I hope that you all had relaxing and enjoyable holidays. We are now halfway through the year. Let’s make Term 3 a great one!

WELCOME
We welcome Connor Jung to our school this week. Connor is in Prep R and has already made some friends.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES
Our student conferences will be held in week three next term, Monday July 26th to Wednesday July 28th, from 3.30 – 5.45pm each day.

We would like you to pop into the front office this week between 8.00am and 5.00pm to make an appointment time. Students will conduct the conferences with opportunity for students, parents and teachers to participate in the discussion.

These conferences are to celebrate achievements as well as to discuss areas for further development. A creche will be operating in the computer room and the Library on all three evenings.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE
We welcome Leah Bottrams as our new Outside School Hours Care coordinator. Leah is employed by Ballarat YMCA who are in charge of the operation of our OSHC. The OSCH program runs every night after school from 3:15pm to 6:00pm. Children are provided with snacks and a variety of physical and creative activities to keep them entertained. The Active after School Program will be commencing soon. For OSHC enrolments phone Leah on 0457593249.

Thank you to Claire Taylor for coordinating the program last term. She now has a teaching position at Sacred Heart Primary School.

BUILDING WORKS
Over the holidays a number of building works and improvements have taken place. The two Grade 5/6 classrooms received a new coat of paint. The office, staffroom and Grade 5/6 rooms had new heating and air-conditioning installed. A step
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Irymple South Primary School Wellbeing Program

As of Week 1 in Term 3, ISPS will be undertaking wellbeing sessions on a weekly basis. A specific lesson on the weekly focus will be conducted, as well as integrating the focus into classroom programs. The weekly focus will be explained at assembly each week.

Students come to school on a daily basis to build their educational skills e.g. literacy and numeracy. At ISPS we see it as imperative that social skills are also taught. This particular program will ensure the ‘whole school’ has a clear focus and that parents and members of the community can support our wellbeing focus at home.

The overall topic for Term 3 is “CONFLICT RESOLUTION” with each of our weekly foci being skills to support this. This week’s focus is ‘Understanding Yourself and Others.’ We will be teaching students the importance of tolerance and support for each other.

WELLBEING FOCUS

WEEK 1 Understanding yourself & each other
WEEK 2 Active Listening
WEEK 3 Positive Talk
WEEK 4 Problem Solving / Conflict Resolution
WEEK 5 Teamwork
WEEK 6 Effective Communication
WEEK 7 Cooperation
WEEK 8 Inclusion
WEEK 9 Effective Questioning & Decision Making
WEEK 10 Self-Awareness

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

2nd Instalment

Parents with continuing eligibility, who were paid the first instalment of 2010 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. For those who have now become eligible to apply for EMA (ie. have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card), the EMA application form will need to be submitted to the front office by 6th August 2010. Your card will need to be sighted and copied.

Parents who transfer children to another school after 26 February 2010 and prior to or on 6 August 2010, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

Application forms are available from the school office.

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CHICKENS

Over the holidays Mrs Rowland and the Preps had 12 chickens hatch. All the chicks are growing and will move outside soon. Thank you to the Dalla Santa family for looking after our older chicks over the holidays.

ENVIRONMENTAL VOLUNTEERS

We are still looking for more volunteers to help with our Environmental Program. If you are able to help with maintaining our vegie gardens, maintaining the fruit tree orchard, organise the collection of worm juice and worm juice sales or looking after the chooks we need you! Please talk to Penni, Sue or Nadine about how you can help us maintain our school environment.

Happy Birthday

July

Aaron Montgomery (14th)

Electric Light Theatre (Mildura) Inc

Electric Light Theatre is a Stagecraft Training programme especially designed to encourage children. The production is lead by volunteers who have experience and skills in the performing arts. The rehearsal seasons progresses through the Christmas vacation period and culminates in a 2 hour Variety Song and Dance Show in February.

To register in the FREE course, simply complete and submit the Target 1000 Registration Form. Conditions apply, all of which are detailed in the registration form. Registration forms available at the school office.

For more details please call 50232241.

Under 10 & Under 12 basketball practice for all boys & girls with Heat STAR Kevin Smith. Fridays from 4pm – 5pm. Cost is $4 with all players to bring along a basketball & drink.

Term 3 Aussie Hoops for boys and girls from 5 years old and up. Monday afternoons at the Mildura Basketball Stadium on 8th Street.

For more details please call 50232241.

Soccer - FREE Coaching and Officiating Courses

With the assistance of the Victorian Government, Football Federation Victoria is pleased to offer FREE community coaching and officiating courses in selected locations throughout the state. The initiative, titled ‘Target 1000’ is designed to increase the number of accredited individuals coaching and officiating at the grassroots of our sport. In particular, FFV and the Victorian Government are targeting women and regional Victoria residents in this initiative.

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Internet safety presentation helps children stay safe online. Young people today are immersed in digital technologies. They use the internet and mobile phones to socialise, study, exchange ideas and play. While online activity has many benefits, there are also risks. To help your children stay safe online, IRYMPEL SECONDARY COLLEGE is hosting a CyberSafety Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation. Designed for parents/carers, this presentation is provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) as part of a national program of CyberSafety initiatives. The CyberSafety Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation is thorough and non-technical. It covers a range of issues including:
- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks for children online, such as cyber bullying, identity theft, inappropriate contact and exposure to inappropriate content
- tips to help children stay safe online.

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These artworks have been entered in this year's Special Forever Project. The Special Forever Project is part of the Murray Darling Basin Water Education Project. Its aim is to highlight the environmental issues and concerns of the inhabitants of the Murray Darling Basin.

Our focus has been biodiversity. Children investigated what this meant to them through words and pictures. Biodiversity is the relationship between all living things in our environment.

Our artwork has had this concept as its focus. We have looked at native animals, native birds, the river, and our school environment. All classes have used different art techniques to convey their thoughts.

Congratulations to the artists whose work was chosen to represent our school.