



# MIRBOO NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER NO. 1 - 30th January 2026

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### Upcoming Events

#### **4th February:**

No school for Preps

#### **11th February:**

No school for Preps

#### **12th February:**

School house swimming  
sports @ MN Pool

#### **18th February**

No school for Preps  
School Council meeting

#### **20th February:**

District Swimming Sports

### **Principal's Report**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a fabulous start to the 2026 school year, and I'll make a special mention of our preps who have settled incredibly well considering the three continuous days and higher temperatures.

Remembering that next week, those preps have no school on Wednesdays due to testing for the following few weeks. Prep teachers will communicate more about this soon. The teachers overall are reporting very settled grades and whilst some anxieties are present our Wellbeing Coordinator, Sarah Linton, has the Wellbeing Hub supporting many families and students through these hurdles.

If you are new to Mirboo North Primary School, I hope you have had a particularly good start to your child/children's schooling with us and will have a great learning journey overall.

- Karen Woods and Nicole Hobbs along with Carolyn Movchan are our prep teachers and Claire Banks, Odette Reynolds, Ross Grinham and Cherie Beveridge make up our 1/2 team.
- In our 3/4 team we welcome to our school Melissa Williams alongside Justin Mercer and Taylor Twite who continue in this cohort also.
- Our 5/6 Team are Warren Turner, Merryn Joustra, Jess Clarke and in the 6's Chloe Brown, Rachael Vansittart and Joel McDonald.

Our specialist team consists of Kate Sperling in PE, Jasmin Burton in Art, Kathy Dunsmuir in Library, Nicholas Houghton in Digital Technology, Sarah Linton in Music/Wellbeing and Tersha Van Den Ham in Sustainability. Joel McDonald is, in conjunction with our Koorie Education Support Officer, Anne-Maree Stever, helping to deliver content around the rich and thriving culture, knowledge and experiences of our First Nations peoples. Kirsty Richardson is also working across our school on Tuesdays. A special mention to our Education Support (ES) staff who have completed some learning early in the year around how best to support our children in the classroom alongside our teachers. Our ES play a vital part in making the start of the year as smooth as possible for our students, teachers and parents.

On board this year we have Kate Vansittart, Julie Vansittart, Jacqi Wilkins, Danielle Eden, Michelle Cheatley, Fergus Elliot, Belinda Alexander, Larissa Peters, Adele Giardina, Emma Read, Ebony Smith, Molly Jepson and Mary Gourlay who have more gone out of their way to ensure the best start possible for our school.

We also have some school-based traineeships with Tyler Peters and Charlie Crutchfield commencing at our school, and being former students, it's fantastic to see them back in our setting.

As Matthew is away for the beginning of the first term please see or communicate with me at any time via the office throughout the first few weeks if you would like to arrange a meeting or chat at any stage.

I feel with the new fencing, school drop off zones; quick drop off/pick up at Art Room Gate / Parking on Balook St, parent waiting areas; Outside Art Room and Coloured Tables next to Basketball Court and when needed Wellbeing Hub support, we are creating a very safe and professional learning environment for our students, staff and parent community.

If you are unaware of our bell times the first bell still ringing at **8.45am** to start our school day. At **10.40am** children take their playlunch outside and then recess finishes at **11.00am**. At **12.40pm** children have lunch in their rooms before going outside at **12.47pm**. **1.26 pm** is the end of lunchtime and **3.05pm** is the end of day.

On a final note, if you could please ensure that your details are up to date at the office that would make things easier in case of emergency. With changes to the 'CATASTROPHIC' fire rated days it is a reminder of the importance of correct details. We will send out a sms via Compass in such an event, but if we have a wrong number in all likelihood you won't receive one!

Many thanks and I hope your child/children has/ have a fantastic year.

Anthony Collins

Acting Principal

## ***CALENDAR OF EVENTS***

### **Term 1**

**4th February:**

No school for Preps

**11th February:**

No school for Preps

**12th February:**

School house swimming sports @ MN Pool Final day of term 1

**18th February**

No school for Preps

School Council meeting

**20th February:**

District Swimming Sports

**25th February:**

No school for Preps

**27th February:**

Division Swimming Sports

**4th March:**

No school for Preps

**9th March:**

Labour Day public holiday

Student free day

**18th March:**

School Photos

**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

## ***Annual privacy reminder for our school community***

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#) and the [Schools' Privacy Collection Notice](#).

