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. There will be NO buses available at this time. 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. 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.

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.

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.

ORIENTATION DAY
On Tuesday our 2015 Preps came to school for the final day of their transition program. The students met their teacher in their new room, worked with their buddies and participated in PE and Art activities. Our Grade 6 students visited their secondary schools during the week. On Tuesday and Wednesday those students going to Red Cliffs SC, Irymple SC and Chaffey SC participated in activities to familiarise themselves with the next step in their schooling. Those students attending St. Joseph’s College attended their new school on Tuesday as well.

GRADE 6 DINNER & DISCO
On Tuesday evening, the Grade 6 students came along to celebrate the end of their school year. They participated in a fabulous dinner and danced the night away with a disco in Room 8. Thank you must go towards Jo McGlashan for her continual organisation of the night and to all the parents that helped out with the preparation, serving and clean up. A special thank you must also go to Mr.Smith for playing the DJ and Miss O’Connor for giving their time so that the students could have a special night.
FAREWELL
Farewell and thank you, to the families who have their youngest child graduating from Irymple South this year. Some families have been at Irymple South for many years and have had several children go through the school. We farewell the following families: Adams Family (Casey), Bradshaw Family (Breanna), Chiswell Family (Jack), Cua Family (Anthony), Deckert Family (Milla), Elms Family (Hannah), Forrest Family (Claudia and Will), Giles Family (Tyson), Johnson Family (Isabella), Kerr Family (Kandise), Kirkpatrick Family (Unique), Lavery Family (Harrison), Marley Family (Cody), Mazzia Family (Logan), McKinnon Family (Aiden), Rayner Family (Julian), Robinson Family (Sharni) and Scott Family (Jessica).

FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK
At the end of this year we say goodbye to one of our staff members.
Miss Lauren O’Connor has taught the Grade 5 & 6 students for the past two years. We wish her all the best for the future.

2014 STUDENT LEADERSHIP SELECTION
Our 2014 School Captains will be announced at tomorrow morning’s assembly. Those students wishing to be considered for the role of House Captain will present their speech to all students in Grade 2 to 6 tomorrow.

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL & ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS PRESENTATION
The JSC will be having breakfast at Irymple McDonalds on Monday 15th December at 7.30am. This is to thank all those involved in the JSC for 2014. Invitations for those involved have already gone home. At Monday morning’s assembly the JSC Representatives and the Environmental Leaders will be presented certificates thanking them for their hard work in 2104.

CALICO BAGS
Could you please ensure that you send your child’s calico money bag to school. These will be washed over the holidays and redistributed next year.

LIBRARY BOOKS
Could you please send back all Library books. Overdue notes will be sent home shortly.

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.

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
Last ice-cream sale was held yesterday with a profit of $150. All profits going to the student notice board.
JSC has now finished their school duties and are going to be rewarded for all their hard work, with breakfast at McDonalds on Monday. Mrs Milne and Mrs Cardew would like to thank all the JSC reps for their hard work, giving up of their lunchtime and all their ideas to better our school.

TALENT QUEST
On Tuesday 16th December we will hold our biannual 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.

GRADE 3 CELEBRATION DAY
At the beginning of Term 4, Grade 3 undertook a unit of study about Dreaming stories and folktales from a variety of cultures, related to the theme of night and day. To celebrate our learning, they are inviting parents and other family members to an open afternoon. This will take place from 2:15pm on Wednesday 17th December.

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.

NIGHT AMONGST THE VINES
2015 sees the return of our biannual major fundraiser. Please mark Friday 6th March in your calendars for another fantastic night!
RURAL WATER STATE AWARDS

Last Friday Penni and I attended the 2014 Rural Water State Awards at the RACV Club in Melbourne.

We were very excited and proud to be announced the State winners in the category of: Community & Education water user.

State judges visited our school and were overwhelmed with the quality of our sustainable practices.

Our four water tanks are set up to use rain water to water our chooks, vegie gardens and fruit orchards.

