

**NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

**Robyn Brooks**

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

Tuesday 7th November is a Public Holiday. There will be **NO** school on Tuesday for students and staff.

**IRYMPLE SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**FAMILY CARNIVAL**  
**FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 6-9PM**

We still require helpers on the night. Return the form at the end of the newsletter. We also require donations of items that would be suitable for inclusion in gift baskets that will be raffled. Any fresh produce that could be sold on the night would be wonderful. Thanks to all those people who have already put their hand up or have donated. Only seven sleeps to go!

**ZOOPER DOOPER FRIDAY**

We had our first 'Zooper Dooper Friday' last week! What a wonderful success. Our last one will be next Friday, 10th November. Caitlin, Indi, Ava and Mercedesz will be selling Zooper Doopers after school at both gates. They will cost \$0.50 each, so make sure you bring your money to school on Friday. They will be at both gates from 3:15pm to 3:25pm. Bus travellers can buy one from the gate near the bus at 2:55pm.



**Grandparents' Day**

What a wonderful morning we had on Monday! There were so many happy students and proud grandparents. It was a great opportunity to showcase the learning that happens at ISPS. We value the important role that grandparents play in the lives of their grandchildren. To see the joy and excitement on everyone's faces when participating in the activities was just gorgeous. Thanks to all those who supplied morning tea and for all those who attended.



**Grade 1 Excursion**

Yesterday the Grade 1 students participated in their excursion and tea. They visited Bunnings, Woodsies Gem Shop, Nowingi Place and House of Bounce. After school they participated in



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activities at school. Thanks to Jonathan Creek for taking Tae Kwon Do sessions. The students had a fantastic time. Thanks to Miss Foreman, Miss Theunissen, Mrs McWilliams, Mrs Rowland and Ms Harmer for all their hard work organising the day and helping with the activities. Next Thursday the Grade 2 students will have their excursion day and sleepover.

### **Athletic Championships**

Congratulations to Lachlan Adolph (6S) and Sosaia Ale (5G) who competed at the State Athletics competition in Melbourne on Monday. Both students represented our school, our zone and our region in the state competition. Lachlan competed in the 12+ Boys Long Jump competition and Sosaia competed in the 11 year old Boys Shot Put. We congratulate both boys for their dedication to these vents and their efforts in Melbourne.

### **Prep 2018 Transition Days**

Our new intake of Prep students are preparing for the start of their primary school experience. They will be attending four Transition Days which will give them a taste of school life.

Day 1: Tuesday 14th November

Day 2: Tuesday 21st November

Day 3: Tuesday 5th December

Day 4: Tuesday 12th December

### **Curriculum Day**

Our last Curriculum day for the year will be on **Thursday 14th December**. Students will not be required to attend school on this day.

### **Choir**

Choir for this year have begun rehearsals during lunchtime on a Thursday. The choir

consisting of grade 3-6 students will perform at the School Carnival, Irymple Carols by Candlelight and the Langtree Mall.

### **Student start day for 2018**

The first day of school for students in 2018 will be Tuesday January 30th

Preps will have Wednesdays as a rest day for all of February.

All staff begin work on Monday January 29th.

### **Wanted**

We require empty 2 litre soft drink bottles for the Family Carnival. Please bring these to the office.

### **Art Program boxes**

The students in Grades 1 and 2 are making robots using boxes. We need some more smaller boxes for arms, legs and heads! There is a big box just inside the door of the Art Room where you can place any donations.

### **Parent Payment 2018**

School Council determines the school fees each year and approves the Parent Payment Policy as outlined by the Department of Education. At our recent School Council meeting it was determined that the parent payment cost for 2018 will be \$225.

This cost covers all essential student learning items (for example: pens, pencils, iPad apps), incursions (such as payment for Kaboom Kids day) and excursions (bus travel for sports days, Ballet). The full parent payment policy for 2018 can be found on our school website.

The School Camp program, which occurs for all year levels in Term 4 and is outlined in the newsletter is not included in this payment.

