WELCOME TO IRYMPLE SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL, 2014

A sincere welcome to all new and returning families. We are looking forward to another exciting, productive and successful year in 2014. This newsletter contains all the important information about our school. Please refer to it throughout the year. The fridge would be a great place to keep it!

At Irymple South Primary School we value:
Responsibility
Acceptance
Respect
Honesty
Cooperation
Resilience

These values ensure a safe and happy learning environment.

STAFFING
We welcome Miss Maddy Jones to our staff and welcome back Mrs Aleisha Milne.

Our current staffing is as follows;
Prinicipal Ms Robyn Brooks (brooks.robyn.a@edumail.vic.gov.au)
Assistant Principal Mr Ben Milsom (milsom.ben.j@edumail.vic.gov.au)
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3D Mrs Renay Drendel-Arthur Room 13 (drendel-arthur.renay.l@edumail.vic.gov.au)
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5/6S Mr Tim Smith Room 8 (smith.tim.j@edumail.vic.gov.au)

Our part time teaching staff will provide a variety of support and specialist programs. Our specialist and support teachers in 2014 are:
Mrs Sharon Bronson P.E.
Mrs Kate Cardew Prep
Mrs Renee Giddings Grade 4/5V and Classroom Support
Mrs Emma Lord Art
Mrs Nadine McWilliams Literacy/Numeracy Support
Mrs Aleisha Milne Performing Arts
Mrs Tammy Warn Environmental Science

Our Education Support staff for 2014 are:
Business Manager Ms Sharon Welsh
Admin/Support Ms Penni Williams

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**Student Leadership**
Our School Captains for 2014 are:
- Casey Adams
- Hannah Elms
- Will Forrest
- Julian Rayner

Our House Captains for 2014 are:
- McCracken (Red)
  - Jett Garraway & Sharni Robinson
- Newton (Yellow)
  - Claudia Forrest & Frank Zaccone
- Campbell (Green)
  - Jorja Arthur & Anthony Cua
- Dewry (Blue)
  - Isabella Pisconieri & Eilish Zappia

**Junior School Council**
The Junior School Council provides student input into decision making process within the school. Each class has two elected representatives who take ideas and concerns raised from their class meetings to the JSC meeting. Junior School Council meetings are held fortnightly and provide a forum for students to express their views and to have them heard. Members of Junior School Council also organise and run fundraising activities and special days throughout the year. It is a great way to promote and practise leadership skills and public speaking.

**Environmental Group**
We have a strong focus on the environment throughout our curriculum. Each class has two Environmental Leaders who are committed to looking after our environment. They participate in meetings and projects that support our school’s environmental projects. In past years the Environmental Leaders have set up worm farms, vegetable patches, rubbish free lunches and garden maintenance.

**School Hours**
Classroom supervision commences at 8:45am when all classrooms will be open for the students to come in and get themselves organised.

- 9:00am: School Assembly (Monday & Friday)
- 9:00am – 11:00am: Session 1
- 11:00am – 11:30am: Recess
- 11:30am – 1:30pm: Session 2
- 1:20pm – 1:30pm: Lunch to be eaten in classrooms
- 1:30pm – 2:15pm: Lunch break
- 2:15pm – 3:15pm: Session 3
- 3:10pm: Bell for bus travellers
- 3:15pm: Dismissal

**Attendance**
Regular school attendance is vital for your child’s progress. All children need to attend school daily.

**Uniform**
The school teaching program starts promptly at 9:00am, so we suggest that you make sure your child arrives before this time to get themselves organised and have a chat with their friends. School finishes at 3:15pm, with bus travellers getting on their bus at 3:10pm. Please schedule non-essential appointments outside these hours.

**Late Arrivals & Early Departures**
All parents / guardians must now come via the office if they are dropping their child off after 9:00am, or if they are picking their child up before 3.15pm. There is a new book to sign students both in and out of school.

**Absences**
If your child is absent it is a requirement that a parent or guardian informs the school via written note or a phone call. Please send a note to school with your child when your child returns to school or email your child’s class teacher. If your child will be absent for an extended period please inform the class teacher or school before they leave.

**Assembly**
Each Monday and Friday whole school assemblies are held. Each week a different class is responsible for running the assembly. The national anthem is sung on Monday’s assembly. Birthdays are celebrated on both days. ‘Students of the Week’ are presented with their certificates on Friday morning. Parents are welcome to stay and attend assembly.

