



MIRBOO NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER NO. 15 - 5th September 2025

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Upcoming Events

29th August - 19th

September:

Jump Rope for Heart

8th September:

Special Persons Morning
Grade P-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

Jump Rope for Heart - Jump off

Hot Dog day

No canteen

Early dismissal 2:00pm

Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Friends,

A huge week at Mirboo North Primary this week with different events happening daily. With the basketball lightning premiership, our campfire night on Wednesday night, a department child safety audit, a trip to Foster for some students at their First Nations Celebration Day, the outdoor education program running, an incursion from Vic Offroad Motorcross series competitor Andy Wilksch and the parents club Father's Day stall; there has been wonderful experiences for our children. Thanks again to our staff and volunteers for making a lot of these things possible.

Congratulations again to the Mirboo North Schools' Chaplaincy on their ongoing drive and volunteering to ensure our schools are supported with extra wellbeing support and pastoral care and in our case the presence of Norm in our school. Over 21 years there has been countless volunteers in our community that have supported chaplaincy in our schools. A morning tea was held at the Community Foundation yesterday and those in attendance heard of the importance for chaplaincy support and were told the chaplaincy position is currently advertised as our wonderful Norm D'silva shifts into a different mode of life next year. This will be a huge change for chaplaincy, and they/we are planning for as best we can.

2026 Planning

At this time of the year, many decisions and arrangements are being made in preparation for the 2026 school year. To assist in our planning, we would appreciate being notified immediately of any the following situations. New enrolments (2026 Preps and other levels) – if you know of any new enrolments, please notify the office. Moving away – if you are not returning to us in 2026 (Grade 6 excluded), please notify the office of your impending departure or feel free to arrange a meeting with me. If you have any specific concerns around grade transition to 2026, please notify me in writing or again arrange a meeting, no later than Friday the 21st of November. Whilst there are no guarantees, reasonable concerns will be considered.

We currently have 285 students enrolled at the school which is 10 less than at census time at the start last year and are currently planning on 275 students being here at the start of 2026. We are planning at this stage to have the same number of grades for next year.

Emergency Evacuation/Lock Down

As part of OHS and Emergency Management we have already preformed a lock down drill and evacuation drill and now will be preparing for a shelter in place fire drill. Our shelter in place is at the Secondary College and this drill will be conducted early next term. The whole process should take no more than 30 minutes and is part of normal OHS planning.

As mentioned earlier we had a Child Safety audit, which was extremely beneficial in building on what is already in place at the school. At School Council and every staff meeting we always speak of child safety and raise questions or concerns as the year progresses, which assisted in our audit. Any perceived or actual areas of risk have had modifications occur or have been fully addressed.

Compass email last week/Parent Opinion Survey

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 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.

Many Thanks

Matthew Snell

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 **Bendigo Bank**

Community Bank
Mirboo North & District

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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

14th November:

Staff professional development day

Student free day

19th November:

School Council meeting

21st November:

2026 Prep Transition 9:00-12:30

25th - 27th 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 22nd August**

Marley, Bree, Thomas,
Tabatha, Gaia, Indianna

WORKING TOGETHER AWARDS**Presented 29th August**

Alex, Scarlett,
Oakley, Hunter, Oscar, Luke,
Lizzie, Sophie, Harvey, Bailey, Alice

Jump Rope for Heart update

We're skipping through the term!

Jump Rope for Heart is well underway and it's great to see so many children out in the playground skipping with smiles on their faces. MNPS has already raised \$1881.

It's not long until our Jump Off Day on Friday 19th September so keep on practicing those tricks! And don't forget to share your online fundraising page with friends and family to raise money for a great cause!

Still need to sign up online? It's easy just follow this link and enter your details at

www.jumprope.org.au/parents



Interschool Showjumping Festival

Well done Olivia Snell and her pony Bingoh for earning Overall Champion in the freshman's section, representing Mirboo North Primary School at the Stratford PC Interschool Showjumping festival last Saturday. First place in the 50cm round and second place in the 55cm round



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.)

Friday 12th September

SRC are holding a Pyjama Dress up day next Friday.

Please bring a gold coin donation, which will go towards supporting a better life for foster kids!

YOU ARE INVITED TO

Gippsland's Biggest
P.J. DAY

SUPPORTING A BETTER LIFE
FOR FOSTER KIDS

WEAR YOUR OODIES,
ONESIES OR PJS ON
SEPTEMBER 12TH, OR JUST
PUT OUT A TIN FOR
DONATIONS

12 SEPT

ABetterLife
FOR FOSTER KIDS

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST ONLINE TO RECEIVE UPDATES
[HTTPS://ABETTERLIFEFORFOSTERKIDS.ORG.AU/GIPPSLANDS-BIGGEST-P-J-DAY/](https://abetterlifeforfosterkids.org.au/gippslands-biggest-p-j-day/)



Mirboo North PS TheirCare

TERM 3

NEWSLETTER

5th September 2025

Week 6 – Hobbies and Recreation

Throughout the week the children enjoyed exploring some of their own recreational activities of interest and sharing them with their peers. These included various sports, chess, search and find activities, and individual passive activities such as reading. We also introduced hobbies the children hadn't experienced before such as bird spotting and recording, landscape painting, still life drawing, and knitting.

