We have had another busy week full of learning and excitement.

**SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAMS**

Building works on the new Multi Purpose Room is nearing completion. The room will be finished by Monday 22nd February! Fitting out of shelves and other internal fixtures will not be completed by that date, but we will be able to use the room.

We had some exciting news earlier this week. Our new portable building will be arriving on Tuesday 2nd March! The old Mod5 portable will be removed on Wednesday 24th February. Grade 3/4C and 4/5S will relocate into the new MPR space whilst the old building is removed and the new one is installed. Hopefully they will be able to move into their new room by Friday 5th March. Thanks go to Steve Wass who is preparing the tank near the Mod5 for relocation.

**CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS**

Each class has developed their own norms based on the expectations that the teachers have.

At Irymple South Primary School, teachers expect students to:

- Show respect for school, own and other's property.
- Work cooperatively.
- Show tolerance and respect.
- Allow others the best opportunity to learn.
- Use their manners.
- Be positive, active and open to all learning.

"Therefore all children will have the right to learn and achieve to the best of their ability."

**STUDENT LEADERSHIP**

Junior School Council Representatives and Environmental Leaders have been elected and selected this week. Each class has two Junior School Council and Environmental Leaders. Presentation of badges and certificates will occur at assembly on Monday 15th February.

**CHICKENS**

Unfortunately last week our chooks died. We are thankful to Stuart Putland, who assisted us with the "burial" of our chooks. It wasn’t long before our school community came to the rescue and replaced our girls. Judy and John McLoughlin have donated 7 new chooks. Our new girls seem to be happily settling in...
House Captains

Last year our House Captains were elected and presented to the school community at the Family BBQ. Apologies to Ryan Samaras (who is Red House Captain) for not including him in last week’s newsletter.

Environmental Leaders

The following students have been elected as our Junior School Council Representatives for 2010.

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Each student gave a speech to their class about how they would represent their class at the JSC meetings.

Environmental Leaders were chosen according to:

- The quality of their application letter (Gr2-6)
- Previous commitment to environmental issues at school and beyond.
- In consultation with previous teachers and the principal.

Environmental Leaders will attend regular meetings, help plan and carry out school environmental projects, contribute to writing environmental reports for the school newsletter, bring environmental issues raised in class meetings to the JSC meetings and report back to their class on what was discussed at the JSC meetings. They may also be involved with any outside school environmental initiatives that arise.

Munched and Movers

Playgroup

When: 9:30-11:00am every Tuesday during school terms. Beginning Tuesday 16th February
Where: Totol Learning Centre - Mildura Primary School (Senior Campus) Twelfth Street, Mildura
Phone: Lesley on 50217480

Mini Ball and JBall Registration Day

The 2010 “Mini Ball and JBall” season registration day will be on Saturday 13th March at the St Joseph’s College, corner of 11th St and Riverside Avenue.

Mini Ball: Prep to Grade 3 at 9:00am.
JBall: Grades 4 to 6 at 11:00am.
All players should attend the registration day for team allocation.

For more information visit the IBA website www.iba.org.au or phone Nicola on 0437280036
Graeme on 0419301937

Happy Birthday

February
Alma Zappia (11th)  
Kandice Kerr (13th)  
Joji Arthur (14th)

MILDURA POTTERY CLUB

After school classes for creative kids
Comming next week, Tuesdays 4:00 – 5:30pm
Wednesday 4:30 – 6pm
12.00 per session
All enquiries phone Judy on 50 232 214

Sunraysia Chess Club
Sunraysia Chess Club would like to welcome anyone who loves to play chess or is ready to learn! We meet on Fridays from 6-7:30pm for lessons and a tournament game. Please contact Robyn 0427092404 or sunraysia.chess.club@gmail.com

declared outbreak of Queensland Fruit Fly (QFF) in Sunraysia

A Queensland fruit fly eradication program has commenced in Mildura following the recent detection of a female fruit fly which was carrying eggs.

The Sunraysia community plays a vital role in the QFF eradication program. It is critical to prevent QFF from spreading and impacting on horticultural production and marketing of produce from the region.

The eradication program has begun in a 1.5 kilometer radius from the outbreak, and a leaflet describing the program has been delivered to affected households.

DPI teams and contractors will visit all properties within the zone to conduct larval searches and to apply bait into the canopy of suitable trees to attract and kill fruit flies.

DPI staff and contractors carry personal identification at all times and residents should ask to see that identification when they visit their property.

