PREP ENROLMENTS

We are currently accepting enrolments for Preps and new students for 2011. If you have a child who will be starting school next year, or you know of someone who would like to enrol their child at our school, please ask for an enrolment form at the office. We would like all enrolments completed by the 30th August so that we can start planning for 2011.

PUPIL FREE DAY

This Monday, 9th August is a pupil free day for all state primary schools across Sunraysia. All teachers will be participating in professional learning on the Ultranet, an online learning community for staff and students. Children will not be required to attend school on Monday.

SCIENCE WEEK

On Monday 16th all students will be participating in peer teaching activities. Students will participate in environmental science activities on Wednesday.

BOOK WEEK

The theme for this year is “Over the Story Bridge”. We will be holding our annual dress up parade on Friday 20th August. The theme for dressing up is a fairy tale character or your favourite book character.

BOOK FAIR

The book fair will be running again this year. Children will be able to look at the great selection of books on Thursday 19th August and purchase books on Friday.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Friday 20th August is Grandparents’ Day. All grandparents are invited to come along and watch the
Annual Irymple South bankwest Spelling Bee

Today, your child has brought home their word lists and sponsorship form for this year’s Spellathon. The word lists have been created to include words which your child can transfer into their everyday writing. Grades two to six also have mathematical words which are used during our maths sessions. These words will be tested on August 30th. We encourage you to assist your child to practise and learn their words.

All money raised will go towards the purchasing of new tables and chairs for our science area.

Dates to remember:
- Today Aug 5th: Spellathon words and sponsorship forms sent home
- Mon Aug 30th: Spelling test, in own class, using Spellathon words
- Wed Sep 1st: Classroom Spell Off
- Thur Sep 2nd: Spelling Bee

SCHOOL FEES

Just a reminder that the 2nd instalment of school fees are due. Fees are $62.50 per student for this instalment. Please see Sharon or Penni in the office to make payments. Remember that we do have EFTPOS facilities.

Happy Birthday

August
- Liam Dinnage (3rd)
- Tyson Hynes (6th)
- Riley Law (6th)
- Miss McWilliams (6th)
- Stephanie Woods (8th)

EMEA

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.

Community News

Junior Heat Basketball Tryouts

August 21st, 28th and September 4th for Girls
August 22nd, 29th and September 5th for Boys

For more details please call the Mildura Basketball Association on 5023 2241 or go to www.mildurabasketball.com.au

Out of School Hours Care Program

Just a reminder that the Irymple South OSHC program has now started running the AASC (Active After School Program). On Wednesdays we will have softball/baseball starting at 4.00pm til 5.00pm and on Thursdays we will have Tae-Kwon-Do starting at 4.00pm til 5.00pm. Snack is provided before children start activities. AASC program will be running for the next 7 weeks. Please see myself (Leah Bottoms) PIC of OSHC Program for enrolment forms or Sharon or Penni at the front office.

Come along and have some FUN!

Riding the World Cup Wave

Nichols Point Soccer Club welcomes newcomers! Did you watch the FIFA World Cup? Why not come and have a go yourself? Anyone interested in coming and having a kick can play and train for only $32 for the rest of the season! Call Michael O’Callaghan on 5022 0808 AH for more details.

Chooks

Our babies have grown into very friendly and happy ‘teenagers’! They are now living in their run and enjoy scratching and feeding.
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Word in the yard

What have you been learning in Science?

I learnt about the sun. I know that it’s a star. Mckensie Wade, 1E

We have been learning about Space. I like the activities that we did. Raven Kirkpatrick, 2/3D

We’ve been making our own fossils and it was really fun! Donny Mammone, 5/6M

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Our school will be participating in the Jump Rope for Heart program, raising money for the Heart Foundation. Students are being asked to gather sponsorship from family and friends that will be donated to the Heart Foundation. Tomorrow, Friday August 6th, the children will be involved in a Jump Off. This will be a whole school activity to celebrate the conclusion of the Jump Rope for Heart program. Sponsorship forms and money need to be returned tomorrow.

We are holding our ‘Jump Off’ tomorrow.
11:30-12:30pm Prep, 1E and 1M
12:30-1:30pm 2C, 2/3D and 3/4C
2:15-3:15pm 4/5S, 5/6M and 5/6P

Parents and families are welcome to attend and encourage the skippers!