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

### **Prep C**

Will Allen

### **Prep M**

Elsie Madden

### **Prep D**

Lewis Sleep

### **1T**

Kylah Sutton

### **1F**

Rory Lay

Eavan Brighton

### **2W**

Jethro Sharman

### **2J**

Brielle Accola

### **2R**

Lilly Harner

### **3T**

Zach Allan

### **3C**

Ella Shore

### **4R**

Kayden Hynes

### **4V**

Gabby Zacccone

### **5G**

Akira Szeto

### **5H**

Cooper Milsom

### **6S**

Emma Timpano

### **6A**

Maddie Petrolo

### **Art**

Elsie Madden

### **Drama**

Ella Shore

### **Dance**

Meg Knight

Addison Bell

### **PE**

Eavan Brighton

### **Principal**

Macey Currie

Zoe Howard



# GRANDPARENTS' DAY 2017



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# CAMP PROGRAM

At Irymple South we offer a structured camp program. The program is intended to give the students a broad range of experiences on which to build knowledge about our own local area and the greater area in proximity to Mildura. We aim to provide a sequential program that provides students with the opportunities to develop independence and resilience.

## Grade 5 & 6

The final cost for the upcoming Grade 5/6 Roses Gap camp is \$445 (November 14th-17th). This is slightly more than we estimated at the beginning of the year.

## Grade 4 Camp

Correspondence regarding the Grade 4 camp was sent home this week. The students will be attending Lake Cullulleraine Camp from Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of November. The total cost for the camp will be \$185.

## Grade 3 Camp

This year the Grade 3 students will be travelling to Broken Hill. The camp will be on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of November. The cost of the camp is \$180.

## Grade 2 Excursion and Sleepover

Grade 2 students will be sleeping over at school on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November. They will participate in a variety of out of school activities during the day. The cost of the excursion and sleepover is \$50.

## Prep Excursion and Dinner

Prep students will be participating in their excursion and dinner at school on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December. The cost of this excursion will be \$22

Payments for all camps can be made now using the following payment options.

*\*Cash/ Cheque/ EFTPOS*

*\*Direct Deposit*

*Irymple South Primary School*

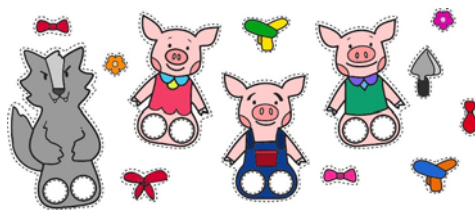
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*\*\*Please put your child's surname as a reference*

## DRAMA with Mrs Cardew

Prep students are currently learning about puppets and how they are used to entertain and tell stories. They have been busy making a range of simple puppets to manipulate and bring to life using their voices.



Grade 1 students are learning about scripted drama. They are retelling a story from a book through acting and improvising using specific language and beginning to explore the skills needed to read short plays.

Grades 2-4 students are practising the skills required to successfully read scripts and portray characters through voice, facial expression and gestures. Students are working collaboratively to comprehend and appreciate a range of short plays.



Grade 5 and 6 students are also studying puppets. They have learned about the history of puppets, their purpose and the types of puppets from past to present. They are currently making a sock puppet using sewing as their main form of construction.



## THIS IS THE WORST DAY EVER! BY MICHAEL GROSE

Recently, Debra (not her real name), a mother of two children, told me how her 10 year old son would often exaggerate his woes with comments such as 'This is the worst day ever' when he came in the door after school. She was seeking my advice on what approach she should take with her son.

Debra was attuned to her son's needs. She realised that he had a need to talk about what was on his mind, which put her at odds with her husband who viewed her son as a pessimist. So what approach to take?

### **Place time limits on pessimism**

Her son was more than likely down the pessimist end of the pessimism-optimism continuum. Nothing wrong with that although it would be very limiting if he always saw the world through a negative lens. Pessimism and optimism are part genetic and part learned so regardless of how sunny and optimistic those adults around them may be, some kids are just more prone to seeing the downside in most situations. It's important to listen to kids but at the same time don't allow them to wallow in self-pity or go over old, negative ground. Listen to their tale but at some point it's best to say, "Enough! Think about other things."

### **Cue kids to talk**

Children of all ages have a need to talk about their day and get things off their chests. Kids Help-line's busiest part of the day is the time immediately after school when kids dial up to talk about problems with teachers and also with peers. It's healthy for kids to talk to adults to get things off their chests. 'The worst day ever' is a type of cue for Debra's son to vent. Perhaps Debra can let her son know that she's always available to talk and that all he needs to do is say, "Mum, I need to talk."