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy [\[please click here\]](#), describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Dari
- Gujarati
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu

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# WELLBEING



## Welcome to 2026!

### Tuning into Kids! Afternoon sessions for PARENTS & CARERS

Starting Wed 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Onsite Counsellors

We welcome back our crowd favourite, Brylee, from Uniting, for Term 1. And, are also excited to welcome Bree from Relationships Australia who will be working onsite once a fortnight for Terms 1 and 2.

### State School Relief - Uniforms.

Many families are eligible for S.S.R. and 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.



### First Week Updates:

Well-done to all our NEW PREPS for a great start to school.

Breakfast Club will start next Thursday; 5th February.

Fruit for the classrooms will arrive Monday

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

Year 6's are running for House Captaincy on Monday.

Hope Kitchen did a spontaneous delivery to MNPS yesterday. Some grateful families received home cooked meals. If you would like to be added to this list (once a f/n) please contact Sarah.

Our prep students seem to have had a settled start and are having lots of fun with their Year 6 buddies at recess and lunch.

Bobby and Dave have already had some crazy first week adventures.

The HUB is well used in the mornings and at lunch. It's been lovely to be able to open the folding doors again.

**SEL:** All students are discussing and brainstorming our school values and school expectations for their Social and Emotional Learning. Eg. What does caring look like in the classroom?

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.



# 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>





TERM 1



Mirboo North PS TheirCare

# NEWSLETTER

30 January 2026

## Welcome to a New Year!

We hope everyone has had a fantastic start to the new year and enjoyed a wonderful break over the holidays.

Our TheirCare attendees had a great time during our 'Galactic Circus' Holiday Program, enjoying some in service fun such as popcorn slime and circus skills. Our excursions to the cinemas, STEM Zone and Ten pin bowling were thoroughly fun filled.



### A big hello to our NEW and returning TheirCare families!

Welcome to the new school year and to TheirCare! We are thrilled to have you and your children join us. Our program is designed to provide a fun and relaxed environment where children have the freedom to engage in a variety of activities, from arts and crafts to sports, or simply explore their interests at their own pace.

LET'S CELEBRATE THE 2026 OLYMPIC

## WINTER GAMES!

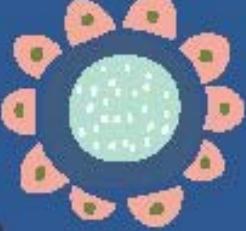


FEBRUARY 9 - 13th

We're excited to kick off the new school year with our first week-long program activation: the 2026 Winter Olympic Games! Lots of fun on the surface, with plenty of meaningful moments underneath! ❤️

A week of Winter Olympic-themed activities that celebrate teamwork, culture, and connection, one silly game at a time!

### Back to school!!



Thank you to everyone who joined the fun for our "Galactic Circus!" Summer Holiday Program, now it's time to head back to school!

**Before school care hours: 6:30 - 8:30AM**

**After school care hours: 3:04 - 6:15PM**

**We can't wait to see you!**

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# Mirboo North Schools

## Canteen Pricelist

Price List Effective from January 28th, 2026



Sauce Portions - Tomato, Soy, BBQ, Mustard

50c

We Recommend ordering via QKR our online ordering system

Items in Blue must be ordered

Chicken Nuggets (4) (GF)	\$ 3.00
Crispy Chicken Strips (3)	\$ 3.50
Dim Sims (3)	\$ 3.50
Meat Pie	\$ 4.50
Sausage Roll	\$ 4.00
Vegetarian Pastie (V)	\$ 5.00
Cheese & Spinach Roll (V)	\$ 5.00
Hot Dogs (FRIDAYS ONLY)	\$ 4.50
Party Pies (Primary School Only)	\$ 1.50