MEALS ON WHEELS

The Grade 6 students from 5/6P will be undertaking Meals on Wheels next week. We require four parents to assist with the driving from Tuesday August 10th - Friday August 13th. Please let Miss Price, Mr Milsom or Penni know if you can assist. Your help will be much appreciated.

In Science this week the grades 4/5/6 classes cleaned their fossils like palaeontologists. We are really pleased with how they turned out. Some even look ancient! Please come to the Multi Purpose room for a look.

Grade 5/6M and 5/6P students are currently involved in the planning stages of making videos for the ‘60 Second Science Challenge’, which is a national competition. Groups of students have to explain a scientific concept in 60 seconds. We will keep you updated on how they are progressing.

WANTED

Thanks for all the boxes. The Art and Science Programs now require:
- Foam meat trays
- Small glass jars with lids

Thankyou

PROBLEM PUZZLES

Congratulations to Campbell Vadlja and Donny Mammone 5/6M for solving last week’s problem. Use the problem solving process to help you.

Write your answer on a piece of paper and place it in the box in the office, by Wednesday 11th.

Problem Solving Process
1. Understand the problem
2. Make a plan
3. Carry out the plan
4. Look back, “Am I right?”

CHOCOLATE DRIVE

There are still nine families that are yet to return their chocolate money. This is now overdue and prompt payment would be appreciated. Thank you (9 families @ $60 per box = $540)

Student Awards

To be presented on Friday 6th August

Prep R
Ella Burford
1E
Amelia Conner
1M
Sam Haynes

2C
Lachlan Scott
2/3D
Riley Aunger
3/4C
Tara Lambert

4/5S
Macey Herbert
5/6M
Charley Cooper
5/6P
Zach Gove

Art
Dharmas Laskaj
Science
Brittany Laskaj
ICT
Jaga Arthur
Makayla McLaughlin

Principal Angus Droffelaar and Declan Fisher
We now know that there are eight spelling strategies that we can use to help us when writing new words.

**Sounding Out**
- What sounds can you hear?
  - at the start
  - in the middle
  - at the end

**Analogy/Linking**
- When you use your knowledge of parts of other words to spell unknown words.
  - know think – blink - stink
  - know areo – aeroplane - aerosol

**Meaning**
- when the meaning of little words helps us to spell bigger words
  - eg. Triangle – tricycle - triplets

**Chunking**
- breaking words into smaller parts
- looking for smaller known words in a larger unknown word
- breaking words into syllables

**Visual Memory**
- does the word look right?
- Have a picture of the word in your head
- Is the word ‘too long’ or ‘too short’

**Spelling generalisations**
- ‘i’ before ‘e’ except after ‘c’
- Drop the ‘y’ and add ‘ies’

**Consult an Authority**
- Ask a friend

**Memory Aids**
- making a personal association with a word

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**Spelling is fun because you can learn funny and cool words.**

Josh

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**How did I figure out how to spell certificate?**

I used chunking, cer / tif / i / cate.

Logan

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**People learn to spell by sounding out the word so they get the idea of it. Sometimes they could use a memory aid. Like because big elephants can always understand little elephants. Or maybe a spelling rule, like drop the y and add ies, like puppy – puppies and ing words like go – going. I usually use visual which is look at the word, take a picture in your head and try to spell it out.**

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**People learn to spell by asking an authority, like asking a teacher or a class mate.**

Brodie

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**I learnt and am continuing to learn to spell by Look, Say, Explore, Cover, Write and Check. This helps me because when I look at the word I can see all the hard parts in the word. When I say it I can hear all the parts in the word. Once I have covered it I write it then I check to see if I am right.**

Shami

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**I just like trying to spell words because it is really fun to show off to your mum and dad all that I have learnt.**

Vinnie

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**I like spelling because I like to learn new stuff.**

Brodie

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**I don’t like trying to figure out how to spell words because it is annoying and it’s hard. I keep forgetting to add the ‘r’ in through.**

Riley

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**I like trying to figure out how to spell words because then you can use better words in your writing.**

Vinnie

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**I just love trying to spell words.**

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Shami

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**I find spelling hard sometimes. Sometimes it is hard to spell hard words.**

Gasper

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