



MIRBOO NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Upcoming Events

12th August:

Parent Teacher Interviews

21st August:

Book Character Dress up for Book Week

22nd August:

Stormbirds Celebration

25th & 26th August:

Clancy the Bee Man

29th August - 19th

September:

Jump Rope for Heart

5th September:

Fathers Day Stall

Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Friends,

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Today, a Compass message was sent out regarding our Semester 2 Parent/Teacher Interviews, which will be held next Tuesday, 12th August. Booking times remain open on Compass if you have not yet made an appointment with your child's teacher. If this date is not suitable, please contact your child's teacher to arrange an alternative time for a catch-up. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to reflect on the progress students made in Semester 1 and to discuss any goals, strategies, or concerns regarding their learning and wellbeing throughout the remainder of the year.

Early Finish Tuesday 12th August

Due to our Parent/Teacher Interviews being held next Tuesday, school will finish early at 12:00pm. We understand that for some families (especially with students who catch the bus), picking up their children early will not be possible. We will be providing supervision for all students who cannot be collected. To assist us in planning this supervision, we ask that families contact the school office to let us know if their child/ren will be staying at school for the full day (phone call or email).

100 Days of School

Congratulations to our Prep Students for passing the special milestone of now having been at school for over 100 days. It was terrific to see so many colourful outfits at last Friday's assembly and to hear about the different ways the Prep-2 classes were celebrating this achievement. I was lucky enough to be walking past the prep rooms at the right time, which meant stopping by for a little dance at their disco. Thank you to our prep families for supporting this event.

Regional Girls Netball Team

Finally, I'd also like to congratulate our Girls Netball Team for the fantastic effort and skill they displayed when competing at the Gippsland Regional Sports Complex in Sale last week. Miss Sperling spoke very highly of the team's perseverance, having had to play many back-to-back games. Well done to **Lucy, Sienna, Kaylia, Marley, Lucinda, Georgie, Bree, Olivia and Clem**. Thank you to Miss Sperling for organising this event and to the families who accompanied and supported the team on the day.

On Monday we look forward to welcoming Mr. Snell back from his holiday. I am sure he will be extremely happy and proud to hear that our students have continued to be **confident, capable and caring** in his absence.

Have a wonderful (and hopefully sunny) weekend,

Ross Grinham
Acting Principal

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS**Term 3****12th August:**

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Division Athletics

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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

20th - 22nd October:

Grade 3/4 Coonawarra Camp

4th November:Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Student free day**26th - 28th November:**

Grade 6 Wilson's Prom Camp

10th December:Prep Zoo Excursion
Grade 1 Aquarium Excursion**19th December:**

Last day of Term 4

**WORKING TOGETHER AWARDS****Presented 25th July**

Poppy, Ollie, Cassie, Logan, Lara,
MNSC Students,
Murray, Sophie, Wiley, Wyatt, Sonny

WORKING TOGETHER AWARDS**Presented 1st August**

Alex, Olivia, Jake, Eamon, Billy
Bailey, Mackenzie, Ayla, Jett



PREPS CELEBRATE 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

Last Friday was the 100th day of school for our 2025 Preps. We were lucky enough to have our grade 1's and 2's (junior school experts) help the Preps to celebrate in style with the theme "100 Days Brighter".

Preps enjoyed some activities that were just for them before recess including a dance party with music and disco lights.

The Preps/ 1s and 2's were then put into 4 groups where they rotated through some different '100' themed activities including 100 year old games, 100's and thousands 'fairy bread', 100 piece puzzles and some 100 glasses craft.

Thanks to the amazing Miss Calafiore who made us her very special 100 ripple cake. In fact 2 this year to make sure everyone got a piece!

Everyone had a great time.



Last week I had 100 days of school. We made glasses. My



On Friday we had 100 days of school and we got to make fairy bread and we got to eat a cake and my favourite thing was the cake. - Charlie.



On Friday we celebrated 100 days



On Friday we had a party for the preps 100 days of school. My favourite bit was when we had a cake and when we made glasses. - Lydia.



On Friday we had a party for 100 days of school. I liked the dance party and I liked that we made necklaces and crowns. Everything was the best. - Alice.



Last Friday it was 100 days of school. My favourite part was eating the cake. Also my second favourite thing was solving puzzles. - Hunter.

Region Netball



3rd in the Gippsland Region! Congratulations to our Girls Netball team who did a fantastic job at Regionals last Wednesday. All girls played so well! A big thank you to the parents and grandparents for coming along and supporting the team.

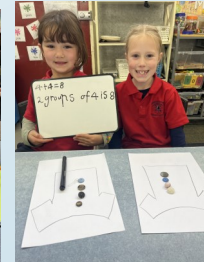
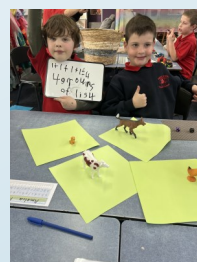
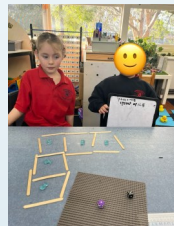
Indigenous Session with P-2s

A big thankyou to Anne-Maree for an amazing session with our P-2s yesterday! The kids loved learning about Indigenous culture and the special Country and Place our school sits on. Exploring the different artifacts was a big hit.



Prep/1 Maths

This week, our Prep/1 students started their unit of work on multiplication. We are learning to model multiplication stories by making equal groups using hands-on materials like cars, beads and dinosaurs, and writing matching number sentences.