### **Allow kids to vent and be understood**

There's nothing more therapeutic than knowing someone understand you. That means as a listener you need to stop what you are doing, and really tune into the feelings behind your child's venting. If your child is feeling sad, mad or rejected, think of a recent time when you felt the same way. It will allow you to get on the same wave-length as your child. This takes time and a willingness to be vulnerable, but it is probably what your child wants from you.

### **Call kids out on extreme black and white language**

Many young people catastrophise or see situations in extreme terms. 'The worst day ever', 'everyone hates me', 'the teacher never says anything nice to me' are examples of extreme views. The world is rarely so black and white. As parents, we can challenge extreme language. Wind it back with more realistic language such as 'Yes, it sounds like your having a bad day,' 'Some people can be unpleasant but you have some other terrific friends,' and 'that teacher can be grumpy sometimes but I think you'll find he can be reasonable too.'

### **Encourage kids to show gratitude**

If you have a child who constantly brings the negative parts of their day to you then it may be wise to bring some balance to his or her viewpoint. Do this by encouraging them to show some gratitude for the good or positive things that happened to them. Many resilience experts encourage children and young people to keep a gratitude journal. At the end of each day they should place three things that happened to them that they are grateful for in their journal. Not only does this add some much-needed perspective but looking for the good and positive side of life becomes habit-forming even for the most negative Nevilles and Nellies.

Debra's initial approach to listen to her son when he wanted to talk about his day was the right one. However she admitted she was tired at being the sole recipient of her son's constant negativity. If you can identify with Debra then I encourage you to be empathetic and understanding but also to have some different strategies at your finger tips to steer your child or young person to a more positive, more realistic appraisal and at the same time, not allowing one bad event or incident define their entire day.

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# CALENDAR 2017

Week	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	5	6	7 CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	8	9 Grade 2 Excursion & Sleepover	10 Zooper Dooper Friday  Family Carnival 6-9pm	11	12
	6	13	14 Grade 5/6 Camp  Prep 2018 Transition #1	15	16	17	18	19
	7	20	21 Prep 2018 Transition #2	22 Grade 4 Camp	23  Grade 3 Camp	24	25	26
	8	27	28	29 School Council 6pm	30	1	2	3
<b>DECEMBER</b>	9	4	5 Prep 2018 Transition #3	6	7 Prep Excursion & Dinner	8	9	10
	10	11	12 Grade 6 Transition  Prep 2018 Transition #4	13  Grade 6 Dinner	14 CURRICULUM DAY	15	16	17
	11	18 Grade 6 Graduation	19	20	21	22 End of Term 4	23	24

## TERM DATES 2018

**Term 1:** 30th January to 29th March

Teachers will officially return to school on Monday  
January 29th

**All students will begin school on Tuesday January 30th**

**Term 2:** 16th April to 29th June

**Term 3:** 16th July to 21st September

**Term 4:** 8th October to 2nd December

## Happy Birthday

### OXFORD

Tyler Siebel (30th)  
Bridget Hamilton (31st)

### NOVEMBER

Lachlan D'Ettorre (1st)  
Charlie Wallace (1st)  
Cooper Thwaites (3rd)  
Indi Stephen (3rd)  
Ethan Bruton (5th)  
Carmel Casale (5th)



**IRYMPLE SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**FAMILY CARNIVAL**  
**FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER 6-9PM**  
**ON THE SCHOOL OVAL**



**ISPS Choir and Student singers**  
**Tongan dancing**  
**Hula dancing**  
**Taekwondo demonstration**  
**Visit from Santa**



School operated stalls will be cashless ~ Coupon cards will be available to purchase on the night

**Face painting, Shortbread decorating, Pinwheel making,**  
**Bauble decorating, Ducking for ducks,**  
**Lucky numbers, and Showbags**



**~ BBQ ~ COFFEE ~ HOT CHIPS ~ ICE-CREAM ~**  
**~ MANGO DRINKS ~ POPCORN ~ SOFT DRINKS ~**

If you able to help on the night please complete and return early next week.



I am available to help on a school carnival stall at:

6.00-6.30pm  
 7.30-8.00pm

6.30-7.00pm  
 8.00-8.30pm

7.00-7.30pm  
 8.30-9.00pm

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_