**Students of the Week**
Teachers recognise children who have made a special effort in class during the week by awarding them a ‘Student of the Week’ certificate. Each class teacher, specialist teacher and the principal give out an award each week. The ‘Students of the Week’ are announced in Thursday’s newsletter and awards are given out on Friday’s assembly.

**Uniform**
From the start of 2014 all new uniforms can be purchased from Lowes at Mildura Central. We appreciate your support in implementing our uniform policy.

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.

### Hats
All children are required to wear school bucket hats in the school yard at all times from September 1st through to April 30th. If a student does not have a hat they must sit under the shade outside their class door or sit under the shade sails in the eating area. Our school actively supports Sunsmart policies. School hats are available to purchase at the office.

### Lunches
It is important that children have healthy lunches and snacks at school. Water bottles are great to have at their tables to drink. Please don’t freeze drink bottles or put cordial in them. We encourage ‘rubbish free’ lunches to minimise the rubbish in our yard and the waste of resources that are used to wrap food items. By using plastic containers you can help reduce the amount of rubbish brought to school.

### Lunch Eating
Lunch is eaten inside between 1:20pm and 1:30 pm. If a student has not completed eating their lunch they take their lunch outside and eat in the eating area under the shade sails.

### Lunch Orders
The Irymple General Store will be supplying the school’s lunch orders this year. Lunch order days will be WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY. A price list will accompany this newsletter.

- ☺ All lunch orders are to be written on a paper bag
- ☺ Name, room number and grade must be written on lunch bags
- ☺ Correct money must be included in the bag, no change will be given
- ☺ Lunch orders to be placed in basket in classroom before 9am
- ☺ NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED

### Medication
If your child requires medication whilst they are at school, the medication needs to be taken to the office by the parent or guardian. The school can only administer medication if we receive it from an adult. Dosage and times need to be clearly labelled on the medication. Children should not have medication in their bag.

### Medical Action Plan
If your child suffers from asthma, anaphylaxis or allergy, we require an updated action plan that has been filled in and signed by your doctor. These plans need to be updated annually. Please ensure that you supply the school with a current plan.

### Newsletter
The newsletter is published weekly and goes home with the youngest child in the family each Thursday. The newsletter can also be accessed from the school website, www.irymplesouthps.vic.edu.au. If you would like a copy of the newsletter emailed, please subscribe on the website.

### Website
We have updated our website and we believe that it looks fantastic! The website has links to our school policies, the Ultranet, PDF copies of the newsletter, a list of upcoming events and class and specialist blogs. www.irymplesouthps.vic.edu.au

### Calico Bags
Each student will be receiving a calico money bag at the start of the year. We will use the calico bag instead of envelopes and plastic money bags as they are environmentally friendly. Each year the calico bags will be reused. We hope that you find the calico bags useful. It would be a great idea to always keep the calico bag in the front section of your child’s school bag.

### School Fees
The school’s Programs and Requisites charge as set by school council is now payable and is $200 per student. Recipients of EMA this year will have to pay the entire school fees as the school does not receive any part of the 2014 EMA payment.

All families are asked to make their payment by Friday March 7th 2014.

### EMA
If you hold a Centrelink pension card you may be eligible for the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA). To apply for EMA please pick up an application form from the office. You will need to produce a valid Centrelink Card. EMA payments are for school aged children. Applications close on the 28th February.
**Extreme Weather**
An extreme weather day timetable will be enforced when the predicted temperature is 38C or above. This decision will be made by the Principal or Leading Teacher.

If the day is declared an extreme weather day the following will occur;
- Children will go outside as normal at recess
- Lunches will be eaten inside during the usual class time (1:20pm – 1:30pm)
- Children be able to go outside from 1:30pm – 1:50pm
- Children will have to remain under the sail shades during their time outside
- Children will remain in their classrooms for the remaining 25 minutes
- Children will undertake quiet activities in their classrooms
- Children will be reminded to drink water regularly during the day

**School Photos**
School Photos will be taken on Thursday 20th February. Order forms will be sent home with this newsletter. If you would like to order a family photo please come to the office to collect an order form.

**Parking**
Please park safely at all times and follow the signs regarding parking in Belar Avenue and 15th Street.

**Camps Program**
In 2014 the following camp programs will occur:

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**Prep Rest Days**
We welcome all of our very excited and enthusiastic Preps. The Preps will not be attending school on Wednesday during February. This will give them a chance to rest. The Preps first full week of school will commence on Monday 3rd March.

**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. All email addresses for class teachers are listed on the front of this information sheet. Please feel free to see or contact Robyn Brooks at any time if needed.