Irymple South PS
Carnival
FRIDAY 21st NOVEMBER

6:00pm—Enjoy our stalls, BBQ tea, Paella, Ice cream, Drinks, Pop Corn, Fairy Floss, Art Exhibition
6.45pm—Old Fashioned Games
7.30pm—School Choir
7.45pm—Tug of war
8.30pm—Stalls close & Santa arrives
9pm—Pack up time

To help with purchases, we have a coupon stall where you can purchase pre paid coupons to use at most of the stalls. The stalls accepting the pre purchased coupons are:
Irymple South Styling salon, Photo Booth, Popcorn & Fairy Floss, Christmas crafts, Santa’s Workshop, Colour Your Nails, Santa Sacks & The Little Drummer Stall.
(all others will accept cash)

Soft Drinks, Fresh Produce, Bakery, Paella, BBQ, Ice Cream Van
Please remember to bring your own cutlery, plates, shopping bags, chairs and picnic rugs.

There is a fantastic display of Art in the Multipurpose room please go in and have a look.

A HUGE thank you to the following wonderful people that helped tonight happen—
Janet, Connie, Toni, Linda, Sherrie, Sarah, Kylie, Leeanne, Katie, Jolene, Metaxia, Nadine, Bec, Ali, Nicole, Toisi & Emma.
I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff at ISPS. We have a very dedicated team of professionals who strive to give each student the best education and educational experiences possible. All students are involved in our camps program which provides them with unique opportunities and experiences. Camps and excursions take a lot of planning and organising and all our staff are involved. Many of the camps involve overnight stays which means that staff are on duty all the time. They are also taking away time from their families and friends. Many of our senior students have excelled in sporting areas and are given the opportunity to travel away to compete. The organisation and the supervision of these students is a role that a number of staff are involved in. Thank you to all staff who help provide the students with these experiences which will form lifelong memories.

WELCOME
This week we welcome Clayton Godden to our school. Clayton is in Grade 2J with Miss Jones.

REPORTS
Student reports are being written at the moment. These will be distributed on Thursday 18th December. All students will receive a hard copy of their report which will include their academic level of achievement, their level of achievement in relation to our core values, teacher and student reflections, annotated work samples, teacher comments and an overview of the specialist programs that the students have participated in.

STAFFING 2015
We are currently finalising staffing and classes for 2015. We will announce the staffing and class structures as soon as we can.

PREP TRANSITION
Yesterday 48 very excited new Preps for 2015 came to school for their very first transition day. The children had a great time reading stories, making books, learning words and working on the iPads. They will be coming back again next Wednesday to work with Mrs Rowland and Miss Piscioneri.

EMA
There are important changes to EMA in 2015. Please read the information at the end of the newsletter if you have been a recipient in the past.

2014 FAMILY CELEBRATION DINNER
On Monday 15th December the whole school will get together to celebrate the achievements and successes of many of our students. This will include the Grade 6 Graduation, Award Presentations and Formal Announcements of 2015 School and House Captains. All families are invited to attend, have dinner and celebrate a fantastic year of learning completed by all of our students.

GIRLS TOUCH RUGBY
Congratulations to the our Girls Touch Rugby team who travelled to Melbourne on Monday to compete against other Victorian Schools on Tuesday. Our team consisted of Tiah Barone, Claudia Cavallo, Emma Hogan, Eve Kellett, Isabella Piscioneri, Julia Sherry, Georgia Topp, Mckensie Wade and Chloe Waylen. The girls payed four games and unfortunately lost all of them. They had a wonderful time and it was a great experience for everyone. Thanks to Michael Wade for driving the bus, Jacey Piscioneri and Penni Williams for accompanying the girls.

BOYS SOFTBALL
Our Boys Softball team left today bound for competition in Melbourne. Our team comprises, Bailey Anderson, Jack Barrot, Gasper Cavallo, Jack Chiswell, Anthony Cua, Dusti Doolan, Tyson Giles, Paddy Hamilton, Billy Phelan, Julian Rayner, Lachie Scott, Levi Stanbrook and Frankie Zaccone. We wish them the best of luck with their games tomorrow.

PUBERTY EDUCATION
Last week the Grade 6 students participated in a Puberty Education session with Denise Pragt and Julie Lohmeyer. The students learnt a lot about their bodies and how they are changing and will change during puberty.

CHOIR
The Choir will be performing tomorrow night at 7:30pm at the ISPS Carnival. All members of the choir have received a note about this.

CURRICULUM DAY
Our next Curriculum Day will be on WEDNESDAY 3rd DECEMBER. All staff will be undertaking professional learning and planning for 2015. No students are required at school on this day.

PERFORMING ARTS
On Friday 21st November the Grade 1 students will be performing a dance at assembly that they have been rehearsing in Performing Arts with Mrs Milne. On Friday 28th November the Grade 2 students will also be performing. Everyone is welcome to attend and watch their dance.

ENVIRONMENTAL EXCURSION
The Environmental Leaders have been invited to visit the Stephanie Alexander Garden at Wentworth Public School on Tuesday 25th November. Could all permission notes please be brought back as soon as possible.

