



NEWSLETTER: Term 2 Week 1

TERM DATES

April

25/04/2025

Anzac Day Public Holiday

29/04/2025

Parents as Partners

Normal School Day

May

14/05/2025

School Council meeting 6pm

20/5/2025-23/05/2025

Yr 6 Melbourne Camp

June

03/06/2025

Prep 2026 information
afternoon

09/06/2025

Kings Birthday Public Holiday

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Term 2!

I hope that our families had a wonderful holiday break!

Although a short first week back, students have jumped right into an array of engaging and motivating activities!

- ✓ A new wellbeing and engagement program- **S.U.P (Stand Up Project)** for year 5/6 students aimed at empowering students to be 'upstanders' to improve mental health and wellbeing at our school (more details provided by Mr Mac below).
- ✓ As we prepare for our **ANZAC Day** services, students in years 3-6 were fortunate to have **Mr Brad McGlashan** (Mildura RSL) as a guest speaker. Students participated in this very informative and educational session where Mr McGlashan showcased some of the essential equipment used in combat such as the rucksacks, MREs (meals ready to eat) and the hand gestures used to signal important information to team members. **A big thank you to Mr McGlashan for sharing this information with us!**
- ✓ Students have been eagerly practicing for our annual **Cross Country** event! We look forward to seeing our families join us to cheer on our super athletes! **Go Lakers!**

Restorative Practices at The Lake- Resilience.

Thought for the week...



"I have missed more than 9000 shots in my career.

I have lost almost 300 games.

26 times I've been trusted to take the winning shot and I've missed.

I've failed over and over in my life and that's why I succeed."

- Michael Jordan

Parent Survey- It's Not Too Late!

Many thanks to the families who have completed this quick survey, your feedback is greatly appreciated!

Reminder As we approach our fifth term in the **Restorative Practices 2.0** journey at The Lake PS, we would be grateful to receive some parent/carer feedback on the journey so far. So that we can better support our family community, please consider completing a **2 minute survey** (yes- it will only take 2 minutes!) to give the school your valuable feedback which will inform our journey into next term. **Thank you in advance!** *Just click on the below link-*

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RLCB5LM>

Parents as Partners.

Next Tuesday, April 29th, we invite parents and carers to schedule a meeting through Compass to discuss their child's Term 1 progress with their classroom teacher(s). This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate your child's achievements and talk about the next steps in their educational journey. **You can book your preferred times via Compass now.** We look forward to connecting with as many families as possible on this day!

Have a cheerful week!

Kind regards,

Ms Warburton

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Yesterday, all Yr.5/6 students gathered in the Multi-Purpose Room to learn about The Stand-Up Project. In short, SUP is all about making a positive change at school by teaching everyone how to be upstanders aimed at reducing discrimination, harassment and bullying. Liam O'Connell, our expert facilitator, explained in detail the many issues that are facing young people, the impacts of bullying and how 'stepping up and speaking up' can positively impact ourselves and others. It was terrific to see students fully engaged and leaning into the key messages.

Following the first session, students were given the option to put their hand up and drive this new initiative. As a result, excitingly, 19 students accepted the responsibility of becoming SUP leaders. This new group of students then participated in a follow-up session where their roles and responsibilities were explained and they also had an opportunity to commence some planning. Congratulations to the following SUP members who have demonstrated courage, willingness to take a chance and a desire to make a positive change - Sienna Giddings, Alice Poulton, Blade Chapple, Blaire Zappia, Cooper McCully, Jobe Ayars, Tom Birnie, Riley Herrick, Joseph Zara, Milla Algate, Jack Thomas, Fletcher Weinert, Clara Fowler, Oliver Barnes, Jed Hunt, Maddie McAskill, Brooklyn Scarr, Amelia Gale and Zoe Hollingworth.

Moving forward, our Yr.5/6 SUP leaders will be involved in educating all students, families and the broader school community on how to be an upstander. They will be running special activities to bring awareness to this program and investigating ways to instil confidence in others to speak up when they see behaviours that simply aren't right.

On May 26th at 3.30pm, we will be hosting session 3, which is for all families and SUP leaders – please mark this on your calendar. We are really excited about the potential of this program and know that it will perfectly complement our 'Real Schools' journey.

Kind regards, 

Mr. Mac and Miss. Louise

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BREAKFAST CLUB

REMINDER

School breakfast club program will recommence Term 2 week 2.

When: Tuesday & Thursday mornings

Time: 8:00am – 8:35am

If you or a family member would be interested in volunteering to support the program, your time would be very much appreciated. Support can be in the way of assisting with:

- setting up our breakfast area
- helping prepare and serve breakfast to students
- providing valuable social interaction for students
- cleaning up at the conclusion of breakfast.

The more volunteers we have, the easier it is to 'share the load'. We welcome 'one off' offers of assistance, as we understand how busy families are.

Volunteers are asked to have a current Working with Children check, as this is part of our School's Volunteers Policy. They are available for free for volunteers, online at:

<https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/individuals/applicants/how-to-apply-1>

If you could help or any further information, please email me.

Jessica.goodes@education.vic.gov.au

Kind regards,

Jessica Goodes

Breakfast club coordinator/ Education support

OPEN EVENINGS 2025

Sunraysia Secondary Colleges will be holding 'Open Evenings' during May. Families are invited to visit our schools to discuss teaching and learning programs, extra-curricular activities and facilities.



Irymple Secondary College

Karadoc Avenue, Irymple

Phone: 5024-5407

irymplesc@education.vic.gov.au

Thursday 8th May

6pm – 8pm

Please gather in The Quad at 6pm

Chaffey Secondary College

261–289 Deakin Ave, Mildura

Phone: 5023-0538

chaffey.sc@education.vic.gov.au

Tuesday 6th May

6pm – 8pm

Presentation 6pm – Gymnasium

Merbein P-10 Secondary College

Commercial Street, Merbein

Phone: 5025-2501

merbein.p10@education.vic.gov.au

Wednesday 7th May

5.30pm – 7.30pm

.....Presentation at 5.30pm – Gym

Red Cliffs Secondary College

Fitzroy Avenue, Red Cliffs

Phone: 5024-1522

red.cliffs.sc@education.vic.gov.au

Wednesday 7th May

5.30pm – 7.30pm

Please meet in the Lecture Theatre

Werrimull P-12 School

5 McDonald St, Werrimull

Phone: 5028-1251

werrimull.p12@education.vic.gov.au

Wednesday 7th May

4pm – 5pm

Please meet at reception

Authorised by the principals of the participating secondary colleges: Jo McQuinn (Irymple S.C), Jeff Topp (Chaffey S.C), Chris Grimmer (Merbein P-10 College), Justin Matt (Red Cliffs S.C) and Ben Nicholson (Werrimull P-12)

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