SCHOOL ABSENCES
We take our role of educators very seriously at Irymple South P.S. and research has shown the importance of school attendance. We are concerned at the number of consistent late comers and those children that miss days frequently with no explanation. Your child’s learning is important to us. Every morning, your child needs to be at school ready to start at 9.00am. The most intense teaching occurs in every classroom between 9.00am and 12.30pm daily. Consistently missing school means missing important learning and teaching time.

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.

WORKING BEE
There were lots of very busy people working on our school grounds on the weekend. If you haven’t already noticed, all of the bushes have been pulled out on the 15th Street side of the school. The area near the amphitheatre and in front of the stage has been graded. A number of stumps were removed from the grounds. Thanks to Dave Burford, Jason Stanbrook, Craig Thornton, Richard Neagle, Louie Tabacco and Larry Petrolo for all their hard work.

ULTRANET
On Monday all staff participated in a training day for the new online educational learning community. Mrs Branson and Mrs Milne provided staff with an insight into the Ultranet and the endless educational possibilities that it provides. Unfortunately due to technical difficulties access to the site was limited. However staff persisted and were able to go at implementing some of the learning that they had undertaken earlier in the day. After the day, all staff appreciated the benefits that the Ultranet will provide. All students will have a look at their Ultranet page soon.

LONG SERVICE LEAVE
Mrs Emma Lord is on long service leave for the next four weeks. She is travelling overseas to visit her sister. Mrs Carolyn Tiley will be teaching the Art program whilst she is away.

August Dates
- Mon-Fri 16th: Book Week & Science Week
- Fri 20th: Grandparents Day Book Fair
- Book Week Parade

September
- Wed 1st: Father’s Day Stall
- Thur 2nd: “Count Us In” Red Cliffs Secondary College Athletics Sports Long Distance
- Fri 3rd: Athletics Sports
- Wed 8th: Spelling Bee
- Thu-Fri 9th-10th: Grade 3 Swan Hill Long Distance
- Wed 15th: Mini Olympics
- Fri 17th: Footy Colours Day End of Term 3

October
- Mon 4th: Start of Term 4
SCIENCE WEEK
On Tuesday 17th, 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. Friday 20th August is Grandparents’ Day. All grandparents are invited to come along and watch the Book Week parade and visit their grandchild’s class on this day. There will be a special morning tea, with funds raised going to the Cancer Council’s Biggest Morning Tea. All parents are asked to provide a plate of treats for the morning tea.

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CLAY PROGRAM
All students will be playing with clay over the next few weeks! During each Art session, the children will learn different techniques on how to join clay and create items. Each child will make an item out of clay that will be glazed and fired. Thanks to Red Cliffs Secondary College for allowing us to use their kiln for the firing.

MEALS ON WHEELS
This week Mr Milsom’s Grade 6 students participated in Meals on Wheels. This is a great way for the students to be involved in an activity in our local community. Next week it is Miss Price’s Grade 6 students who have the opportunity to be involved in such a worthy experience. Thanks to the parents who drove this week, Linda Garraway, Denise Parr, Julie Carter & Jo McGlashan and to those who have offered to drive the students on their designated days next week. I am sure the students will enjoy the experience as much as those people who receive the meals.

WANTED! 3 litre milk or juice containers are needed for storing our warm juice. Please leave any containers at the front office.

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Lily

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Viktoria

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How did you feel about the Learning Conferences?

Word in the yard

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Mrs D and Mrs Lord had a great time choosing the prizes, for those who win the classroom spell off!

Problem Puzzles

Congratulations to Luke Tyson, 3/4C and Nicholas Edwards, 1M 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 18th.

Draw a line on the clock so that the numbers on both sides have the same total.

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Last week every child in the school participated in the Jump Rope for Heart “Jump Off”. Everyone jumped for an hour. Grade 2C have written about the day. We have raised $2,500 for the Heart Foundation. Congratulations to all who skipped and raised money!

Last Friday we donated money to Jump Rope for Heart. Our school skipped for one hour. We did races and played lots of fun games.

Tyson, Frankie and Harry

On Friday our school participated in Jump Rope for Heart. We did three activities. In partner skipping we did tricks. In single skipping we had relays and skipped by ourselves. In long rope skipping we ran in and spelled our names. We kept on going until the whistle was blown. We raised money for people that have trouble with their hearts. We are helping the scientists try to figure out how not to have a heart attack.

Kandice and Jorja

Last week we used the long rope when skipping for Jump Rope for Heart. When had to spell our name while jumping the long rope. We also used the single ropes.

Unique, Isabella J and Nic

Last Friday we did Jump Rope for Heart. In long rope skipping, we had to spell our first name as well as our last name while we were skipping. We had relays with the single ropes.

Isabella P and Makayla

On Friday we had Jump Rope for Heart. We liked long rope skipping better because we are good at it. Our legs and arms got tired.

Aidan and Dustin

Last Friday it was Jump Rope for Heart day. We got into three groups. Single rope, partner rope and long rope. We found three ways to skip with a partner. We were best at the one where we each hold one handle and skip. In long rope, two people held the rope and we had to spell our name. We didn’t think that we could do it. After three tries we got it! We did some relays with the single ropes.

Claudia and Hannah

On Friday we had Jump Rope for Heart. We spelled our name and counted while we skipped. Mrs Mac did it first and then we did it ourselves.

Jett and Levi

Last week we did three skipping activities. Our second activity was the long rope. We spelled our name and counted while we skipped.

Will and Keith

Last Friday we had Jump Rope for Heart. We were going to give the money we raise to hospitals to help people with sick hearts. The best activity was the long rope.

Lucy and Renee

We raised money for sick people in hospital with heart problems. We raised money by skipping for an hour. We did partner skipping, long rope and single rope skipping.

Aiden M and Zack

Last Friday we had Jump Rope for Heart. We had partner skipping, single rope skipping and criss cross. We had lots of fun!

Julian and Lachlan

Last week we did Jump Rope for Heart. Partner skipping was hard because we had to hold the rope at the same time as we were skipping. It was a nice day to skip. Skipping is good for your heart.

Aiden M and Zack