Items in Green only available online

### Cold Wraps, Rolls & Salads

Salad	Roll \$6.00	Wrap \$6.00	Tub \$6.00
Ham & Salad	Roll \$6.50	Wrap \$6.50	Tub \$6.50
Chicken & Salad	Roll \$6.50	Wrap \$6.50	Tub \$6.50
Egg & Salad	Roll \$6.50	Wrap \$6.50	Tub \$6.50

**Gluten Free Wraps Available 50c extra**

### Warm Chicken Wraps \$7

with chicken strips and variety of sauces available  
GF, Sweet Chilli or Chicken tender 50c

\*\*\* Not available on Fridays \*\*\*

### Sandwiches \$3.50-\$4.50

Ham & Cheese; Ham Cheese & Tomato;  
Tomato & Cheese; Chicken Lettuce & Mayo,  
Egg, Lettuce & Mayo

Nachos (GF) (V)	\$ 5.00
Gluten Free Meat Pie / Sausage Roll	\$ 7.50

### Menu Item Availability Subject to Stock Availability



by  
MasterCard

Order Anytime, Find Specials,  
& tailor your made to order item  
using QKR our online ordering system

Preferred Payment Method



QKR Website ordering : [www.canteen.tk](http://www.canteen.tk)

### Drinks

600ml Water	\$ 2.00
Nippy's Juice Box - 250ml Apple, Orange, Apple & Blackcurrant	\$ 2.00
Get-Go Pop Top - 250ml Blueberry, Raspberry, Blackcurrant	\$ 2.50
Nippy's Flavoured Milk 250ml Chocolate, Strawberry, Honeycomb	\$ 3.00
Nippy's Flavoured Milk 375ml Chocolate, Strawberry, Honeycomb, Vanilla, Banana	\$ 3.50

### Snacks

Iced Donut	Pink / Choc	\$ 4.00
Finger Bun		\$ 2.50
Coffee Scroll		\$ 2.50
Buttered Long Roll		\$ 1.50
Smiths Plain, Salt and Vinegar, Cheetos , Twisties		\$ 2.00
RRD - Honey Soy Chicken, Cobs Pop Corn,or Burger Rings		

### Icy Treats

Lemonade Icy Pole	\$ 1.50
Vanilla Ice Cream Cup	\$ 1.50
Frozen Yoghurt	\$ 3.00

**VOLUNTEER CANTEEN ASSISTANTS ALWAYS WELCOMED**

FRIENDS OF MIRBOO NORTH  
SWIMMING POOL INC

# MOVIE NIGHT @ THE POOL



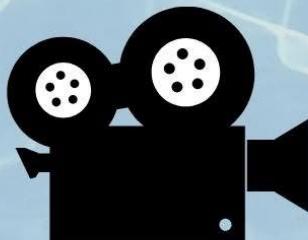
FRIDAY 30 JANUARY 2026  
From 3pm

Inflatable Nessie from 4-6pm  
\$5 per person or \$20 per family

open air screening of Zootopia 2 at dusk  
BYO blankets, chairs etc

food vans with dinner options onsite  
show bags and novelty toys also available for purchase

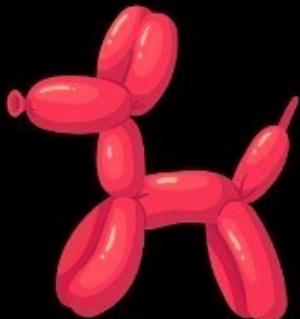
For more info call Mary on 0417 148 619



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

# Mr Music Kids Show

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Mr. Music Kids Show

Games, Prizes, Music, Magic, & Balloon Animals!

Join the Fun – Perfect for All Kids' Events! Book Now!



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Dancing

Music

Kids Disco



**0403-051-761**

[corieblackley@gmail.com](mailto:corieblackley@gmail.com)

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

## 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



MIRBOO NORTH  
NETBALL CLUB (LDNA)  
**SEMESTER 1**

**STARTS WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

**8 WEEK PROGRAM**

**3.15PM - 4.00PM**

**MNPS GYM OR COURTS**

(WEATHER PERMITTING)

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