

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL Robyn Brooks



End of 2017 and Start of 2018

The end of Term 4 is coming closer. The school year ends on **Friday 22nd of December at 1:30pm**. There will be NO buses available. All students are expected to attend school until this date. In the final days 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 18th 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 2018 on Tuesday 30th January, for students. Teachers commence on Monday 29th January and will be involved in professional learning on this day.

All students will commence on Tuesday 30th January 2017

2017 Family Celebration Dinner & Grade 6 Graduation

On Monday 18th December the whole school will get together to celebrate the achievements and successes of many of our students. We are very excited to use our new assembly area for this event. The night will include Grade 6 Graduation, award presentations and formal announcements of 2018 School Captains, House Captains, JSC Captains and Environmental Captains. The Prep and Grade 6 buddies present each other with a thankyou. All families are invited to attend, have dinner and celebrate a fantastic year of learning completed by all of our students.

Grade 6 Dinner and Disco

The Grade 6 students will have their end of year dinner and disco on Wednesday 13th December at *Willow and Ivie*. Thanks to the parents who have organised this end of year event for our Grade 6 students.

Reports

On Tuesday December 19th our 'End of Year Reports' will be sent home. As stated earlier in Term 3's Newsletter, our reports will look a little different to past reports. This year's report will have:

- Progression Points outlining your child's achievement
- Teacher judgements outlining behavioural achievements
- A general comment

Due to our commitment to the online App SeeSaw, some achievements and areas for improvement have been captured as timely feedback throughout Term 3 and 4. This therefore means that these particular comments won't feature on the report as have been done in the past.

In the coming weeks, those parents that would like to keep the SeeSaw portfolio for the year 2017 will be given specific instructions from classroom teachers.

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.

COLOUR Day & Paddle Pop Fundraiser

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Mia Mayne & Braden Jackson

After School Care

At School Council on Wednesday a suggestion was made that we provide an After School Care program at ISPS. Currently any students wishing to



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access After School Care participate in the program run by 'Stepping Stones' at Nichols Point Primary School. If you would be interested in accessing an After School Care program at school could you please email the school. There will be a cost involved that would be similar to child care costs. We are unable to give any indication of cost at the moment. We understand that many school families may need to avail themselves of this type of care if both parents are working. If there is enough interest we will look into it further and include pricing and starting dates.

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Choir

On Sunday 35 students from the choir represented our school at the Irymple Carols In The Park. Thank you to all those who made the effort during this busy time. Our next performance will be the tour on Tuesday the 19th of December. We will be singing at the ABC radio station, Princes Court Homes and the Langtree Mall Mildura.



Grade 6 Orientation

Next Tuesday and Wednesday students in Grade 6 attending Irymple SC, Red Cliffs SC and the Specialist School in 2018 will be participating in two Orientation Days. On Tuesday those students who will be attending St Joseph's College will be experiencing life as a secondary student. We hope that they all have a great experience and we look forward to hearing how they go.

Prep 2018 Orientation

This week our Preps for 2018 met their buddies. Everyone was very excited and loved meeting each other. Next Tuesday will be the new Preps final Orientation Day before they start in January.

Uniform Swap

We will be holding a uniform swap after school (3:15pm) on Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th December. The swap will be held after school on the step area near the staffroom. Bring along any items that no longer fit and swap for other items.

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Program at ISPS in 2018

At Irymple South we have implemented a 1:1 learning program where each students will have access to a device to complete learning tasks. The preferred model at Irymple South is based on

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) where students bring their own iPads which are either purchased or leased directly by families.

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If you currently have an iPad, we require an iPad mini 2, iPad Air or more recent. The iPad should have camera/video capacity.

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OPTION 1 – Apple iPad mini 4 – 4th Generation (16 or 32 GB WiFi)

OPTION 2 – Apple iPad Air 2 – 6th Generation or Apple iPad Air – 5th Generation (16 or 32 GB WiFi) There are newer models, which will be perfectly suited, should you wish to buy the latest model.

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, is not included in this payment.

Camp Program 2018

Below is the anticipated cost of the camp program in 2018. All costs will be kept to a minimum and may change.