The infrastructures that we have in place to sustain our programs supported the goals for water use by Water Victoria.

It was a very interesting day listening and sharing in the various sustainable water practices happening throughout the state in a variety of categories.

We received a cheque for $2000 which will be used to support and enhance our Environmental program and a glass plaque.

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Our Choir sang at carols on Sunday night and they sounded fantastic.

On Tuesday the choir went on tour to 3 local nursing homes. First we went to Oasis Aged Care, then to Princes Court Homes where we sang twice to 2 different audiences. We ate our lunch in their activities room and we got to ask questions and learn all about what the ‘Oldies’ do at the centre. Lastly we went to Bupa Mildura, they gave us cordial and afternoon tea. We were very spoilt. Some of the ‘Oldies’ were tapping or clapping along to the music, they loved having us. All the Centres asked us to come back, so we must’ve left a good impression. Well done to all the kids involved, they were all outstanding performers.
To the School Community,

You are formally invited to attend our end of year dinner and graduation on

**MONDAY DECEMBER 15th**

5:45pm – Grade 6 and Prep students arrive.
6:00pm – Graduation commences
   Welcome
   Grade 6 speeches
   Presentation of Grade 6 certificates
   Presentation from Prep students to Grade 6 students
   Grade 6 dance
   Presentation of I.S.P.S. Awards
   Thankyou to 2014 School and House Captains
   Announcement of 2015 School and House Captains

7:00pm – Dinner

*Enjoy Wine Catering* will again be supporting our school with dinner. The menu is outlined below. If you would like to BYO dinner, you are more than welcome.

Soft Drinks and Water will be available from a drink stand operated by the students.

Looking forward to seeing you there,

*Irymple South students and staff members!*

Lamb Shank Ragu and Penne Pasta
Chicken Korma and Jasmine Rice
Salt and Pepper Squid with chips/salad
Fish and Chips
Nuggets and Chips
Hot chips
Jam Donuts
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**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

**LIBRARY BOOKS**

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**DECEMBER**

Julian Rayner (8th)
Jobe Delahunty (9th)
Ruby Cashin (9th)
Natalie Tabacco (10th)
Levs Stanbrook (10th)
Raiden Tyson (11th)
Samuel Aldamiz (14th)
Lily Milsom (14th)
GOLD RUSH CELEBRATION

Yesterday the students in Grades 4 and 5 dressed up in traditional costumes and participated in a variety of activities to celebrate their inquiry on the Gold Rush. The students made toffee and pinwheels, played old fashioned games and danced. 4/5V and 4/5C students performed a play that depicted events that happened during the Gold Rush period. It was wonderful to see so many parents come along and watch the plays. At the end of the day the students were treated to a ‘spider’, yum!

Over the next two weeks the students will bring home their Art Work and art smocks. Please take the time to look at your child’s art work, they have done an outstanding job this year and there are many ‘frameable’ pieces.

Please wash art smocks ready for another year of creating in 2015. Some students may need a larger art smock as they have had the same one since Prep!

As mentioned last week the Grade 2 students were involved in decorating a tree for the Alfred Deakin Christmas Tree Spectacular. We had enough decorations to use on the Christmas Tree in the Office foyer. Thank you to;
• all the Grade 2s who created the decorations
• Jameson, Eddie, Eva and Taylor for decorating the tree at the Alfred Deakin Centre
• Natalie, James, Mackenzie and Liam for decorating the tree at school
The BEST things about Primary School

GRADE 6 2014

Jorja A
1. Meeting my best friends
2. Having a leadership role
3. Having the best buddies in the world

Will F
1. My leadership role, School Captain
2. The people I have known and gotten to know
3. Meeting my buddy Luis

Unique K.
1. Getting to meet new people such as my wonderful buddy
2. Getting into inter school sports such as basketball
3. Being Environmental Leader 4 times

Hannah E.
1. Having a role in the School Concert
2. Being School Captain for 2014
3. Getting so many opportunities to try new sports and play other schools

Frankie Z.
1. Meeting my friends
2. Going to Melbourne for state softball
3. Having a leadership role

Eliza B.
1. Meeting my best friend
2. Learning new things
3. Getting an awesome buddy

Isabella P.
1. Getting the role of House Captain and going to Melbourne for sport

2. Meeting lots of friends
3. My buddies who are the best ones in the world

Zack Z.
1. Meeting all of my friends over the years.
2. Meeting my buddy, Liam Smith.
3. Having a great time over the years.

