NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL-
Robyn Brooks

A sincere welcome to all new and returning families. We are looking forward to another exciting, productive and successful year in 2013.

WELCOME TO THE PREPS
Yesterday 41 students started their schooling at ISPS. They learnt how to write the word ‘to’, they read, counted, visited the Library and played outside. It was wonderful to see the excitement and enthusiasm on the faces of the newest members of our school community.

WELCOME TO STUDENTS
We welcome Harry Smith (1T), Kayne Wissemann (2/3D), Bethany Hartwig (2/3G), Tessa Melton (2/3C), Meika Rayson (4/5S), Alliah Rayson (4/5F), Zakari Wissemann (4/5F), Bianka Bailey (5/6S), Kaan Dogan (5/6S), Gemma Melton (5/6S) and Sophie Smart (5/6O). We wish them all well and hope that they enjoy their new classes.

WELCOME TO STAFF
We welcome Miss Donna Piscioneri, Miss Marie Capogreco, Miss Chantelle Fiege and Miss Lauren O’Connor to our staff and welcome back Mrs Sharon Branson and Mrs Tammy Warn.

GRADE 4 LAKE CULLULLERAIINE CAMP
The Grade 4s are heading off to Lake Cullulleraine very shortly. On Wednesday 13th February the students will travel to the lake for three days of fun activities. Permission notes were sent home yesterday and need to be returned as soon as possible. Payment for the camp is required by Friday 8th February. The cost of the camp is $175.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Aleisha and Aaron Milne who welcomed their first child in the holidays. Their baby boy Israel Glenn was born on the 13th January. We wish Aleisha and Aaron all the best on their journey as parents.

NIGHT AMONGST THE VINES
On Friday 15th March we will be holding our second ‘Night Amongst The Vines’. If you are interested in being part of the organising committee, a meeting will be held at 3:30pm on Friday February 7th. If you can’t attend the meeting but are interested in helping out, please contact Ben Milsom (milsom.ben.j@edumail.vic.gov.au). This meeting will simply be about getting things moving.

FUNDRAISING & EVENTS IN 2013
All parents are invited to attend a ‘brainstorming’ session for fundraising and events for 2013. This is an open meeting to be held in the Library on Thursday 7th February at 6:30pm.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL-CARE COMMUNITIES
On Wednesday 13th February, our next round of Active After-school Communities will commence.
Happy Birthday

JANUARY
Hannah Knight (4th)
Claudia Cavallo (5th)
Hanna Flentjar (6th)
Lainie Black (6th)
Will Gilding (7th)
Alana Knight (11th)
Matt Gilding (14th)
Ruben Carmichael (16th)

FEBRUARY
Will Mitchem (2nd)

Active After-school Communities
Helping kids and communities get active

Exciting happenings at Irymple South P.S
Term 1!

We will be running the Active After-school Communities (AASC) program again next term. The program will run on a Wednesday after school for seven weeks from February 13th. This Australian Government program is run by the Australian Sports Commission and provides opportunities for primary school children to participate in free sport and other structured physical activity, after school. The students will be provided with a healthy afternoon snack before each session.

During Term 1 the AASC has put together a Beach Volleyball and Cricket program for the students to enjoy. The program will be run by Penni next term at Lifestyle Plus and school. The students will travel by bus to Lifestyle Plus. The activities focus on increasing physical activity and improving skills in a fun, safe and inclusive environment.

To ensure children can take advantage of this excellent opportunity, we encourage parents to allow them to participate for the full hour and to pick them up after the program concludes.

If you would like to enrol your child in the AASC program please fill in the expression of interest below and return to the office. As numbers will be capped, please get this in as soon as possible.

NO PREP OR GRADE 1 STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE SESSIONS

I would like my child/children to participate in the AASC program in Term 1, 2013

Child’s name:.............................................Grade ............................................................

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Signature of Parent or Guardian: .............................................................................................................