GRADE 6 GRADUATION
At the end of the year we will be once again
celebrating another successful year of Grade 6 Irymple South students. During our Graduation we have a number of awards that are won by students. Over many years we have had many kind contributions and are again looking for donations. Any parents that would like to contribute towards an award please see Mr. Milsom by Friday 21st November.

ICE CREAM
On Tuesday the Junior School Council held an ice cream shop in Room 7. For $1 students could purchase an ice cream in a cone with sprinkles (if desired). This was very popular and the line up went all the way to Room 1. The next ice cream day is on Tuesday 2nd December. This week we raised $160 which will go towards a student notice board.

FEES
We still have 10 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.

CYBER SAFETY
Social media is more accessible than ever – with the rise of smartphones and tablets, it has never been easier to jump online. For young people, it means being more connected than any other generation – friends are never more than a tweet away. Unfortunately this has also led to a rapid increase in cyberbullying – to the point that at least one in 10 children are cyberbullied each year. Cyberbullying can be very different from traditional bullying, and many parents can feel ill-equipped to respond if their child is being cyberbullied.

Susan McLean (pictured right), a former police officer and Australia’s leading cybersafety expert, said even if parents have no experience with social media, by following a few basic steps, parents can effectively support their children to be safe online.

‘Parenting in the 21st century requires you to be able to parent in the digital space,’ Ms McLean said. Technology is firmly entrenched in our lives and that of our children so we need the tools to deal with issues as they arise. ‘It’s really important that if your child is being cyberbullied, you don’t cut them off from social media and take their technology away - the vast majority of kids won’t tell a parent if they are bullied and harassed online for fear of losing access. They would much rather put up with the bad to keep the good.’

Ms McLean said when confronted with their child being cyberbullied, parents should follow the cyberbullying quick response checklist:

- Reassure and comfort
- Don’t respond
- Block and delete bully
- Report to the site
- Keep a copy
- Tell school (or relevant place) and seek action
- If ongoing inform police
- Support your child as they have done nothing wrong

The Department’s Bully Stoppers website has a range of advice for parents, students and teachers about how to respond to all types of bullying.

Susan McLean is Australia’s leading cybersafety expert and was a member of Victoria Police for 27 years. She was the first Victorian Police officer appointed to a position involving cybersafety and young people. She was one of several experts who authored the Bully Stoppers Resource and is a published author. Her book Sexts Texts and Selfies - how to keep your child safe in the digital space is available now.
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
As Christmas approaches we are looking for donations of non-perishable items to use for our Christmas raffle. Baskets will be in the Office foyer from November 20th and donations for each classroom can be placed inside. Raffle tickets will also be available from November 20th. The raffle will be drawn on Monday 15th December at the 2014 End of Year Family Celebration Dinner. Any queries please contact Jo Smith on 0402052691

NOVEMBER
Tara Rielley (17th)
Maya Macgregor (19th)
Lachlan Adolph (20th)
Lauren O’Connor (20th)
Blake Sullivan (22nd)
Cy Romeo (22nd)

ART EXHIBITION
Come along and take a look at all of the students wonderful art work. There are drawings, paintings, collages, 3D construction, sewing and many other creations to look at.

Opening on Friday 21st November at 9:00am.
Open during our Carnival, 21st November from 6:00-9:00pm
Open from 8:30-9:00am & 3:15-4:00pm
Monday 24th to Friday 28th November
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I learnt that kids could get the cane from things as minor as spelling mistakes, talking when they weren't spoke to and not sitting up straight. That is one thing I definitely didn't know about! I really enjoyed Sovereign Hill. I learnt lots from M.A.D.E but the big one was the oath and the different weapons that were used. Cops and soldiers would use guns and swords but then the miners would use sticks with a spear head tied to the end.

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Jordan

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1. Prisoner of War: They have that there to show respect from the prisoners of war.
2. Botanical Gardens: Prime Minister Avenue and I learnt that 1 prime minister was only in control for 7 days.
3. Wildlife Park: The kangaroos do what ever they want. Tassie Devils has a very powerful jaw and very bad hunters. Most Devils have facial cancer.
4. M.A.D.E: I learnt lots from M.A.D.E but the big one was the oath and the different weapons that were used. Cops and soldiers would use guns and swords but then the miners would use sticks with a spear head tied to the end.
5. Sovereign Hill: I learnt there that they wore some pretty stupid things corset, hoop skirt etc. That if you were a left hander you were forced to write with your right hand. If you didn't you were called a sinner which dates back to ancient Latin.
6. Blood on the Southern Cross: I learnt that the killing of a Scottish man lead to the burning down of the Eureka Hotel. There was an angry mob of diggers.

Jordan
Grade 5 Ballarat Camp

Wildlife Park

Jumping Pillow

Camp Award Winners

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**R.I. Christmas Break-Up**

All children who participate in Religious Instruction are invited to the Christmas Break-up on Monday, December 8th at 12.30pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. Parents and grandparents are most welcome to attend. Could all students attending please bring a plate to share for lunch.

