Diary Dates

March

Tue - 1st - Grade 5/6 Camp to Halls Gap
Fri 4th Schools' Clean Up Day 2:30pm
Mon 7th Morning Tea after assembly
Fri 11th NO LUNCH ORDERS
Fri 11th School Council Nominations due
Mon 14th Labor Day Public Holiday
Fri 25th ‘A Night Amongst the Vines’
Mon 28th Athletic Sports Long Distance Run
Wed 30th School Council Meeting

April

Fri 1st Athletic Sports
Mon - Wed 4th – 6th Learning Conferences
Fri 8th End of Term 1

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Irymple South Primary School Newsletter, Issue 5, Week 5, Term 1, 2011

News from the Principal - Robyn Brooks

School Council Elections
School Councillors play a vital role in developing effective schools through participating in decision making processes, building community partnerships and determining the direction of the school.

The school council election process has commenced for 2011. Nominations are called for parent and staff positions for the 2011 school year. School Council meet approximately twice a term on a Wednesday evening.

Nomination forms are available at the front office and need to be returned by Friday March 11th.

Parent Involvement
Irymple South PS is looking for a group of parents to volunteer time and ideas to move our school towards the future. The main goals of the group would be to:

- Meet once a term to discuss ideas, concerns and upcoming school events
- Assist with major fund raising events and school social and sporting events
- Welcome new students and their families to the school (introduce them to other parents)
- Assist and liaise with school council, teachers and the principal
- Delegate tasks to be undertaken to achieve fundraising goals and smooth running of other school events.

Could you please complete the expression of interest form at the back of the newsletter and return to the office by next Friday 11th March.

Parent Morning Tea

On Monday March 7th all parents are invited to stay on after assembly for a cuppa and a chat. This is a great opportunity for both new parents and ‘old’ parents to meet and get to know each other. Morning tea will be set up in the area outside the library for all to enjoy. Thanks to Jo McGlashan who will be coordinating the morning tea.

School Sports

We are holding our Annual School Sports on Friday April 1st this year. Parents are invited and encouraged to come along and spend the day or part of the day with your child/children as they partake in a variety of sport activities.

School Fees

The school’s Programs and Requisites charge as set by School Council were due last week. If you have not paid, prompt payment would be
Students of the Week

Prep M
Darcie Peters
Prep R
Jack Collins
1E
Jesse Orsini
2/3C
Sophie Driscoll
2/3G
Jordan Stephen
3/4D
Sophie Thomson
4/5P
Olivia Putland
Art
Emma Hogan
Science
Lily Milsom
Principal
Oskar Faulkhead
Ruby Cashin

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appreciated. Fees are $130 per child. Recipients of EMA this year will have to pay a balance of $15.00 per student as the EMA payment for 2011 is $115.00. Golf Clinic
Last Friday Grade 4-6 students took part in a golf clinic conducted by Graeme Maddern from Golf Victoria. Students were taught the basics of the game which included the correct grip, swing and follow through. In the 45 minute session students hit plenty of balls working on chipping and longer iron shots

Roses Gap Camp
The Grade 5/6 students arrived safely in Halls Gap on Tuesday. A very excited bunch of students boarded the buses on Tuesday morning. They are having a fantastic time and enjoying their outdoor activities.

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The Department cannot advise parents/guardians on whether to purchase a student accident policy or which policy to purchase. It is recommended that they seek assistance in this matter with their insurance broker or find a suitable accident insurer in the Yellow Pages or online.

For further information, please contact:
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- Ian Wallis on 9637 3137 or wallis.ian.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

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Student, Parent & Teacher Conferences
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We will be holding our Parent, Student & Teacher Conferences for all classes in the last week of term, Monday April 4th, Tuesday April 5th and Wednesday April 6th from 3.30 – 6.00.

The purpose of these meetings is for teachers to discuss your child’s learning, for students to reflect on their learning and to give parents the opportunity to question or clarify their child’s learning. This will be a three way conversation and we expect all students and parents to attend these meetings.

We will be holding further conferences in July at the beginning of Term 3.

Netbooks
All Grade 6 children have been allocated a netbook. The remainder of the netbooks for students in Grades 4 and 5 are on back order and should be arriving in the next two weeks. Payments must be made on the netbooks before students are able to take them home.

Staff Professional Learning
I hope your child has settled into their new classes for 2011. Teachers have spent the first weeks establishing class routines, establishing class norms for behaviour, work habits and relationships within the class. Teachers at Irymple South are involved in rigorous professional learning every week with a two hour staff meeting held for all teaching staff every Tuesday from 3.30 – 5.30.

The main focus for these meeting over the past few weeks has been on our Reading programs within the school. All classes have at least one hour of a structured reading block each day. Teachers have been conducting Reading Conferences with all students to determine their reading ability and to ensure they are matched to ‘just right’ text. It is vital that students do not read text that are too hard for them. Reading at home should be an enjoyable practise time. All students in the school are expected to read at home every night.
The students in 3/4D and 2/3G had a double dose of Art this week and spent their time using dough.

They had some time exploring what they could make with the dough and then created their item. 3/4D made a representation of themselves. 2/3G made a tile with a picture of their own choice.

The dough will be baked and then painted. They will look great!

