NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL - Robyn Brooks

STAFFING FOR 2015

Next year we welcome Miss Bonnie Foreman to our school.

Class teachers for 2015 will be:

- Prep: Mrs Sue Rowland
- Prep: Miss Donna Piscioneri
- Grade 1: Miss Katelyn Thompson
- Grade 1: Miss Bonnie Foreman
- Grade 2: Miss Maddy Jones
- Grade 2: Mrs Lucy Dreyer
- Grade 3: Mrs Renay Dre德尔–Arthur
- Grade 3: Miss Marie Capogreco
- Grade 4: Mrs Brooke Vadlja
- Grade 4/5: Mrs Carmel Casale
- Grade 5/6: Mr Tim Smith
- Grade 5/6: Miss Sarah Gladman

Our part time teaching staff will provide a variety of support and specialist programs. Our specialist and support teachers in 2014 are:

- Mrs Aleisha Milne: Science and Performing Arts
- Mrs Sharon Branson: P.E.
- Mrs Nadine McWilliams: Literacy/Numeracy Support
- Mrs Emma Lord: Art
- Mrs Kate Cardew: Prep
- Mrs Tammy Warn: Grade 4/5 Support Programs
- Mrs Renee Giddings: Grade 4/5 Support Programs

Our Education Support staff for 2015 are:

- Business Manager: Ms Sharon Welsh
- Admin/Support: Ms Penni Williams
- Integration Aide: Mrs Kerri Retallick

I would like to acknowledge the dedication, professionalism and excellent work ethic from all the staff at Irymple South. We are extremely lucky to have such an outstanding staff who really do work as a team and always have the students and school as a whole at the heart of all they do.

Staff Professional Learning

Yesterday staff were involved in professional learning at school. As a result of our self-evaluation and Peer Review we are investigating models of teaching to motivate and stimulate our students to be curious learners who are enthusiastic to learn about their world.

We read the work of Guy Claxton and spent time planning for inquiry units of work for 2015 at all levels. We are very excited and enthusiastic to build upon the motivating, exciting teaching and learning that students have been engaged in.

All students will be notified of their 2015 class teacher prior to finishing school this year.
END OF 2014 and START of 2015

The end of Term 4 is coming closer. The school year ends on **Friday 19th of December at 1:30pm**. In accordance with department guidelines we will be finishing at 1:30pm. There will be NO buses available. All students are expected to attend school until this date. In the final week of school a number of activities are planned to celebrate the hard work that has been done throughout the year. The Grade 6 Graduation presentation is one of these. On Monday 15th December the whole school will get together to celebrate the achievements and successes of many of our students. All families are invited to attend, have dinner and celebrate a fantastic year of learning completed by all of our students.

School resumes in 2015 on Friday 30th January, for students. Teachers commence on Wednesday 28th January and will be involved in professional learning on this day and on Thursday 29th January. **All students will commence on Friday 30th January.**

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.

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.

GRADE 6 DINNER & DISCO

Each year the Grade 6 students have a celebratory dinner and disco at school in the Multi Purpose Room. This year the dinner and disco will be held on Tuesday 9th December. Notes have gone home to those involved and these need to be returned as soon as possible. Thanks to the wonderful parents who organise the evening and prepare the meals.

SCHOOL FEES 2015

School Council has established the cost of school fees in 2015 to be $220 per child. This cost covers the following: My Chinese Tutor program, use of iPads and netbooks, all stationery, in school performances, all bus travel, out of school performances, swimming program etc.

There will be no EMA in 2015. Information regarding payment of the fees will be distributed early in 2015. There are also 8 families that still have fees outstanding for 2014. Prompt payment of these fees is required.

MORNING TEA

We will be holding a morning tea for all parents at 9.00am on Friday January 30th – the first day of school.

ISPS ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP TEAM

We are looking for interested parents to join an Environmental Leadership Team to guide, advise and support the directions of the school in the broader sense around our Environmental initiatives. This group would comprise both parent and staff representatives and we envisage the group would meet approximately once a term.