*Thank you*

Di Eagle and Mrs Puku

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**SUNRAYSIAS AUTISM SPECTRUM SUPPORT GROUP**

All members are invited to attend the SASSG AGM. The AGM will be held at The Office Wine and Lounge Bar Langtree Ave, Mildura on Tuesday the 9th of December @ 7pm.

All SASSG Committee positions will be declared vacant. A Christmas Dinner will follow the AGM.

The meal is complimentary however drinks are to be paid for at the bar. Please RSVP to assist us with catering. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards

Cait Kelly
Secretary SASSG.

Sunraysia Autism Spectrum Support Group
Committee
sunraysia.autism@gmail.com
**Walk to reduce your footprint**

My name is Ebony Fitzgerald and I'm from Sacred Heart Primary School, Mildura. I am part of the Sacred Heart Environment Committee (SHEC) which is a student led environmental group in my school. We are also a Resource-Smart school and we are keen to reduce our carbon footprint.

SHEC are organising a community event which we are calling “Walk to Reduce your Footprint!!!”

We really would love for ALL schools to participate and we ask that you come along and join in with our walk. We are also keen to involve the wider community in walking with us too.

**WHEN:** “Walk to Reduce your Footprint” event is on Sunday 23rd of November, 2014

**WHERE:** Gather at Nowingi Place, Mildura and walk to the Mildura Art Centre (Approximately 2.4 kms)

**TIME:** starts at 9.30am

We suggest walkers use sunscreen, wear a hat and bring their own water to drink while walking. The water trailer will be at the Mildura Arts Centre to use for free at the end of the walk.

All walkers will be entered into a raffle to win a prize that can be used to help reduce your carbon footprint.

Contact Rosemarie Zalec, Teacher, Sacred Heart Primary School on 5023 1204 / 04585 40307 or email rzalec@shmildura.catholic.edu.au for further information.

Thankyou

Ebony Fitzgerald
EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE 2015

From 1st January 2015 the government will no longer be providing the Education Maintenance Allowance to Pension/Health Care Holders. While those schools who have a lower-socio-economic rating will receive extra funds, Irymple South does not fall into this category and therefore will not receive funds to cover this allowance.

This change to how the money is distributed was required by the funding agreement with the Commonwealth government to make sure Victorian schools receive increased funding that will benefit all students and, in particular, those from schools with concentrated disadvantage.

Supporting students from low income families

The Commonwealth Government provides a range of payments and services to help families look after their children’s education, health care and other family issues.

Family Tax Benefits A and B

This is a two-part payment to help with the cost of raising children. To be eligible for Family Tax Benefit Part A, the parent must care for a dependent child who is:

* aged 0-15 years, or
* aged 16–19 years, paid until the end of the calendar year in which they turn 19, and: undertaking full-time education or training in an approved course leading towards a Year 12 or equivalent qualification with an acceptable study load, or has been granted an exemption from education or training requirements

Parents also need to satisfy an income test, meet residence requirements and be caring for the child at least 35 per cent of the time. The amount paid for Family Tax Benefit Part A depends on family income, the number of children in the family, and how old they are. The maximum rate per fortnight for a child aged 0-12 years is $176.82 or $4,597.32 per year. The maximum rate per fortnight for a child aged 13-19 years is $230.00 or $5,980.00 per year.

Family Tax Benefit Part B gives extra help to single parents and families with one main income. An example of this may be where one parent stays at home to care for a child full-time or balances some paid work with caring for a child. To be eligible for Family Tax Benefit Part B, the parent must have care of a child for at least 35 per cent of the time who is:

* a dependent child under 16 years of age, or
* a dependent full-time secondary student up until the end of the calendar year in which they turn 18.

The rate of Family Tax Benefit Part B is based on an income test and the meeting of residence requirements. The amount paid for Family Tax Benefit Part B usually depends on the age of the youngest child in the family. The maximum rate per fortnight for a child aged 5-18 years is $105.00 or $2,730.00 per year.

If a parent/family qualifies for Family Tax Benefit Part A or Part B, they may be entitled to other payments and services such as the SchoolKids Bonus (see below), Parenting Payment, Child Dental Benefits and many others.

Health Care Card

The Health Care Card provides help with the cost of prescription medicine under Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, Australian government funded medical services, and access to state, territory and local government concessions. Families may be eligible for a Health Care Card if they get specific Commonwealth payments or supplements or the maximum rate of Family Tax Benefit Part A.

SchoolKids Bonus

The Schoolkids Bonus is a Commonwealth Government payment to assist eligible families with education costs. The Bonus is automatically paid by the Commonwealth Department of Human Services in two instalments each year. Parents do not need to make a claim for this payment.

To be eligible for the Schoolkids Bonus, the parent/carer must:

- receive Family Tax Benefit Part A for a dependent child in primary or secondary education
- have a primary or secondary student turning 19 years or younger in the calendar year, who receives certain government payments
- satisfy an income test (applicable from 1 January 2015)

From 1 January 2015, eligible families will receive the Schoolkids Bonus in:

- 2 instalments of $211 for each child in primary school - a total of $422 each year
- 2 instalments of $421 for each child in secondary school - a total of $842 each year.

School Council will determine the fee structure for 2015 at their forth coming meeting.