NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL - Robyn Brooks

Last week I had the privilege of being invited to participate in professional learning with 20 Principals from throughout the state in Melbourne.
I spent Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday in the first 3 days of the nine day Open To Learning Accreditation Course being run over the next six months.
It truly was a privilege to be there and to be a part of high level professional learning which will enhance my skills.
During the year Ben Milsom and I have participated in a Leading School Improvement project at the Bastow Institute For Leadership in Melbourne.
Last Friday we presented our project at the final workshop in Melbourne and received excellent feedback.
The presentation we shared outlined the work we are doing to ensure that our students make 12 months growth in reading over the school year. We would love to share this presentation with our school community.
Sharon Welsh has been participating in a Leadership for Business Managers course at Bastow in Melbourne during this year.
Congratulation to Sharon for an excellent presentation that she made at the conclusion of her course on Thursday.

2015 Prep Information
We will be holding an information evening for parents of 2015 Prep students on Thursday 30th October from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the MPR. This will be a great chance to ask questions and meet other Prep parents.

Mildura Show
All students have entered a piece of art work in to the 2014 Mildura Show. This week the students have mounted and labelled their pieces of art. As per the rules of the show, no
Students of the Week

Prep R  
Jasmine Ash

Prep P  
Hugo Garraway
  1T  
Reece Scott
  1M  
Claire Jackson
  2J  
Sebastian Morello

1T  
Reece Scott
  1M  
Claire Jackson
  2J  
Sebastian Morello

2G  
Dusty Geister

3D  
Olivia Tassone

3C  
Lily Bruhn

4/5V  
Lily Adams

4/5C  
Jaye Surgey

5/6S  
Jessica Scott
  Jordan Stephen

Art  
Milla Deckert

Science  
Paddy Hamilton

Performing Arts  
Max Bell

PERFORMING ARTS with Mrs MILNE

names are allowed on the front of the art, which can make identification tricky! The students have selected their own pieces of work from their folio and a note went home last week outlining the section their work has been entered in and the title of their piece of work. Hopefully this will help the students locate their art at the show!

Zone Athletic Championships

Congratulations to all the students who represented our school and Sunraysia at the Athletics in Bendigo on Monday. Well done to Oscar Faulkhead who came 2nd in the Long Jump and will represent the region in Melbourne. All results can be found further on in the newsletter.

National Water Week on Show

Tomorrow our Environmental Leaders will be participating in a variety of activities at the Mildura Show. The activities focus on our local environment and the use of water. Activities include, How wheat is grown, Tracking fish movement and learning about our local native animals. The students will also be able to take a look at the art and craft displays.

Congratulations

We have many talented students at our school. Lily Bruhn (3C) recently completed her Preparatory Vocal Exam and she received a 98 out of 100 mark, earning her First Class Honours. Congratulations Lily!

Fees

We still have 14 families yet to finalise their fee payment for the year. The fees cover the Swimming Program, bus transport and resources for the classrooms. Please finalise these payments as soon as possible.

Uniform

Please make sure that your child wears correct uniform to school each day, this includes jumpers. Remember to name ALL items of clothing. All named uniform items that have found their way to the ‘Lost Property’ box have been returned to their owners. Students are also required to wear HATS. All school uniform can be purchased at Lowes at Mildura Central.

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CHOIR

We are looking for students from Grades 2 to 6 who would like to be part of our school choir! Students who are in the choir will need to be able to attend the Irymple Carols by Candlelight on Sunday 7th December. Practise for the choir will be during lunchtimes and the choir will be going ‘On Tour’. Please let Mrs Milne know if you are interested by filling in the form below.

I am interested in being in the Irymple South Primary School choir!

Name: _________________________________  Grade: _________________

Parent/Guardian signature ___________________________
**How Elephants got their Long Trunks**

I’m going to tell you an old story about how elephants got their long trunks. Elly the elephant was sitting all alone. She was thinking I’m hungry but she couldn’t eat. Now Elly was thirsty and no she couldn’t drink. Elly didn’t know what to do. Koalas came walking by. “Do you want to come and play with us in the trees?” Billy, Tilly and Milly asked.

“I can’t”, complained Elly. But the koalas helped Elly up. She went to go and play but the second she touched something the tree broke!