MNPS AND MNSC COLLABORATED TO MARK NAIDOC 2025

The Primary School hosted a wonderful group of Secondary students who came and read Dreaming Stories to the Prep/1 and then the 1/2 classes.

The Primary School kids loved being read to and enjoyed the dreamtime stories chosen. The secondary college students were all very responsible and respectful and helped the junior kids feel at ease in their small reading circles.

Thanks Anne-Maree our hard-working KESO and member of both our school communities and all the teachers from the SC involved. Was a great experience all around



WELLBEING @ MNPS - 8TH AUGUST

External counselling at MNPS

Welcome Brylee!!
(Uniting Counselling)

Relationships Australia (Caitlyn) has been supporting MNPS since 2023> Caitlyn works fortnightly, with some of our students. She has been with us from the start, and has supported many students on their journey.

Last year, Uniting, also started with MNPS. Unfortunately, they had to postpone their counselling sessions last term due to funding, however we are excited to share that they are back with us for term 3 and 4!

Brylee is our new counsellor and she started this week. She will be working fortnightly and we welcome her to the MNPS fold.

Some parents will be receiving a phone call from Brylee (if they have not already) to reassess the referrals made earlier this year. If you do not think your child needs counselling anymore, please let Brylee know and we will move to the next person on the waitlist.

However, if you think your child **would** benefit from some external support, please touch base with Sarah and she will help you with the referral process and add your child's name to the current waitlist.

FOOD PARCELS (& uniforms)

Please feel free to touch base with Norm or Sarah if you would like a food parcel sent home with your child.

Food parcels can contain:

- bread
- milk (UHT full cream &/or lactose free)
- cans of spaghetti / baked beans
- oats / muesli and/or cereal
- honey and vegemite
- tuna and quinoa lunch bowls
- tomato and rice lunch packs
- cans of Two Fruits



Also, don't forget we can make some **winter uniform** orders from **State School's Relief**. All we need is your child's clothing and shoe size. Again, touch base with Sarah, or Julie/Kate in the office.

CARING & CAPABLE in the yard

11-15 AUGUST CARING is ...
I can be quiet and calm when I visit the toilets.

18-22 AUGUST CARING is ...
Making sure only P-2 students play on the little playground

Stormbirds - Term 3



Stormbirds has started for term 3.
3-4's - Wednesday mornings with Sarah & Norm
P-2 - Thursday's with Beth & Donna.

Families of the students are invited to a STORMBIRDS celebration,
Friday 22nd August at 8.45am.
In the hub.

CLANCY LESTER



The Bee Man!

Who is Clancy?

In our Sustainability lessons (late August) we are going to have a special visitor come and present to all our students.

His name is Clancy...
but is also known as,

Australia's NATIVE Bee Man 🐝

- 🐝 Scientist - Biology 🐝
- 🌿 Environmental Educator 🌿
- 🌍 Inspiring Nature Lovers 🦋
- 🇦🇺 Bunurong Country 🇦🇺🇦🇺🇦🇺

Clancy has a passion for native bees; his work aims to help bees, in their urgent need for conservation.

Instead of just one year level participating, Clancy is going to share a presentation and a workshop with each year level; over 2 days.

AND, in the workshop, each year level will make a **native bee hotel** for a designated area in our beautiful community.

Prep - Ones (**School Veggie Garden**)

One -Two's (**School Arbo**)

Three - Fours - **Baths Road Reserve**

Year 5's - **MN Railtrail**

Year 6's - **Lyrebird Walk**

We're SUPER excited!



When is he coming?

Monday 25th August:

9-10:30 - Prep / One

11 - 12:40 - Year 6s

13:30 - 3:00 - Year 5's

Tuesday 26th August:

9-10:30 - One / Two's

11 - 12:40 - MOR and MJM

13:30 - 3:00 MJE and MTT

Material Drive

To help with costs we are going to run a material drive.

Some people MIGHT have some of the following in their sheds, gardens or hanging around.

If you do, and can help, please touch base with Sarah. Thankyou!!

For our native bee hotels we will need:

- Bamboo (the older & drier the better)
- Pithy stems like lamiaceae, lantana,
- Any dead flower stems, ie. kangaroo paw, dead agapanthus stems, native reeds,
- PVC pipe, (approx 50-70mm diameter)
- tin cans, or other recycled hollow tubes that can be used as an outer casing to hold bamboo.
- Paper bark, or something like bark, to wrap the pvc pipes or containers to make them beautiful,
- Clay,
- Sand,
- Thin wire/string,
- Besser blocks or ceramic pipe,
- native hardwood cut to lengths of approx ~200mm.



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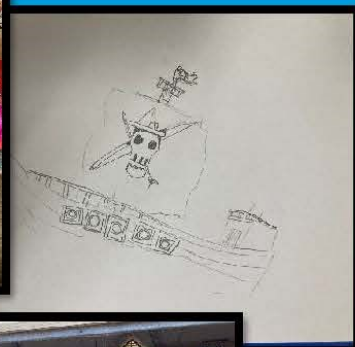
Welcome to Term 3!

We extend a warm welcome back from the school holidays and wish everyone a fantastic start to Term 3.

We hope everyone had a wonderful time over the holidays and enjoyed their break.

Our 'We are the champions' holiday program was a great success with the children jumping on board some fantastic adventures such as laser tag, our excursions to see the production 'Children are Stinky' and the movie 'Elio', individualizing their own beanies and creating a pop art Ninja Teddy.

Week one has seen us delve into all sorts of artistic activity within our 'Colourtastic' theme. They have enjoyed paint pouring, splatter art, painting with marbles, rainbow in a jar, rainbow slime and sensory bag, designing a pirate sail, and colour tag.



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