Householders can help by providing easy access to their backyards and by not removing any home grown fruit from their property unless it is treated by cooking the fruit to kill any fruit fly maggots.

Alternatively, unwanted fruit can be picked, placed in a plastic bag and either placed in a freezer for two days or left in the sun for at least three days, to kill any maggots in the fruit. The bag can then be disposed of in the garbage.

Unwanted fruit should not be composted or placed directly into the garbage.

Most fruits (including citrus, table grapes, wine grapes, stone and pome fruit, berries, tomatoes, capsicums and chillies) are hosts Queensland fruit fly.

Enquiries should be directed to the DPI Customer Service Centre on 136 186. Further information is available on the DPI website: www.dpi.vic.gov.au

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School photos will be taken on Thursday 18th February. Envelopes for ordering photos were handed out to all children last week. If you wish to have a family photo taken, order forms are available from the office. All envelopes and money are due back by Monday 15th February.

**School Photos**

Saturday is Valentine’s Day and the children in Grades 2 to 6 have been creating collages using the heart shape. They have made their own heart templates and created a collage using a variety of papers. Some tore their heart shapes and others created a 3D relief collage. They all look great!

**Diary Dates**

**February**
- Mon 15th: School Leaders Presentations
- Fri 26th: Last Day of Term 1.

**March**
- Wed 3rd: Preps come to school
- Mon 8th: Labor Day, Public Holiday
- Mon-Fri 22nd-26th: Grade 5/6 Ballarat Excursion

**Student Awards**

To be presented on Friday 12th February

- Prep R: Cooper Waylen
- 1M: Sophie Driscoll
- 2C: Levi Stanbrook
- 2/3D: Vinnie Petrolo
- 3/4C: Olivia Putland
- 5/6M: Connor Lavery
- 5/6P: Ryan Samaras
- Art: Lachlan Kellett
- Science: Kathryn Morey

**Portsea Camp**

At 3:00 in the morning we were on our way to Portsea near Melbourne. It took about 12 hours to get there. When we got there, we were able to see all of the activities. There was a massive swing, a flying fox, a huge tepee that some people got to camp in and there was a fortress too. The best thing there was the beach! They had boat rides, sand castle camps and crab catching. Near the end of the week there was a disco and a concert with some acrobatic campers. The whole trip was pretty fun!

By William Innes

On the 10th of January Donny, Kelly, William, Sarah and I went to the Portsea Camp near Melbourne. The best things were the giant swing and the disco. I loved the giant swing because it took you up really high and then dropped you. The disco was fun because of the good music. The worst thing was travelling because we had to travel for 10 hours to get there and some people were unfortunately sick. There were lots of activities like the giant swing, flying fox, bike riding, roller blading and too many more to mention. There was a concert at the end and Sarah and I were in it. I made lots of friends and I didn’t want to come home.

By Sarah Schurr

From the 10th to the 16th of January Kassie, William, Kelly, Donny and myself went to the Portsea Camp. We had to wake up at 3:30 in the morning to go. I hardly got any sleep because I was so excited! There was a giant swing and a flying fox and lots of other things that were really fun.

By Kassandra Gibb

**Word in the Yard**

What have you been doing during snack and lunch?

- I play on the slide. Wil Castleman, Prep R
- I sit at the table and talk to my friends. Jackson McWilliams, 3/4C
- Sometimes I go on the playground. I normally talk to my friends. Olivia Zappia, 5/6P

**Science**

We have been using magnifying glasses to investigate insects. We have learnt that an insect has six legs and three body parts.

**Art**

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We enjoy looking after our chook. Our chook is called Rosie. Here is what we think about our chook...

The chooks are brown and white.
Lily M

The chooks feel like a warm cosy bed.
Tom

The chooks feel like a ball of fluff.
Shari

The chooks’ feathers are nice colours.
Keenan

Our chook feels like a soft cuddly ball and it smells like feathers.
Lily A

Some chooks can fly a little bit.
Madison

Our chooks feel like a fluff ball but they look like a bird. The chooks smell like you need to cough.
Sophie

The chooks smell like dirty feathers.
Chris

The chooks are brown and white
Lily A

The chooks smell like dirty feathers.
Chris

I like it because the white chook is our class chook.
Brody

The chooks feel like fluff.
Claudia

I don’t know how to hold the chooks.
Patrick

All the chooks are different colours.
Metisse