“Let’s have something to drink,” suggested Milly. “I can’t,” groaned Elly. But once again Billy, Tilly and Milly helped her to get a drink. When she got there she fell into the hole and she couldn’t get out. “I’m so clumsy,” thought Elly. Billy, Tilly and Milly pulled and pulled, but Elly’s nose just stretched. They rolled her over and finally got her out.

From that day on elephants could eat from high treetops and drink from deep puddles. And that is the way their noses/trunks have always stayed.

Written by Maddie

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**How Echidna got his Spikes**

Long, long ago there was an echidna named Elie. He was fierce, strong and persistent. Elie had a friend named Bob. Bob was a fat and slow pig.

Elie kept getting harmed because he didn’t have anything to protect himself with. Bob wanted to help Elie find spikes, but Elie said, “It’s too hazardous.” Elie was as tired as a koala. He went to sleep quietly. A fox came to kill Elie for his dinner, but he hid in a log.

Elie tried to find sticks to put on his smooth back. All of the sticks were too blunt. He tried to find arrows but there were none. Elie found pine needles. He got Bob to put them into his back. From that day on echidnas were born with spikes.

Written by Joseph

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**FOLKTALES**

The Grade 3 students have been learning about Folktales and Dreaming stories.

A folk tale is a story passed down through generations, mainly by re-telling. Folktales include fairy tales, myths, legends and Aesop fables.

Aboriginal Dreamtime is about the stories and how everything in their lives is tied together.

Australian Aboriginal people believe in a time of creation when mythical ancestral beings rose from the earth and took human, animal or plant form.

The students have written their first draft of their very own Dreaming Story/Folktale. We look forward to sharing these with our parents.
WATER WEEK POSTER COMPETITION

Last term all students were involved in designing and creating a poster for Water Week 2014. I am pleased to announce that a number of our students’ art work won awards. The students listed below received their prizes at Monday morning’s assembly.

PREP
Charli Barton
1st
Isabella McKinley
2nd
Addison Bell
Highly Commended

YRS 1 & 2
Taj Flentjar
1st
Reba Hynam
3rd
Max Castleman
Highly Commended
Jenna Coppola
Highly Commended
Taylor Johnson
Highly Commended

YRS 3 & 4
Maddie Petrolo
3rd
Mia Andronescu
Highly Commended
Caitlin D’Amico
Highly Commended
Zali Doolan
Highly Commended

Congratulations to all the winners and all those who participated.

AUSTRALIAN MATHS COMPETITION

Earlier this term, 25 students from Grades 3-6 participated in the 2014 Australian Maths Competition.

The students were asked to undertake a 30 question sit down test, where each question increased in difficulty and point value. Each of our children did a fantastic job and their effort, persistence and determination is to be commended. Like any test, the results varied and each student was given a score and an award. The following awards could be received by the students: 1-Prize, 2-High Distinction, 3-Distinction, 4-Credit, 5-Proficient and 6-Participation. Students will be presented with their certificates at assembly tomorrow morning.

GRADE 3:
Alicia Dalla Santa – Distinction
Lachlan Adolph – Credit
Lily Bruhn – Credit
Lashaye Farley – Proficient
Caitlin D’Amico – Proficient
Maddie Petrolo – Proficient
Brayden McGregor – Proficient

GRADE 4:
Zali Doolan – Credit
Maria Petrolo – Credit
Cooper Dalton – Credit

GRADE 5:
Lily Milsom – Credit
Shari Brown – Credit
Lily Adams – Credit
Sophie Driscoll – Credit
Angus Cooper – Proficient
Tom Jaensch – Proficient
Chris D’Amico – Proficient

GRADE 6:
Sharni Robinson – Credit
Jorja Arthur – Proficient
Jack Chiswell – Proficient
Billy Phelan – Proficient
Renee Rowett – Proficient
Zack Zadow – Proficient
Eilish Zappia – Proficient
Caleb Davis – Proficient
MILDURA SHOW

If you are going to the Mildura Show this year, make sure that you visit the Imperials Club Rooms where the Student Art is displayed. All students were given the opportunity to choose a piece of work to enter in the show. I am very proud to have entered 310 pieces of art work. All students were given a note which reminded them of which piece of art work was entered. I am looking forward to going to the show and seeing all our students work on display.