Prep	Day Excursion & Tea at school	\$20
Grade One	Day Excursion & Tea at school	\$30
Grade Two	Day excursion & sleep over at school	\$50
Grade Three	2 days & 1 night in Broken Hill	\$160
Grade Four	3 days & 2 night at Lake Cullulleraine	\$200
Grade 5 & 6	4 days & 3 nights at Roses Gap	\$350

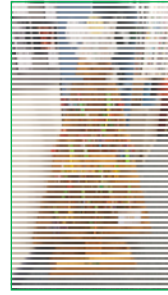
Calico bags

Could all calico money bags please be returned as soon as possible. These will be washed and reallocated to 2018 classes.

ART SHOWCASE



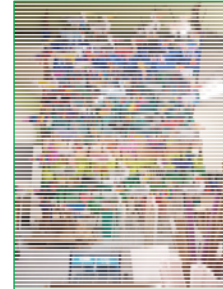
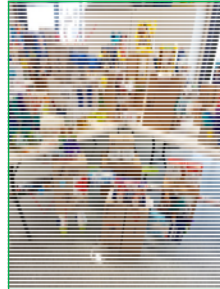
Thank you to everyone who came and had a look at all the wonderful work on display at the Art Showcase. The students love showing off their masterpieces. Art work will start arriving home soon.



Many of the pieces would look wonderful framed and up on the wall. Art smocks will also be coming home. Please give them a wash ready for more creativity next year.



Have a great Christmas. Mrs Lord



Concert Video

The video is ready for you to view and download at your leisure. Visit this link directly.

<https://vimeo.com/243978577>

Enter this password: **ISPS3702**

The video will be available to view and download for one year. To view it, click on this triangle, at bottom left of the video view



To download it, scroll down a little and click on

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep C

Dall Blundy

Prep M

Frankie Cua

Prep D

Riccardo Campisi

1T

Tyler Sleep

Mason Warn

1F

Korban Rivett

2W

Jeremy Bruton

2J

Summer Tschirpig

2R

Max Bradshaw

3T

Jude Blundy

3C

Archie Thompson

Liam Smith

4R

Cooper Smart

4V

Kiara Bruton

5G

Eva Black

Reba Hynam

5H

Michaela Whitehead

Kane Woolfrey

6S

Indi Cashin

6A

Morgan Vadlja

Art

Dexter Pedersen

Massimo Tabacco

Dance

Logan Cochrane

Drama

Meg Knight

PE

Annelise Wilkie

Annabelle Kennedy

Principal

Zac Allan

Cooper Topp

2017 End of Year Family Celebration Dinner

You are invited to our end of year celebrations!

On **Monday 18th December**, at **6:00pm**, we will be celebrating the end of the 2017 school year.

The evening will include:

- ★ **Grade 6 Graduation Speeches**
- ★ **Grade 6 Dance**
- ★ **Award Presentation**
- ★ **Buddy Presentation**
- ★ **Formal announcement of 2018 School Captains**
- ★ **Formal announcement of 2018 House Captains**
- ★ **Formal announcement of 2018 JSC Captains**
- ★ **Formal announcement of 2018 Environmental Captains**

Bring your own picnic dinner or purchase dinner from the *Enjoy Wine Catering* stall.

(A percentage of food sales will go towards our school.)

Soft drinks and water will be available for purchase.

Bring your own chairs and or picnic rugs.

All members of the school community are invited to attend.

Enjoy Wine Catering

The following items will be available from the Enjoy Wine Catering Van on the night of the Family Celebration Dinner.

- ★ Squid and Chips
- ★ Chicken Crackles and Chips
- ★ Mild Chicken Korma Paella
- ★ Potato Cakes and Chips
- ★ Fish and Chips
- ★ Jam Donuts

enjoywine
café & wine tasting centre

CALENDAR 2017/2018

Week	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	
DECEMBER	10	11	12 Grade 6 Transition Prep 2018 Transition #4	13 Grade 6 Dinner & Disco	14 CURRICULUM DAY	15 COLOUR Day & Paddle Pops	16	17
	11	18 Grade 6 Graduation & Family Celebration Dinner	19 Choir on Tour	20	21	22 End of Term 4 1:30pm dismissal	23	24
		25 	26	27	28	29	30	31 
JANUARY	1 2018	2	3	4	5	6	7	
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
	29	30 Start of Term 1	31	1	2	3	4	



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

DECEMBER


Liam Rielley (4th)
Jones Bate (5th)
Lucy Johnson (6th)
Jeremy Hensgen (7th)
Zachary Miller (8th)
Lachlan Baker (8th)
Jobe Delahunty (9th)
Natalie Tabacco (10th)



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