NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Robyn Brooks

**Morning to Celebrate Life**
What a wonderful job Ella, Maria and Zali did with their leadership communication project. The three Grade 6 girls were in charge of organising our ‘Morning to Celebrate Life’ and the experience for them was invaluable. At 10:00am on Sunday May 1st, our community gathered to walk 4kms and raise money for cancer. Once the walk was completed, the girls ran some fitness activities. Whilst the walk and fitness was happening, we had parents busily cooking the barbecue, selling drinks and making coffee. We would sincerely like to thank every single parent that helped in the lead up and on the day. Over the course of the two hours we were at school, we managed to raise $801!!! What a fantastic achievement. This will now be donated to the Sunraysia Cancer Resource Centre.

**Photo Fundraiser**
On Saturday 14th May we will be having a ‘Family Photo Day’ fundraiser. Check out the flyer further on in the newsletter. For more information visit www.kidshot.com

**Businesses Required– Junior School Council**
The Junior School Council are trying to raise money for a new fitness track and some new goal-post padding. We are looking for any interested businesses that would be keen to donate some funds towards our padding. Each business would then have their logo and any required information displayed on a goal-post at our school. If you are interested, please email Ben Milsom directly: milsom.ben.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

**New Assembly Area**
We are eagerly anticipating the commencement of our new assembly area. Unfortunately we have run into a few permit issues which we hope will be resolved shortly.

**Prep 2017 Enrolments**
If you have a child who will be starting Prep in 2017 we are now accepting enrolments. Please contact the office to arrange a tour of the school. Enrolment packs are available at the office.

**Communicating with Teachers**
We value open lines of communication between home and school. If you have any issues, concerns or queries about your child, please do not hesitate to contact his/her teacher. Feel free to pop in and make a time to discuss any matter. Alternatively you can contact your child’s teacher via email (a list of all emails can be found at the end of the newsletter). Please feel free to see or contact me at any time if needed.

**Carboot Sale**
Last year we held a Carboot Sale. It was incredibly well organised and very successful. We would love to hold this again but we need some people to organise and run the event. If you are interested please contact the school.
NAPLAN
Next Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th May students in grades 3 & 5 will complete NAPLAN (National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy). NAPLAN tests students in grades 3 & 5 on Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Mathematics. Tests are of 45 minutes duration and are held in the morning sessions.
The results of these tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals which can be used to improve student achievement.
The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day.
Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the principal and teacher. If you decide to withdraw your child you must sign a Student Withdrawal form.
Later in the year you will receive your child’s personal NAPLAN report. The report will describe your child’s particular skills in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Mathematics. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards.
For more information visit the NAP website www.nap.edu.au
Interschool Cross Country
On Tuesday 17th May, 30 of our students will represent ISPS at the Interschool Cross Country at the Aerodrome ovals. The students from Grades 3 to 6 were chosen on their results from our cross country run and PE class results. We wish them all the best of luck.
Front Garden Makeover
Mrs Rowland is currently working with the Grade 5 & 6 Environmental Leaders, along with a group of parent volunteers, to revitalize the garden area outside the front office.
The plan is to make a sensory garden – a play space where children might enjoy some quiet and imaginative play, and to learn about their senses through touch, feel, smell, sound and sight in a beautiful garden setting.
Where possible, the garden will be constructed from recycled objects and plants from cuttings etc. However, there will be some cost, for items such as the gazebo and materials for pathways. To raise funds, Kylie Livingston, (an ENJO Consultant and school mum), has offered to run a T-Towel Fundraiser with a percentage of sales going towards the new garden area—details can be found later in the newsletter.
We are looking forward to seeing this garden take shape! We’ll include progress reports in the newsletter as the garden progresses.
Mother’s Day Stall
Thanks to all those parents who helped with our Mother’s Day Stall. I would like to thank all of the parents who helped wrap the presents on Thursday and those that assisted the students with their purchasing on this morning. It was also wonderful to see one Dad come along to help. The students love being able to buy presents for their loved ones.
HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL MUMS!
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep C
Holly Batchelor

Prep P
Julia Tabacco

1T
Lucas Chiswell

1F
Max Bradshaw

Zoe Williams

2J

3C
Rose Livingston

3D
Maia Malycha

4V
Clayton Godden

4R
Charlie Wallace

5/6H
Lexi Johnstone

5/6G
Caitlin D’Amico

5/6S
Jesse Orsini

ART
Darcie Peters

PE
Bethany Hartwig

SCIENCE
Denika Arthur

PRINCIPAL
Dayna Brown
Declan Fisher

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY
Nikita Keating (2nd)
Donna Morffew (2nd)
Nunzio Tabacco (3rd)

Sadie Gordon (5th)
Kiara Bruton (8th)
Christian Zagar (8th)

SCIENCE
Mrs Cardew

This term in Science:

Prep students have been learning about the needs of a plant and are currently growing wheat.

Grade 1/2 students are learning about Materials and how they are mixed or combined.

Grade 3/4 students are investigating how heat is a source of energy. Students have been conducting experiments on conduction.

Grade 5/6 students are learning about the 3 States of Matter and conducting experiments to observe how solids, liquids and gases can change state through heating and cooling.
As you may of seen the posters around the school, on Friday night June 3rd we will be holding the Irymple South disco for 2016. We will be providing you with a DJ “Just Dance” and many more fun games. There will be food and drinks available to purchase and many prizes to be won! All money raised will be going towards our school. It is a $3 entry fee (per child) plus food and drinks. Please remember these times...........

Preps & 1 5:30-6:30
Grades 2&3 6:30-7:30
Grade 4s 7:45-9:00
Grades 5&6 8:00-9:15

Cheers,
Maddison, Bethany, Mia and Georgia
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**Red Cliffs Junior Football Netball Club**

**JUNIOR DISCO FRIDAY 13TH MAY**

- 7pm–10pm Football Clubrooms
- 9–14 years only
- $5 entry
- Door prizes, Dance prizes, Glow sticks, Drinks, Chips for sale

**NO PASS OUTS GIVEN. FULLY SUPERVISED.**

**Red Cliffs Junior Tennis Beginners Coaching**

Every Thursday from 3.45pm to 4.45pm at a cost of $7 per player

All beginners of ages 5-10 are invited to attend.

Tena Williams
RCLTC Junior Coordinator
Ph: 0437 809 206
I'm very pleased to be able to support the school by holding a T-Towel Fundraiser! T-towels are an item we all need in the kitchen. ENJO’s Bamboo T-Towels are softer, greener and more absorbent than its cotton counterparts, the combination of bamboo and cotton fibre dries dishes, cutlery, glasses, cookware and more. They are HUGE in size! They come in 4 colours of chevron design. There is a set on display at the office for you to see. These high quality T-Towels are priced at $15 each. I will donate $2.50 from the sale of each T-Towel back to the school for the new garden. Please feel free to call me on 0418 552 712 if you have any questions. If you need to top up ENJO supplies this month, please give me a call too – the focus is on T-towels, however I will ensure orders of other items count towards the fundraiser too.

Kind regards
Kylie Livingston

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**T-TOWEL FUNDRAISER**

All orders to be in to the school office by Friday 3rd June.

Payment to be made in cash

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T-Towel Orders @ $15 each
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Total amount: $_____________

Deliveries can be expected in the 3rd week of June

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