If you are interested could you please contact me by Friday December 12th.

JSC

After the first successful ice-cream stall, the JSC will be selling ice-cream on Wednesday 10th and 17th December. Vanilla ice-cream in a cone with optional sprinkles will cost $1. Monies raised will be going towards the purchase of a student notice board.

CHOIR

Our carollers will be performing at the Irymple Carols by Candlelight on Sunday night. They did an outstanding job at the Carnival last Friday night. The Carols are being held at Henshilwood Oval, Irymple commencing at 5.25pm. Our choir will be performing at 6.25pm (please arrive at 6.10pm) and it would be wonderful if you could support them by attending the Carols by Candlelight. The choir will also be going ‘On Tour’ on Tuesday 9th December to sing at Oasis Aged Care, Princess Court Homes and Bupa.

BALLET

On Tuesday the Preps and Grade 1 students went to the Arts Centre to watch the Mildura and District Ballet Guild’s production of Coppelia. The students LOVED it!

PREP TRANSITION

Today our new 2015 Prep students had their third Transition Day and met their buddy. They played a game with them and next week they will attend Orientation Day on Tuesday 9th December from 9:30am to 1:30pm. They will meet their buddy and work with Mrs Rowland, Miss Piscioneri and Mrs Cardew.

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done Dustin (5/6S) for being presented with the following awards from the North West Victorian Motorbike Club: 1st - Motor cross, 2nd - Dirt Track, 2nd - Enduro AND Junior Club Champion - 2nd year in a row!

TALENT QUEST

On Tuesday 16th December we will hold our bi-annual Talent Quest. Students have been auditioning in their class. The Talent Quest will begin at 9:15am. Parents and family members are invited to attend. Remember to bring along a chair and a hat.
In Science this week the students in 5/6 and 4/5 were very busily planning, organising and making things for their mini science experiments to share with a younger class. Students in Grade 3 have been working hard on their explanations of how the day and night process works. They have been using mini globes and torches to help with their explanations.

In Prep R the students looked at the different classifications of animals. They were sorted into categories such as animals with wings, fins, tails, claws, shells or scales. Some students worked out that some animals can belong to more than one category.

SCIENCE with Mrs Warn

GOLD RUSH CELEBRATION
On Wednesday 10th December the students in 4/5V and 4/5C will be participating in a variety of activities to celebrate their learning about the Gold Rush. At 12:30pm they will be performing plays. Parents and family members are invited to come along and watch the plays.

GRADE 6 2015 T-SHIRTS
Next year’s Grade 6 class have taken home a note about their Grade 6 2015 t-shirt order. The students are in the process of designing the shirt. Sample sizes are available Rooms 8 & 9. The t-shirts will be $35 each. Orders and payment need to be finalised by Monday 8th December. T-shirts will be available for collection on Monday 15th December.
Thanks to everyone who came along and viewed the Art Exhibition. It was great to see so many students proudly showing their art work to their family.

All students will be bringing home their art smock next week. Please ensure that they are washed and ready again to protect clothing from the mess in 2015!

Don’t forget to go to the Alfred Deakin Centre to view the Christmas Tree Spectacular. The Grade 2s created icy pole stick star decorations for our tree this year. Thanks to Eva, Eddie, Jameson and Taylor who decorated the tree. There is also a tree in the school foyer that was decorated by James, Natalie, Mackenzie and Liam.

In Physical Education the last few weeks, the 5/6 classes have been learning about the game of badminton. Most students who play tennis found it a very different kind of hitting technique. Students learnt both the V grip and thumb grip holds and when to use them. Most students found the thumb grip hold to be very strange and unnatural. Both classes finished off the units learning about the game rules and tactics in a class doubles mini round robin.

The 4/5 classes have been learning the dribbling, passing and trapping skills involved in the game of hockey. Both classes were very lucky to have a specialist coach (Mrs Kelly) from the Sunraysia Hockey Association come and take a session. In Health, they have predicted and recorded what types of activities they do in an average day and compared their predictions to the data they collected to identify what surprised them about the amount and type of activity they do.

