Open Night and Family BBQ
Tonight all classrooms will be ‘Open for Inspection’! The classrooms will be open from 5:00-6:00pm. This is a great opportunity for the students to give their parents a tour of their room and the work that they have been doing. It is an informal chance to meet your child’s teacher and during the family BBQ to meet other parents in our school community. The BBQ dinner will start at 5:30pm.

Thankyou
I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff at Irymple South for their dedication and commitment to the educational, social and emotional wellbeing of all the students in our school. Our staff spend numerous hours before school, after school and on weekends, planning and preparing for the needs of all the students. They also spend time away from their families and homes to provide the students with valuable experiences on camp. I appreciate all the extra time that staff spend on making your child’s educational experience a valuable and rewarding one. Staff will be at school tonight to meet the school community and showcase students’ learning.

YOU ARE INVITED TO
‘A NIGHT AMONGST THE VINES’
Where? On the oval at Irymple South PS
When? Friday 22nd March, 6:30pm
Cost? $50 per head. This includes a 2 course meal, bottle of wine and entertainment. Why not get some friends together and book a table of 10!
Why? To have fun, meet new people and raise money for ISPS’s new shade and playground area
What? Throughout the evening there will be goods and services auctioned to the highest bidder. There will also be a silent auction of goods and students’ art work
How? Contact the school on (03) 5024 5345 or email Ben Milsom on milsom.ben.j@edumail.vic.gov.au.
Night Amongst the Vines
We are still seeking items for our Goods and Services Auction. We are hoping for any families that may be able to donate a trade, or an item to be auctioned in our Major Auction (main items) or Silent Auction (smaller items). Any items would be extremely appreciated. The more items that we receive the more money we will be able to put towards the new playground equipment and shade sails.

School Council
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A sincere thank you to the 2012 School Council which comprised:
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Each member serves a two year term with an election process occurring annually for half the members.
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Thanks to Adrian Adams who has completed his term on School Council and is not seeking re-election. Thank you also to Richard Neagle who has served on School Council and will be stepping down from his position this year.
Chris Mitchem, Deidre Jaensch, Sarah Doolan, Ross Morey, Brooke Vadlja and Sharon Welsh have completed their current term and are eligible for re-election.

School Council Elections
The School Council election process has now commenced for 2013. Nominations are called for parent and staff positions for the 2013 school year.
We have 5 parent positions and 2 staff positions to be filled. Self-nomination forms are available at the front office. Nominations will close on Friday March 15th
Please consider the opportunity to be involved in our school community in a significant role.

Roses Gap Camp
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House Captains
Environmental Leaders
Junior School Council

School Captains

Have you received the Schoolkids Bonus?
Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?
If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.
The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.
Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.
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PRIMARY SCHOOL SWIM MEET

If your child would like to enter the Primary School Swim Meet please see Mr Smith or Mrs Casale for entry forms and further information.

CRICKET

On Tuesday our boys competed in the Interschool Cricket competition at Nichols Point PS. The boys played against Nichols Point PS and Our Lady’s PS and won comfortably against both. The team will now compete in the Zone Final at the Aerodrome Ovals on Tuesday 19th March. Our Boys Cricket team players are: Bailey Anderson, Angus Cooper, Oskar Faulkhead, Jaye Surgeny, Chris D’Amico, Paddy Hamilton, Lachlan Scott, Tyson Giles, Anthony Cua, Bobby Mogford, Josh Stanley, Liam Dinnage and Jake Talbot.

TENNIS

Yesterday Julia Sherry, Lucy Mitchem, Anthony Cua, Liam Dinnage, Jody Rayner and Jake Talbot played in the School Sport Victoria Sunraysia Divisions Tennis Championships in Red Cliffs. All students represented Irymple South proudly, by showing great sportsmanship throughout the games.

CRAZY HAIR DAY

On Wednesday 13th March we will be holding a ‘CRAZY HAIR DAY’ and BBQ lunch. Money raised from this day will be donated to Team Garraway who are participating in this year’s Leukaemia Foundation World’s Greatest Shave. Chace Garraway (2/3D) was diagnosed with chronic myeloid leukaemia last year and this is his family’s way of helping support the foundation that has supported them.