Claudia F.
1. That I got Newton House Captain
2. Meeting my friends
3. Going to Bendigo for discus and relays

Caleb D.
1. Hanging out with awesome friends (and Cody)
2. Winning the Spelling Bee
3. Learning new things

Makayla C.
1. Meeting new people, such as my little buddy
2. Going to school camps
3. Having great teachers

Jack C.
1. Meeting mates
2. Going to State Softball
3. Meeting my buddy

Cody M.
1. Hanging out with my best friends and Caleb
2. Getting to know my buddy, Archie Thompson
3. Having fun over the years

Brodie D.
1. Making friends
2. Sport
3. Meeting my buddy

Lucy M.
1. Friends
2. Teachers
3. Performing Arts

Aiden M.
1. Maths
2. Teachers
3. P.E.

Billy P.
1. Representing the school in softball, cricket and other sports
2. Learning things in Maths
3. Getting a buddy and helping him learn about the school

Dustin D.
1. Representing the school in the state finals
2. Having a buddy to be a role model for
3. Nature Fun Park activity

Tyson G.
1. Playing softball in Melbourne
2. Playing cricket
3. Being boring

Elish Z.
1. Given opportunities to go for leadership roles
2. Given the opportunity to challenge my learning in the Australian Math Competition
3. Being able to help and lead my buddy at school
Breanna B
1. Representing the school in netball and basketball
2. Meeting my buddy
3. Learning new things

Sharri R
1. Representing the school in the Maths Competition
2. Being McCracken House Captain
3. Meeting my buddy and being able to lead her in the right direction

Logan M
1. Representing the school in sports
2. Leadership opportunities
3. Meeting my buddy

Jett G
1. To excel in areas that I am strong in
2. Becoming House Captain
3. Representing the school in sports

Milla D
1. Representing the school in athletics, cross country, basketball, netball, football and T20 cricket
2. Getting a buddy and setting a good example for her
3. Completing my Asian studies

Anthony C
1. Going to Melbourne for softball
2. Having the chance to be a leader
3. Going to Melbourne for football

Jessica S
1. Being given the chance to go on Somers camp
2. Representing the school at the Regional Finals in Swan Hill for softball

Jack B
1. Sport
2. Learning
3. Dancing

Julian R
1. Representing the school in softball in Melbourne
2. Being School Captain
3. Meeting my buddy and playing with him

Jordan S
1. Representing the school in sport championships
2. Leadership role, Environmental Leader
3. Going away to Somers Camp

Harrison L
1. Meeting new people and making friends
2. Getting a buddy and being a good role model for him
3. Becoming a Junior School Council and Environmental Leader

Levi S
1. Representing our school in sport
2. I’m proud about my learning
3. Getting a buddy

Shakaiah F
1. Getting in to the Year 6 Spelling Bee
2. Getting a buddy
3. Getting ‘Camper of the Week’

Gasper C
1. Going to Melbourne for softball
2. Getting a buddy
3. Being able to meet a lot of good people

Renee R
1. Getting to have two buddies
2. Getting into the Grade 4 Spelling Bee
3. Being Environmental Leader last year

Casey A
1. Getting the leadership role as School Captain
2. Getting my two buddies
3. Making it to Swan Hill for softball

Gemma M
1. Getting a buddy
2. Representing our school in Swan Hill for softball
3. Being JSC representative

Lachie S
1. Going to Melbourne for softball
2. Having a buddy to play with
3. Meeting new people