Welcome to Irymple South Primary School, 2011

Welcome to all our new families and welcome back to all those who have been here before!

This newsletter is to inform you of the routines and procedures of our school. It will also provide you with some basic organisational information.

Term Dates 2011
Term 1 1st February - 8th April
Term 2 26th April - 1st July
Term 3 18th July - 23rd September
Term 4 10th October - 22nd December

Public Holidays 2011
The following days are public holidays;
• The second Monday in March (Labour Day) March 14th
• Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Easter Monday April 22nd, 24th & 25th
• Anzac Day April 26th
• The second Monday in June (Queen’s Birthday) June 13th
• The first Tuesday in November (Melbourne Cup Day) November 1st

School Hours
Classroom supervision commences at 8:45 am when all classrooms will be open for the students to come in and get themselves organised.

9:00am School Assembly (Monday & Friday)
9:00am – 11:00am Session 1
11:00am – 11:30am Recess
11:30am – 1:30pm Session 2
1:20pm – 1:30pm Lunch to be eaten in classrooms
1:30pm – 2:15pm Lunch break
2:15pm – 3:15pm Session 3
3:10pm Bell for bus travellers
3:15pm Dismissal
Lunch Eating
Lunch is eaten inside between 1:20 and 1:30 pm. If a student has not completed eating their lunch they take their lunch outside and eat in the eating area under the shade sails.

Lunch Orders
The Irymple General Store will be supplying the school’s lunch orders this year. Lunch order days will be WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY this year. A price list will accompany this newsletter.

😊 All lunch orders are to be written on a paper bag
😊 Name, room number and grade must be written on lunch bags
😊 NO LATE ORDERS ACCEPTED
😊 Correct money must be included in the bag, no change will be

Medication
If your child requires medication to be taken whilst they are at school, the medication needs to be taken to the office by the parent or guardian. The school can only administer medication if we receive it from an adult. Dosage and times need to be clearly labelled on the medication. Children should not have medication in their bag.

Asthma
If your child suffers from asthma, we require an asthma management plan that has been filled in and signed by your doctor. These plans need to be updated annually. Please ensure that you supply the school with a current plan.

Newsletter
The newsletter is published weekly and goes home with the youngest child in the family each Thursday. The newsletter can also be accessed from the school website, www.irymplesouthps.vic.edu.au. If you would like a copy of the newsletter emailed, please contact the office.

Website
We have updated our website and we believe that it looks fantastic! The website has links to our school policies, the Ultranet, PDF copies of the newsletter, a list of upcoming events and class and specialist blogs. www.irymplesouthps.vic.edu.au

Calico Bags
Each student will be receiving a calico money bag at the start of the year. We will use the calico bag instead of envelopes and plastic money bags as they are environmentally friendly. Each year the calico bags will be reused.

We hope that you find the calico bags useful. It would be a great idea to always keep the calico bag in the front section of your child’s school bag.
Assembly
Each Monday and Friday whole school assemblies are held. Each week a different class is responsible for running the assembly. The national anthem is sung on Monday’s assembly. Birthdays are celebrated on both days. Students of the Week are presented with their certificates on Friday morning. Parents are welcome to stay and attend assembly.

Students of the Week
Teachers recognise children who have made a special effort in class during the week by awarding them a ‘Student of the Week’ certificate. Each class, specialist teacher and the principal give out an award each week. The students of the week are announced in Thursday’s newsletter and awards are given out on Friday’s assembly.

After School Care
YMCA runs our After School Care Program every afternoon from 3:15pm to 6:00pm each day. If you require a place in the After School Care program please contact;
Leah Bottams
Irymple South OSHC
YMCA Person in Charge - Outside School Hours Care
PH: 0457 593 249
email: irymplesouth.oshc@ymca.org.au
http://www.ballarat.ymca.org.au

Attendance
Regular school attendance is vital for your child’s progress. All children need to attend school daily. The school teaching program starts promptly at 9:00am, so we suggest that you make sure your child arrives before this time to get themselves organised and have a chat with their friends. School finishes at 3:15pm, with bus travellers getting on their bus at 3:10pm. Please schedule non-essential appointments outside these hours.

