NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Robyn Brooks

Learning Conferences
You are invited to make a time to talk to your child’s teacher and share their learning from the first half of the year. Your child has selected some work to share with you and they are excited to be able to show you. The Learning Conferences are being held next Tuesday 19th, Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st May. All conference times are to be booked online. Information on how to book can be found later in the newsletter. Bookings close on Monday morning at 10:00am.

A crèche will operate in the Library from 3:30pm. We would appreciate if siblings were not present at the conferences. This allows you to focus on your child and their conference.

Education Week
‘Crack the code with Maths!’ is the theme of this year’s Education Week, 17-23 May. We will be undertaking activities during the week that will focus on Maths. The students from Grades 3 to 6 will be planning and teaching a younger student a maths concept.

Secondary College Excursions
On Thursday 21st May our Grade 6 students will be attending a ‘Secondary Excursion’. The students will be visiting Red Cliffs Secondary, Irymple Secondary or Chaffey Secondary College for a two hour visit.

Tribes
Over the last four weeks the Grade 5/6 students have participated in an optional lunchtime activities program. It has been extremely pleasing to see all students participate. As part of a 5/6 mini-management project, Lily Neagle, Maria Petrolo, Lily Milsom and Ruby Cashin wanted to engage the 5/6 students in some activities at lunchtime. They split the group into 4 equal tribes and announced tribal names Sahnish, Maklak, Chooly and Nakoda. After developing a very detailed action plan, the girls travelled to Lincraft and bought tribal material and facepaint. Before each game at lunchtime, the tribes would dress in their tribal colour, don the warpaint and undertake a tribal dance (created by each tribe themselves). They would then undertake a tribal oath as a mark of respect for the game and other tribe. The students have had a lot of fun playing the games and most importantly, have shown outstanding inclusiveness and connectedness towards their peers. Tribes has finished for now but will be back later on in the year...

NAPLAN
Our Year 3 and 5 students have completed their NAPLAN tests this week. The students sat tests on Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling and grammar) and Mathematics. It has been a big week for these students and their teachers and they have all worked very hard.

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 the Tuesday and Thursday and those that assisted the students with their purchasing on the Friday. It was also wonderful to see one Dad come along to help. The students love being able to buy presents for their loved ones!

Uniform
The weather has been cooler recently and students need to dress appropriately. Please make sure that your child wears correct uniform to school each day, this includes jumpers.

School Fees
Thanks to all the families that have already paid their 2015 school fees. If you have not paid your fees could you please pay as soon as possible
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If you are unable to make an appointment at these times, please contact your child’s teacher.

We would love all children to be able to share their learning.

We use an online booking system for our conferences. This online system will allow you to book times that suit YOUR FAMILY.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code and follow the instructions below.

BOOKINGS CLOSE Monday 18th May at 10:00am.

If you have any concerns or questions please contact us on 50245345.

Kind Regards,
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Late Arrivals and Early Departures
All late arrivals and early departures MUST be signed in or out at the Office. Please come via the office before going to your child’s room.

Photo Fundraiser
On Friday 15th and Saturday 16th May we will be having a ‘Family Photo Day’ fundraiser. Thankyou to all families who have booked sessions.

Concert
Our biennial concert is on this year! The concert will be held at the Arts Centre on Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th August. All students will be involved in the concert.

Facebook
Our ‘likes’ on our Facebook page continue to grow. Facebook is another way that you can keep abreast of what is happening at ISPS.

Prep 2016 Enrolments
If you have a child who will be starting Prep in 2016 we are now accepting enrolments. Please contact the office to arrange a tour of the school. Enrolment packs are available at the office.

Parking
As our school grows so does our parking problem. On Belar Avenue there is a ‘KEEP CLEAR’ sign painted on the road. This was put there many years ago when we had a skip and an access point to the school located at this spot. We have discussed this with the council and they will be fixing this shortly.

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This term for our Inquiry topic we have been exploring the importance of worms in our environment. We have established our very own worm farm in our classroom and have been investigating the process of making our own fertiliser. We also have been learning about the anatomy of a worm, what they like to eat, lifecycle of a worm and how worms move. Along the way we have found out some interesting facts. Did you know……..

- Worms have 5 hearts
- Worms are hermaphrodites
- Worms lay cocoons
- There are over 2000 different species of earthworms
- Worms do not have any eyes, ears or legs
- Worms move by squeezing and releasing their muscles together
- Worms breathe through their skin
- The Australian Giant Earthworm can grow up to 3 metres long
- Worms can eat their own weight in one day
- If a worm’s skin dries out, it will die
On Monday 18th May, 29 of our students will represent the school at the Sunraysia Schools Cross Country at the Aerodrome Ovals.