The Year 3 students have been learning about the unfamiliar game of volleyball. They have learnt the passing skills of digging and setting, as well as underhand serving and defensive blocking. They applied their new skills in modified games of volleyball where they also learnt game rules and tactics. In Health, they have looked at the cardiovascular system and its role in providing oxygen to all the cells of the body. They have learnt about how to take their own pulse and experienced how different activities can have an effect on their heart rate.

The Year 2 classes have begun a gymnastics unit where they have been learning about creating tight bodies to build a strong core and different static positions that require tight bodies such as, V sit, front and back support. They have also learnt about spring (vertical jump) and landing safely and discussed why these things are important not only in gymnastics but in all sports to prevent injury.

The Prep classes have continued to learn about gymnastics principles of tight bodies, safe landings, spring (vertical jump) and rolling safely. They have also discussed why these things are important not only in gymnastics but in all sports to prevent injury.
STUDENT LEADERSHIP

At Irymple South Primary School we value the benefits of Student Leadership. Next year we will be having 4 School Captains and 8 House Captains. The process and timeline for the selection of the School Captains and House Captains is outlined in the following table.

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<td>School Captain speeches to be undertaken straight after Assembly. All parents/carers are invited to listen. These speeches will be directed at Grades 4-6 students. Voting takes place.</td>
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<td>Tuesday December 9th</td>
<td>Successful School Captains will be notified. All applicants will be made aware of the winners</td>
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<td>By Thursday December 11th</td>
<td>Those students wanting to run for House Captain need to let Mr. Smith know before the end of the day. A self-nomination form is available at any time from Mr. Smith.</td>
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<td>Friday December 12th</td>
<td>2015 School Captains announced at Student Assembly. House Captain speeches will be undertaken after Student Assembly. These speeches are aimed at Grade 2-6. Voting takes place. Successful House Captains will be notified. All applicants will be made aware of the winners.</td>
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<td>GRADUATION 2015 School Captains officially announced by Robyn Brooks (Principal) 2015 House Captains officially announced by 2014 Grade 6 House Captains.</td>
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DECEMBER

Liam Rielley (4th)
Jones Bate (5th)
Lucy Johnson (6th)
Jeremy Hensgen (7th)

Happy Birthday

LIBRARY BOOKS

Please start hunting under beds and in bookcases for misplaced Library Books and take home books. We have many books missing and we would appreciate books being returned as soon as possible. We will be beginning our stocktake shortly.
**CALENDAR 2014**

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**Term Dates 2015**

First day of school for 2015 will be Friday January 30th.

- **Term 1**
  - 30th January - 27th March
- **Term 2**
  - 13th April - 26th June
- **Term 3**
  - 13th July - 18th September
- **Term 4**
  - 5th October - 18th December

**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

**ICE CREAM**

JSC has vanilla ice cream in a cone with optional sprinkles for sale. 

$1.00

Wednesday 10th December
Wednesday 17th December

**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
2014 Prep Excursion

On Thursday 27th November the Preps had a wonderful day visiting the Police Station, Lifestyle Plus, library, Lock 11 and Jaycee Park. The students enjoyed a BBQ dinner and old fashioned games at school.

My favourite part was going to Lifestyle plus – Ava
I loved going on the flying fox at Jaycee Park – Diesel
I loved playing on the equipment at Jaycee Park – Jasmine
It was fun playing on the pirate ship at Jaycee Park- Caelen
Going in the police van at the police station was cool- Zach
I liked building sandcastles at Lifestyle Plus- Charlotte
I liked going to Lock 11 because we got to see the Paddle steamer-Tara
It was fun going in the back of the police car because that’s where the bad people go and they don’t have any air conditioner- Bryce
I liked having dinner at school because we have never had dinner at school before- Amelia
My favourite part was making the magnets at school – Liam
It was fun rolling the balls in the sandpit at Lifestyle Plus – Hugo
I liked going to Lock 11 because we got to play tiggy there- Jude