A separate order form for the BBQ lunch has been sent home with today’s newsletter. Please fill out one form per student. Order forms and money need to be returned on or before Friday 8th March.

EASTER RAFFLE

Our major fundraiser for this term is the Easter Raffle.

Thanks to all those students and families who have already donated goods for the Easter Raffle but we would love MORE! Donations could include chocolate eggs, Easter stickers or even some bunny ears. Collection tubs for donations will be in each class before school and in the foyer during the day.

Each Class has its own Raffle Draw for the Easter goodies in their tub.

Thanks to those who have sold their raffle tickets and brought back their money. If you need more tickets, please collect some from school. Tickets are $1.00 each or $10.00 for a book.

There will also be a prize for the highest ticket seller in each class.

All proceeds from the Easter Raffle will go towards the new playground.

If you can help in any way with the Easter Raffle please contact Janel Droffelaar on 0418 500 962.

Hudaks HOT CROSS BUN Fundraiser

As one of our Easter Fundraisers for 2013 we will be taking orders for Hudaks Hot Cross Buns. Please ask your friends and family to support our school with ordering these yummy Hot Cross Buns. Additional order forms are available from school.

As a special BONUS order 4 or more packs & get the 5th pack free (traditional). Order forms need to be returned by Friday 15th March and the orders will be delivered to the school on Tuesday the 26th of March.

Any enquiries please contact Ali Scott on 0488 951347.

PREP R

Dan Wilkie

Prep P

Maddison Micalce

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Harry Smith

1M

Michelle Whitehead

2/3C

Cooper Waylen

5/6M

Shalum Clark

Art

Amelia Zappia

Environmental

Imogen Vadija

Tara Lambert

ICT

Tom McGlashan

Dustin Doolan

Music

Eliza Congress

Harry Smith

Julia Sherry

House Captains

Chris D’Amico

Principal

Uly Droffelaar

Eddie Andronescu

Happy Birthday

Jody Rayner (26th)

Will Kennedy (28th)

Easter Raffle

Each week one student is presented with an Artist of the Week award. The artwork that they created is on display in the Art Room and can be viewed through the windows on the stage. A digital copy is also posted on the Art Blog www.irimplesouth.vic.edu.au/blogs/art/

Having a look at our artists’ work!

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BLUE

Being BLUE House Captain means
- Supporting my team
- Leading the team
- Helping the team focus
- Encouraging everyone to do their best
- Abiding by the rules and playing fairly

Madison

Being BLUE House Captain means that I
- Support my team
- Am a great leader by leading our team to success
- Encourage all of my team mates
- Am considerate of others
- Encourage everyone to put in 110%

Rebecca

RED

Being RED House Captain means
- Being a role model
- Being responsible
- Encouraging and helping other students
- Showing enthusiasm
- Having fun

Jiah

Being RED House Captain is a privilege to me because I love working with younger kids. I love watching them achieve to the best of their abilities. RED House Captain is all about helping others, being organised and leading the colour RED.

Tera

YELLOW

Being YELLOW House Captain means that I will be responsible at all times as others will look up to me. I will make sure that every YELLOW team mate puts in 100% effort in every sporting event. I think that everyone should try their best, but mostly have fun.

Kathryn

Being YELLOW House Captain means the world to me. As House Captain I will show good leadership skills, be responsible and respectful and a good role model for others to look up to. I will always take time to help others when they need it. I feel honoured and privileged to be one of YELLOW’s House Captains in 2013.

Kate

GREEN

Being GREEN House Captain means a lot to me. I can’t wait to enjoy the pressure and determination, laughter and fun. It means you try until you fall and giving 100%. I will be reliable and easy to talk to and especially responsible. It is a privilege and it’s the best opportunity that I will grab and hold with both hands.

Imogen

Being GREEN House Captain is a privilege. I will set a good example. I will always be organised and reliable. It means a lot to me because you get to lead the best team ever, GREEN.

Zoe

House Captains at Irymple South PS are responsible for:
- Being the flag bearers at the Athletics Sports
- Being leaders in and out of the classroom
- Leading their house to compete in all events at the Athletics Sports.
- Leading their house during the Cross Country Run.
- Organising and running the Tabloid Sports Days held at the end of each term.
- Organising and running lunchtime sports
- Introducing and presenting the 'Friday Sportsmanship Award'