DOUGH RECIPE
4 cups plain flour
1 ½ cups salt
1 ½ cups water

Mix together. You may need to add more water.
Bake in a slow oven (150°C) for at least an hour.

Environmental News

FRIDAY FARMER’S MARKET
Tomorrow, our Environmental Leaders will be setting up our Farmer’s Market stall ready to sell Worm Whizz, our fresh chook eggs and our school-grown capsicums! We are also hopeful that our massive pumpkins will be ready soon.
Please come along and support our excited Environmental Leaders!! All proceeds go directly back into our environmental projects.

This Friday, March 4, Irymple South Primary School will be participating in Clean Up Schools Day. Please feel free to come along and help the students clean up our school and boundary areas at 2.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

Our school is supporting the Mobile Muster for Terms 1 and 2. Please continue to collect any disused mobiles and place them in the box at the front office. We may be in the running for some great prizes AND help our environment at the same time!

March
Maddy Follett (2nd)
Ryan Thomson (2nd)

NO LUNCH ORDERS, FRIDAY 11th MARCH
Junior Unit

Aleisha Milne
Prep M
Team Leader

Nadine McWilliams
Reading Recovery

Renee Congress
Grade 2/3C
Team Leader

Jill Carrodus
Literacy Support

Kate Cardew
Coach

Middle Unit

Sarah Gladman
Grade 2/3G

Renay Drendel-Arthur
Grade 3/4D
PRIMARY SCHOOLS OF IRYMPE SWIM MEET  
THURSDAY 10TH MARCH 2011
Irymple Swimming Pool at 11:00am

Age is taken as at 10th March, 2011 (the day of the competition).

Schools may enter more than one swimmer or team per event if they wish to do so, except that each school may enter only one team in the School Relay, Event 35.

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*School Freestyle Relay - consists of the fastest four swimmers from each school. Teams may comprise four girls, four boys, or any combination thereof. The Irymple Swimming Club Perpetual Shield will be awarded to the winning school in this event.

Note: Pool admission is to be paid to Irymple Swimming Club on the day at the rate of $1.50 per swimmer. Cheque or cash accepted, in a labelled envelope please.

IF YOU WISH TO ENTER PLEASE SEE MR SMITH.
ENTRIES CLOSE ON TUESDAY 8TH MARCH

RECIPE NEEDED!!

A team of year 9 Red Cliff Secondary Students currently attending Alpine School in Dinner Plain, require recipes for a book that they are going to publish! At least two of the children are past ISPS students (Ben Fisher and Damon Morrish)

The Alpine School Program is a program for student leadership. Schools apply to send a team and, if accepted have to think of a community project to implement when they return.

The team of Red Cliffs Students have decided to publish a recipe book. The proceeds of the sale of the book will go to the Jacaranda Retirement Village in RedCliffs. If any students and staff have any tried and true recipes the RCSC team would love to hear from them. For recipes handed down in the family a brief story of where it came from may provide a personal touch.

Please write down your favourite recipes and drop them off at the office, where they will be forwarded to the students at the Alpine School.
FOR SALE

1 green short sleeve vest. Size 8. Has school logo. $10
1 window fitted refrigerated air conditioner. 12 months old. $100
Ph. 0417591702

EASTER EGG RAFFLE HELP

I can help collate raffle books on Wednesday 9th March at 9:00am. 😊 Yes!

I can help wrap the Easter eggs on Wednesday 6th April at 9:00am. 😊 Yes!

Name___________________________
Contact phone number __________________________________
Child/ren _________________________
Grade ____________________________

PARENT INVOLVEMENT
I ___________________________ would be interested in volunteering my time to help the school.

Contact phone number _____________________________
Child’s name ___________________________ Class ___________________________
Child’s name ___________________________ Class ___________________________

DATE CLAIMER – NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK CELEBRATIONS 2011

National Youth Week is back and Youth Services are gearing up for 1 – 10 April 2011 organising a range of activities, events and competitions for young people aged 12-25 years.

• The Grind
Skaters, BMX and scooter riders can show off their skills and tricks at The Grind, which will be held at the Mildura Skate Park from 10.00am to 2.00pm on Saturday 2 April. It’s just a gold coin donation for entry to this smoke, alcohol and drug-free event. Competition entry forms are available on Council’s website www.mildura.vic.gov.au/youth.

• youth SPEAK Forum
In addition, the youth SPEAK Forum is a new initiative organised by the Mildura Rural City Council Youth Ambassadors. This entertaining and engaging forum is to be held on Wednesday 6 April from 9.30am to 3.00pm at the Mildura Settlers Club. The forum will include a performance by the HOPE Project Aboriginal Dance Company and a presentation from Melbourne-based young people who have experienced homelessness first hand. Attendees will also have the opportunity to hear from a range of local services that support young people.

• Meaningful Writers Competition
Evolving poets and authors can also put their prose to the test in the Meaningful Writer’s Competition. Entries are now open and close on Monday 7 March. There’s $100 cash up for grabs for the best short stories and poems that incorporate this year’s National Youth Week theme ‘Own It’. Winners will be acknowledged at a ceremony on Wednesday 7 April from 4.30pm to 5.30pm at the Benetook Room, Alfred Deakin Centre. Entry forms and more information are available on Council’s website.

Should you require any further information please contact Youth Services on 5018 8280.
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All around Australasia Ray White sells a property every 10 minutes, 24 hours a day.