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REPORTING
The year is drawing to a close very quickly. Teachers have been very busy testing and assessing in readiness for end of year reports. Irymple South has an assessment schedule in place to ensure all students are assessed and measured against the Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS). All teachers moderate in teams to ensure a common approach to assessment for all students. Reports will be distributed on Thursday December 16th.

The last day of school for all students is Friday December 17th. It is expected that all students attend school until that time.

The 2011 school year will begin on Tuesday February 1st when all staff will officially return for three days of professional learning and planning. All students will commence school in 2011, on Friday February 4th.

NETBOOKS IN 2011
All students in years 4, 5 & 6 will have access to their own netbook to use in class in 2011. All students in years 4, 5 & 6 will have the opportunity to lease their netbook for $150 for the 2011 school year. This cost will enable them to have full access to their netbook both in school and out of school hours for the 2011 school year. It is not compulsory that students take out the lease option. A note will follow shortly to parents of students in these grades outlining payment procedures. If lease payments are not paid by the due date netbooks will not be taken home by the students. At this stage there will be no buy out options on any of our netbooks in 2010 or 2011.

MUSIC FEST
Zach Gove (5/6P) performed in the local Music Fest at the Red Cliffs High School on Monday 29th November. 250 students from schools in our community participated. They came from Murrayville, Red Cliffs, Irymple, Mildura South, Mildura High schools, Merbein and Robinvale. Most of the students came from the High Schools.

CHILDREN NEED MODELS RATHER THAN CRITICS.

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SCHOOL UNIFORM
It is expected that all students wear school uniform until the end of the year. Uniform items should be worn respectfully therefore shorts and dresses need to be of a suitably appropriate length. At this time of year we have many new parents visiting the school and it is important that all students are in correct school uniform.

PREPS 2011
The new Preps for 2011 had another visit to school yesterday. This week they met their ‘buddy’ which was very exciting for both the Preps and their buddies! Next Tuesday the Preps for 2011 will have their final Orientation Day.

CAMPS PROGRAM 2011
In 2011 the following camp programs will occur:

| Grades 5 & 6 | Roses Gap, The Grampians | March 1-4 (4 days) |
| Grade 4 | Little Desert National Park, Nhill | May 18-20 (3 days) |
| Grade 3 | Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement | September 8-9 (2 days) |
| Grade 2 | Local day excursion | Term 4 |
| Grade 1 | Local day excursion | Term 4 |
| Prep | Local day excursion | Term 4 |

Costs will be advised when available.

GRADE 6 DINNER AND DISCO
The Grade 6 dinner and disco will be held on Thursday December 9th commencing at 6:30pm and finishing at 9:00pm. A note was handed out to all students with all the details for the night. If you have any questions please see Ben Milsom.

GRADE 6 AWARDS
Each year selected Grade 6 students receive awards in recognition of their achievements at Irymple South. Historically awards have been given to students for academic excellence, sporting excellence, leadership and citizenship. We require sponsorship to cover a number of these awards. If there are any businesses or families that are interested in being part of this could you please contact Ben Milsom as soon as possible. Awards will be presented at the Grade 6 Graduation Night on Monday 13th December.

TALENT QUEST
This year our Talent Quest will be held in the last week of term. On Tuesday 14th December our school will see just how much talent we have!

Each student can be involved in 1 individual item and 1 group item.

Auditions will be held by the class teachers. The Talent Quest will be a bi-annual event from now on as we will have a whole school concert on the other year!

STUDENT AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED ON FRIDAY 3RD DECEMBER

Art Smocks
We have art smocks available for order at the office between 1st & 13th December. All students need an art smock to be able to fully participate in the art program.

The art smocks are on display in the office and cost $15.00. They are made from a water resistant material, so are much better than a material art smock.

Hats
No Hat! No Play!
Have your child’s name embroidered on their school hat over the Christmas break. Easy to identify & easy to return when misplaced!!!

New Hat $10.00
Embroidery $5.00

If you have an existing hat you wish to have embroidered please leave it at the office with payment. Hats need to be paid for and left at the office. They will be handed out on the first day of school 2011.

UNIFORM SHOP

KANGA CRICKET
On Friday 10th December all students in Grades 3 and 4 will be competing in the Kanga 8’s cricket competition at the Aerodrome ovals. This is a great day for all students to participate in a day of sporting fun.

We require parents to help on the day with scoring and umpiring. If you are available to help, can you please see Mr Smith.

PUMPKINS NEEDED!
If anyone has access to pumpkins, our worms would love about half a dozen to keep them well-fed and happy over the Christmas holidays. If you can help, please drop the pumpkins off at the front office.

LIBRARY BOOKS
The end of the year is creeping up and we need to start the Library stocktake. Each year we lose about $2000 worth of books. Please have a look in bags, under beds and on your bookshelves for books. We would like all books returned to the Library by Friday 3rd December. On Friday 10th December a letter listing all overdue library books will be sent home.

Anyone that can spare some time to put the books back on the shelves, please see Penni. Just 15 minutes at the end of the day would be great!! Thankyou.

FARMER’S MARKET
Our Friday Farmer’s Market is on again, only 3 more until the end of the year!! This week we will have our ever-popular Worm Whizz (fabulous fertiliser for any garden), some herbs, limited eggs and some snow peas. We have plenty of green tomatoes on our tomato plants, fingers crossed they ripen before the end of term!!

Another big thank-you to all who have been supporting the Farmer’s Market. Please stay and have a look at our produce after Friday’s assembly!

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2C Anthony Cua 4/S5
2/3D Macey Herbert
3/4C Eric Putland
1M Liam Dinnage 5/6P
1E Ben Shipp
2C Liam Dinnage
3/4C Ben Milsom
2/3D Hannah Elms
3/4C Liam Dinnage
3/4C Macey Herbert
2C Ben Shipp
3/4C Phil Talbot
2C Eve Kellett
3/4C Eddy Bailey
2C Zach Dinnage
3/4C Dharma Rogers
2/3D Hannah Elms
3/4C Ben Shipp
2C Liam Dinnage
1E Ben Shipp
3/4C Principals
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