Week 7 – Inspirational Men

During the lead up to Father's Day we have had lots of crafty special person's gift creating including decorating mugs and plates, personalised rustic coasters, cards, spray art craft, and 'All about my...' special person activity. We have also had fun learning about inspirational men including Isaac Newton, through play with gravity by comparing items and the effect of air resistance, and Newton's laws of motion with bottle rockets, rubber band cars and spinners and the impact of various forces. We also discussed David Attenborough and Steve Irwin and their contributions to conservation and awareness of our environmental impact.



Secret Garden

SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAM

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN!

Book to secure your child's spot in this magical journey of fun and discovery at TheirCare.com.au



FEEL GOOD FIESTA



Date: Thursday 11th 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

Proudly supporting
R U OK?

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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.

You're Invited!

Circle of Security™ Parenting Program



Circle of Security
INTERNATIONAL

At times, all parents feel lost... Imagine what it might feel like to truly understand what your child is asking from you.

The Circle of Security™ Parenting Program helps you make sense of your child's emotional needs and deepen your connection. Based on decades of research, this program supports stronger, more secure parent-child relationships. The focus of this Program is for parents with children from 0 to 5 years.

THE PROGRAM WILL HELP YOU:

- Strengthen the bond with your child.
- Understand and respond to their emotional needs.
- Build your child's self-esteem and security.
- Support emotional development.
- Boost your confidence and joy in parenting.

Location: Leongatha Early Learning Centre 13 Symmons Street, Leongatha

Time: 10.00am to 11.30am

Start Date: Wednesday 8 October – runs for 8 weeks

RSVP: Monday 24 September

This course is completely FREE of charge – materials all provided

Please note this Program is for parents only. However, babies under 4 months are welcome.



To RSVP please scan the QR code or contact Maternal Child Health on 5662 9294 or email mch@south Gippsland.vic.gov.au

For more information please visit: circleofsecurityinternational.com



David McCall & The VM Show Band



The Bright Side of the Road!

An amazing tribute to the legendary

Van Morrison

Doors Open 7pm Band 7.30pm

Saturday 6 September 2025

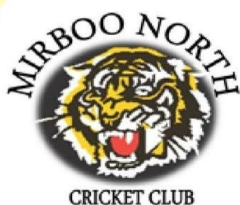
Tickets \$25 Concession \$20 <http://trybooking.com/DDMRY>
BYO Drinks and Nibbles

Mirboo North Hall 30 Ridgeway, Mirboo North.

Information: 0492 474 660



JUNIOR 'COME & TRY' SESSIONS



**WEDNESDAY 10TH &
17TH SEPTEMBER
4.30PM
CRICKET NETS
BOTTOM OVAL
WALTER J TUCK RESERVE**

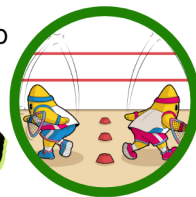
**ALL BOYS & GIRLS AGED
8-16 YEARS INTERESTED IN
CRICKET THIS SUMMER ARE
ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND
ONE OR BOTH SESSIONS**

**ENQUIRIES TO CLAIRE BANKS
JUNIOR COORDINATOR
0400 253 416**



Baw Baw Squash Club

HOLIDAY PROGRAM



Dates :

Sept 23, 24, 25, 30 & Oct 1, 2

Price :

\$60 for all 6 sessions

Time :

10:00am - 12:00pm

REGISTER NOW!

No equipment or
experience required!

bawbawsquashclub@gmail.com
270 Settlement rd, Drouin

BAROMI TENNIS CLUB

SATURDAY JUNIOR TENNIS



We are looking for both boys & girls to play in teams in our 3 different age groups:

A grade - 18 & under, B grade - 15 & under, C grade - 12 & under (down to age 9 or so). Beginners are most welcome.

Junior fees for the whole season are only \$50 for the whole season.

All kids get to play both doubles & singles.

Matches are played on Saturday mornings during Term 4 (2025) & Term 1 (2026) at the courts at the Recreation Reserve and courts of surrounding clubs - Mardan, Leongatha, & Fish Creek. No play over Christmas holidays.



For more Information and to register interest please
contact Lesa: 0417 682 722

A HALLOWEEN EVENT

THE CURSE OF DUMBALK



- THE WITCHES MOVIE
- TREAT BAGS FOR THE CHILDREN
- FUN AND GAMES FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

TICKETS \$5.50

Tickets sales are online only.



**From 6.30pm Friday October 31st
Dumbalk Hall - Farmers Road Dumbalk**



Brought to you by the Dumbalk & District Progress Association. Supported by the Sh Gippsland Council.