NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL - Robyn Brooks

December 18th, 2014

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Students will be dismissed tomorrow at 1:30pm.

We will NOT be having lunch at school, therefore there will be NO LUNCH ORDERS.

School resumes on FRIDAY 30th JANUARY 2015 for ALL students.

I hope everyone has a very safe, happy and enjoyable Christmas and holiday. I look forward to seeing everyone back next year for another year of fun and learning!

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY START TO 2015!

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2014 SCHOOL LEADERS

A big thanks must go to our school leaders for 2014. Our school captains, Casey Adams, Hannah Elms, Will Forrest and Julian Rayner, have shown exactly how good leaders should act throughout the year. They have undertaken their duties with confidence and pride and have been a pleasure to work with.

Our eight house captains have done great job leading their houses throughout the year. They have undertaken their duties with confidence and pride and have been a pleasure to work with.

Thanks to Isabella Piscioneri & Elish Zappia (Dewry), Jorja Arthur & Anthony Cua (Campbell), Claudia Forrest & Frank Zaccone (Newton) and Jett Garraway & Sharni Robinson (McCracken).
2015 SCHOOL LEADERS

It is with great pleasure that I announce our School Captains for 2105. Congratulations to:

Lily Adams, Ruby Cashin, Angus Cooper & Lily Millsom

Our House Captains will lead our newly named houses in 2014. Congratulations to:

Dewry: Chris D’Amoco & Paddy Hamilton
Campbell: Bailey Anderson & Sophie Driscoll
Newton: Melissa Bennett & Ben Rasmusen
McCracken: Oscar Faulkhead & Jaye Surgey

2015 STAFFING

Principal: Ms Robyn Brooks
Assistant Principal: Mr Ben Milsom
Prep R: Mrs Sue Rowland
Prep P: Miss Donna Piscioneri
1T: Miss Katelyn Thompson
1F: Miss Bonnie Foreman
2J: Miss Maddy Jones
2D: Mrs Lucy Dreyer
3D: Mrs Renay Drendel-Arthur
3C: Miss Marie Capogreco
4V: Mrs Brooke Vadlja
4/5C: Mrs Carmel Casale
5/6G: Miss Sarah Gladman
5/6S: Mr Tim Smith
Performing Arts: Mrs Aleisha Milne
P.E.: Mrs Sharon Branson
Literacy/Numeracy: Mrs Nadine McWilliams
Prep: Mrs Kate Cardew
Art: Mrs Emma Lord
Grade 4/5 & support: Mrs Tammy Warr
Grade 4/5 & support: Mrs Renee Giddings
Business Manager: Ms Sharon Welsh
Admin/Support: Ms Penni Williams
Integration Aide: Mrs Kerri Retallick

CLASSES FOR 2015

Students met their teacher and classmates for 2015 today. All students now know which room they will be in next year.

2015 BACK TO SCHOOL

School resumes for all students on Friday January 30th at 9:00am.
There will be a morning tea for all parents from 9:00am. This is a great opportunity to catch up and meet each other.
Teachers start back on Wednesday January 28th and will be participating in professional development and planning for 2015.

REPORTS

All student reports were sent home today. Your child’s report contains their academic level of achievement, their level of achievement in relation to our core values, teacher and student reflections and comments, annotated work samples and an overview of the specialist programs that the students have participated in.

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 (Kandice), Kirkpatrick Family (Unique), Lavery Family (Harrison), Marley Family (Cody), Mazza Family (Logan), McKinnon Family (Aiden), Rayner Family (Julian), Robinson Family (Sharni) and Scott Family (Jessica).
We also say goodbye to Ashley Harwood (Prep P), Will Hovenden (3C), Christian Hocking (3C) and Annabelle Knight (3D) and we hope that they enjoy their new schools.

