday 26th February 2026

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