ART with Mrs Lord

P.E. with Mrs Branson

Athletic Championships

The following students represented our school at the Loddon Mallee Regional Athletic Championships in Bendigo on Monday. It was a very cold and windy day, however all students performed well and tried their very best.

Congratulations to **Oskar Faulkhead** who came 2nd in the 11 year boys Long jump. Oskar will now travel to Melbourne to compete in the Victorian State Track and Field Championships in two weeks time.

Other results were:

- **Patrick McWilliams** 10 yrs Boys- 800m Long Distance Run – 7th
- **Oskar Faulkhead** 11 Boys- 800m Long Distance - 4th and 11 year Boys- Long jump - 2nd
- **Choice Garraway** 9/10 yrs Boys- 200m Sprint - 7th in his heat & 9/10 yrs Boys- 100m Sprint - 8th in the final
- **Bailey Anderson** 11 Boys- 200m Sprint - 6th in the final
- **Sam Hayes** 11 yrs Boys- 1500m Long Distance Run – 5th
- **Sophie Driscoll** 11 yrs Girls- 1500m Long Distance Run – Didn’t finish
- **Milla Deckert** 12+ yrs Girls- Triple Jump and 12+ yrs Girls- 1500m Long Distance Run

- **Claudia Forrest** 12+ Girls- Discus
- **Mckensie Wade** 11 yrs Girls- Long Jump
- **Keenan Wade** 11 yrs Boys- Triple Jump

Both the 11 yrs Boys and 12+ yrs Girls relay teams made the finals of their races. Boys team came 5th and the girls team came 8th. The boys team was **Oskar Faulkhead, Keenan Wade, Sam Hayes** and **Bailey Anderson**. The girls team was **Jordan Stephen, Claudia Forrest, Sharni Robinson, Milla Deckert** and **Sophie Driscoll** (who had to fill in for them in the final).

A big thank you to all the parents who travelled all the way to Bendigo so that their children could compete.
In Science students in grades 5/6 have worked hard on their understandings of what a Liquid, Solid or Gas is. They participated in an activity called ‘Mystery Powders’ (nothing dangerous of course). Students had to investigate the physical and chemical changes in powders when water was added. They had to note the look and smell of the powder before and after the water was added. Then they had to predict what the powder could be. The kids noticed some of the powders did not react when water was added other than creating the physical change of getting wet. Others changed dramatically with obvious chemical reaction.

Students in grades 4/5 completed their Famous Bridge Information Posters which are now ready for self-assessment. They this week started investigating what a Liquid, Solid or Gas are.

Grade 3 students are investigating all things to do with Day/Night. Grade 2 students are investigating the difference between the Life Cycle of an animal compared to that of a plant.

Grade 1s are looking at Weather and how it affects our everyday life. From the food we eat to what we wear and the activities we do. We started looking at the 4 Seasons this week. Preps have been looking at the classification of animals. They started with the question “Can you name some Australian Animals?”. Some of them gave me some very interesting answers.
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### MILO CRICKET
Registration Day for the Irymple Milo Cricket is on Thursday 16th October at 5pm. Season starts on Thursday 23rd October at 5pm. Cost $65

### "Red Cliffs Summer Junior Tennis"
Saturday mornings from 9am at the Red Cliffs Tennis Club. Please phone your name thru to the clubhouse if intending to play on 5024 3468. Beginner coaching from 9-10am every Sat morning @$5.00 per child. All Junior enquiries to Tena Williams - Junior Coordinator on 0437809206.

**OCTOBER**
Julia Sherry (14th)
James Puleio (15th)
Irymple South PS Carnival

Friday 21st November, 2014
6pm—9pm
School Oval

BBQ by Irymple Lions Club, Paella by TAFE and Hangi by the Tongan community.

Soft drinks & water available to purchase
Activities for the kids, face painting, pick the lucky stocking, fresh produce to purchase, Christmas crafts, fairy floss & popcorn stall & many more.

Activity prices vary $2-$3 each

BYO—Chairs, table, picnic rug, plates & cutlery.

Any questions please call
Natalee Johnson on 0408 538 356