Absences
If your child is absent it is a requirement that a parent or guardian informs the school via written note or a phone call. Please send a note to school with your child when your child returns to school or ring the office on 50245345. If your child will be absent for an extended period please inform the class teacher or school before they leave.

School Fees
The school’s Programs and Requisites charge as set by school council is now payable and is $130.00 per student.
Recipients of EMA this year will have to pay a balance of $15.00 per student as the EMA payment for 2011 is $115.00.
All families are asked to make their payment by Friday February 25th 2011. You will be supplied with an account with this newsletter.

Extreme Weather
An extreme heat day timetable will be enforced when the predicted temperature is 38C or above. This decision will be made by the Principal or Leading Teacher.

If the day is declared an extreme heat day the following will occur;
- Children will go outside as normal at recess
- Lunches will be eaten inside during the usual class time (1:20pm – 1:30pm)
- Children be able to go outside from 1:30pm – 1:50pm
- Children will have to remain under the sail shades during their time outside
- Children will remain in their classrooms for the remaining 25 minutes
- Children will undertake quiet activities in their classrooms
- Children will be reminded to drink water regularly during the day

NOTICES

Newsletter Advertising
Newsletter advertising for this year (ie. Business cards on the back of the newsletter) will now be $80 for 6 months or $150 for 12 months. Anyone interested in securing a place on the back page of our newsletter should bring in a business card and give it to the office staff.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5/6 Excursion to Halls Gap
The Grade 5/6 students will be participating in a 4 day camp at Halls Gap from Tuesday 1st March to Friday 4th March. More information will be sent home shortly to students attending the camp.

Prep Rest and Testing Days
We welcome all of our very excited and enthusiastic Preps. The Preps will not be attending school on Wednesday during March. This will give them a chance to rest. This time will be utilised to perform individual numeracy and literacy testing with each Prep student. A letter explaining the testing and an appointment time will accompany this newsletter. The Preps first full week of school will commence on Monday 28th February.

School Photos
School Photos will be taken on Thursday 24th February. Order forms will be sent home with this newsletter. If you would like to order a family photo please come to the office to collect an order form.

‘A Night Amongst the Vines’
Our major fundraiser this term will be a dinner and goods and services auction on the lawns of Irymple South Primary School, on Friday 25th March. An information flyer will accompany this newsletter.
Athletic Sports
Our School Athletics sports will be held on Friday 1st April. The long distance run will be held on the afternoon of Monday 28th March. Our sports are being held earlier this year due to timetabling changes within the regional and state sporting bodies.

Learning Conferences
Students, parents and teachers will be involved in discussions about the student’s learning and their goals for the future. The learning conferences will take place from 3:30pm to 6:00pm after school on Monday 4th April, Tuesday 5th April and Wednesday 6th April.

Camps Program
In 2011 the following camp programs will occur:

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Student Leadership
I am pleased to announce our School Captains for 2011 are:
Kayla Adams
Charley Cooper
Sarah Garlick
Campbell Vadjla

Our House Captains for 2011 are:
Red House
Tanner Deckert & Grace Albert
Yellow House
Mikele Cirillo & Dharma Hawson
Green House
Tahlia Cua & Caitlin Scott
Blue House
Brandi Mulder & Courtney Lush

Junior School Council
The Junior School Council provides student input into decision making process within the school. Each class has two elected representatives who take ideas and concerns raised from their class meetings to the JSC meeting. Junior School Council meetings are held fortnightly and provide a forum for students to express their views and to have them heard. Members of Junior School Council also organise and run fundraising activities and special days throughout the year. It is a great way to promote and practise leadership skills and public speaking.

Environmental Group
We have a strong focus on the environment throughout our curriculum. Each class has two Environmental Leaders who are committed to looking after our environment. They participate in meetings and projects that support our school’s environmental projects. In past years the Environmental Leaders have set-up worm farms, vegetable patches, rubbish free lunches and garden maintenance.