CONGRATULATIONS
We have been informed that some ex ISPS students received some fantastic VCE results. These students received ATAR scores above 95. We congratulate Callum Barnden, Nick Sleep and Madeline Putland and all past students who completed VCE this year.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
On Monday night the winners of our Christmas Raffle were drawn. Thanks to everyone who helped to fill the hampers, they looked very fantastic. Thanks also to the parents who organised the raffle. We raised $1800. Congratulations to the following winners;

- Prep P Bryce Kempton
- Prep R Makeena Finch
- 1T Piper Pedersen
- 1M Kiara Bruton
- 2J Jenna Coppola
- 2G Taj Flentjar
- 3C Brayden McGregor
- 3D Ethan Bruton
- 4/5V Lexi Johnston
- 4/5C Patrick McWilliams
- 5/6O Hannah Elms
- 5/6S Jessica Scott

NIGHT AMONGST THE VINES
Last week we advertised that Night Amongst the Vines would be held on Friday 6th March. Unfortunately this date is not suitable and we will inform the community of the new date as soon as possible.

GRADE 3 CELEBRATION
The Grade 3 students shared the work that they have been doing on ‘Day and Night’ with their parents yesterday. They performed a play and showed them all of their work. Thanks to all the parents and family members who came and shared the students’ learning.

UNIFORM
As you organise uniform for 2015 please take note of what we expect the students to wear. All uniform can be purchased from Lowes at Mildura Central.

Our uniform consists of;

**Boys**
- **Shoes:** black and enclosed – must be safe and supportive for active play
- **Socks:** grey or white
- **Bottoms:** grey school shorts or long pants (eg. cargo pants)
- **Shirt:** green short sleeved polo with grey trim
- **Jumper:** green polar fleece

**Girls**
- **Shoes:** black and enclosed – must be safe and supportive for active play
- **Socks:** grey or white
- **Bottoms:** grey bootleg pants, grey school shorts or skorts with grey tights
- **Shirt:** green short sleeved polo with grey trim
- **Jumper:** green polar fleece
- **Hair accessories:** must be green in colour (eg. green ribbon)

**Sports Uniform (to be worn on advised sports days)**
- Grey mesh shorts (these are not to be worn on non-sports days)
- School t-shirt or school sports t-shirt (supplied by ISPS)

**Hat**
- Bucket hat (in accordance with ISPS Sun-Smart policy)

**School Bag**
- Green with printed school logo

It is expected that all students make every effort to wear full school uniform every day.

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TALENT QUEST

What a wonderfully talented group of students we have at Irymple South Primary School. On Tuesday we held our biannual Talent Quest. We were treated to singing, dancing, comedy acts and keyboard playing. Our judges had a hard time adjudicating the talent, but came up with the following winners:

Group

WINNERS
Grade 1s

Prep and Grade 1
WINNER
Amelia, Sofia, Lucy and Ella

Grade 2 & 3
WINNER
Morgan & Lily

Grade 4, 5 & 6
WINNERS
Claudia, Lucy and Isabella
Bethany and Lily

GOOD BYE AND GOOD LUCK

This year we say goodbye to Lauren O’Connor. We wish Lauren all the very best of luck with her future endeavours. Read all about Lauren’s thoughts and memories of teaching at Irymple South PS.

The funniest thing that has happened to me at I.S.P.S was when I made a goose of myself in front of the Grade 5 and 6 girls! Falling for the oldest trick in the book, I eagerly scrambled for the cricket ball only to discover they were all in on the prank. There was no cricket ball in the air and therefore, no need for me to be running around like a lunatic screaming for the catch!

My most memorable moments all involve dancing. Whether it’s a jam in the classroom or a shemozzle on the concert stage, I will remember the fun we shared together (and the horrendous moves we trusted each other to see).

The thing that I will miss the most would have to be walking into work every morning to see all the friendly faces of the staff, students and families that grace our beautiful school.

The biggest change that has happened during my time at I.S.P.S has been my footy tipping ability. I’m sure everyone can agree that I have made great improvement this year with a score of 85. Thank you very much! No but seriously, the greatest change has been in my understanding of what makes a great school. The dedicated staff and the nurturing families are what make us great.

My words of wisdom for the future are to “enjoy making the memories”. It has been an absolute pleasure teaching in the 5/6 Unit over the past two years, and each and every person involved in this wonderful experience hold a special place in my heart and thoughts as I move forward in my career.
### I.S.P.S. AWARD RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the following Grade 6 students who were presented with awards at Monday night’s graduation. We thank all our sponsors for their generous donations.

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GRADE 6 2014

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Tyson

Isabella

Kandice

Unique

Harrison

Cody

Logan

Aiden

Gemma

Lucy

Billy

Isabella

Julian

Sharni