Races will commence at the following times (times given are only a guide):

9.50am Welcome and Explanation of Rules.
10.00am Sunraysia 9/10 year old combined girls and boys event 2km.
10.50am Sunraysia 11 year old combined girls and boys event 3km.
11.40am Sunraysia 12+ year old combined girls and boys event 3km.
12.40pm Presentations.
12.50pm Tidy up and Dismissal from Event Area

We wish all our runners the very best of luck!
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep R
Max Woulfe
Prep P
Nathaniel Kuchel
1T
Lucy Johnson
1F
Olivia Marshall
2J
Tyler McGregor
2D
Kiara Bruton
3C
Samuel Aldamiz
3D
Taj Flentjar
Lily Droffelaar
4V
Alicia Dalla Santa
4/5C
Brydee Danson
5/6G
Maria Petrolo
Bethany Hartwig
5/6S
Tommy McGlashan

SCIENCE
Lily Milsom
ART
Zoe Williams
P.E.
Lily Bruhn

HOUSE CAPTAINS
Meika Rayson
Jack Collins
Molly Barrot

Healthy eating
The food your child eats at school can have a major influence on their eating habits, growth, energy, concentration levels and ability to learn. When schools and parents work together to promote healthy eating habits, it can have a life-long positive impact on children’s growth, development and health.

What parents can do
Breakfast is important. Food in the morning helps your child to stay active and concentrate at school. Be a role model and let your child see you eat breakfast too. A bowl of cereal with milk and fresh or stewed fruit is a great starter for the whole family.

School lunches – foods and drinks to include
A packed lunch from home is a great way for your child to learn about healthy food. Stick to fresh, unprocessed foods as much as possible, and water or a tetra pack of milk (frozen in the warmer months). For a healthy lunchbox, include something from each of the five food groups, such as:

- fresh fruit
- washed and cut up raw vegetables
- milk, yoghurt or cheese or alternatives like calcium-fortified soy milk
- meat or a meat alternative like chicken strips, a boiled egg or hummus dip
- a grain or cereal food like bread, a roll, flat bread, fruit bread or crackers
- (wholegrain or wholemeal choices are best)
- tap water.

School lunches – foods and drinks to limit
Highly processed, sugary, fatty and salty foods or drinks should only make up a very small part of your child’s diet. Avoid confectionery (including chocolate), crisps and sweet drinks in school lunches. Many supermarkets have products that seem conveniently packed and are marketed for school lunches, but sweet drinks, biscuits, fruit straps, chips and other products can be high in sugar, salt and fat. Check the labels carefully as these products are often packaged to appear ‘healthy’

For more information visit the following website.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY
Nathaniel Kuchel (11th) Logan Krul (15th)
Alicia Dalla Santa (12th) Chace Garraway (15th)
Annabelle Kennedy (13th) Morgan Vadlja (17th)

KEEPING HEALTHY
Calling all business owners or craft makers etc

This year we are hosting a "BOOT-IQUE" Market and we would like to invite you to be involved. Our community event will be held on the School Grounds in Irymple South on Sunday 13th September from 9:00am until 1:00pm and will include an old fashioned Car Boot Sale, market stalls, kids entertainment, food and beverages.

We invite individuals and businesses to sell products at this event. We would like to offer you the first option to secure a market stall site. We have limited space therefore our policy will be; "First In, Best Dressed"

If you would like to take up this opportunity please consider the following;
- A standard site will cost $20.00 and will be secured with the payment
- All vendors will be responsible for their own site including all equipment, lighting, power leads, marquees, tables, chairs, cash floats, food handler’s certificates, gloves, etc.
- No two vendors are permitted to sell the same product - products must be defined in your expression of interest

Please email or phone your expression of interest to the below contact person/s no later than Thursday 28th May. After this date we will be opening stalls up to the general public.

The contact person/s for our market stalls are:
Name: Toni Bottams
Email: blockie18@bigpond.com
Phone: 0427 246 441

Name: Sarah Watts
Email: sunset.archaeology@bigpond.com
Phone: 0487 200 964
ART with Mrs Lord

I am very proud to announce that six of our collaborative artworks that were created for ‘Night Amongst the Vines’ will be on display at the Zart Art Gallery in Melbourne from the 22nd June until 7th September 2015. I transported the following artworks to Melbourne to be shown in the gallery:
‘Great Big Fish’, Prep P
‘The Flaming Hands’, 1F
‘A Block of Flowers’, 2J
‘Flappy Chooks’, 3C
‘Our Murray River’, 4V
‘The Tree of Us’, 5/6G
A BIG thankyou to the families that purchased the artworks and have kindly lent them out to be included in the student art exhibition. Thanks to the Shirnack Family, the Tabacco Family, the Burford Family, the Tabacco Family, The Bottams Family and the Petrolo Family

The work is to be displayed with other primary and secondary students’ artwork. The student gallery is a public venue for exhibiting the work of our student artists, for teachers of Visual Art to use as resource, and a fabulous opportunity for the individual artists to exhibit their work outside the school. The work may be photographed and possibly published in Zart Art publications, and may be selected to view on the Zart web site [www.zartart.com.au](http://www.zartart.com.au)

If you wish to visit the gallery in Term 3, 2015 the address is

4/41 Lexton Road Box Hill North 3129
Phone: 03 9890 1867
Hours
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8.30am to 5.00pm
Thursday 8.30am to 6.30pm
Saturday 9.00am to 2 pm

OPEN ART ROOM

During the Learning Conferences next week, the Art Room will be open so that you can take a look at the fabulous artwork that the students have created. All classes will have at least one item of work on display. Not all work will have the students name on the front of the piece, so hopefully they will be able to recognise theirs. There is going to be a variety of work on display including; box construction, 3D collage, painting, drawing, quilling and photo montage.

The students art folios will also be available to view. These contain their artwork from Term 1. It would be wonderful if you could come and have a look!