January 30th, 2015

WELCOME TO IRYMPLE SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL, 2015

A sincere welcome to all new and returning families. We are looking forward to another exciting, productive and successful year in 2015. 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 Bonnie Foreman to our staff.

Our current staffing is as follows:

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Our part time teaching staff will provide a variety of support and specialist programs. Our specialist and support teachers in 2015 are:

- Mrs Sharon Bronson P.E. (branson.sharon.j@edumail.vic.gov.au)
- Mrs Kate Cardew Prep (cardew.kate.l@edumail.vic.gov.au)
- Mrs Renee Giddings 4V and Classroom Support (giddings.renee.j@edumail.vic.gov.au)
- Mrs Emma Lord Art (lord.emma.l@edumail.vic.gov.au)
- Mrs Nadine McWilliams Literacy/Numeracy Support (mcwilliams.nadine.n@edumail.vic.gov.au)
- Mrs Aleisha Milne Performing Arts (milne.aleisha.c@edumail.vic.gov.au)
- Mrs Tammy Warn 4/5C and Classroom Support (warn.tammy.l@edumail.vic.gov.au)

Our Education Support staff for 2015 are:

- Business Manager Ms Sharon Welsh (welsh.sharon.p@edumail.vic.gov.au)
- Admin/Support Ms Penni Williams (williams.penni.m@edumail.vic.gov.au)
- Integration Aide Mrs Kerri Retallick (retallick.kerri.e@edumail.vic.gov.au)
Student Leadership
Our School Captains for 2015 are;
- Lily Adams
- Ruby Cashin
- Angus Cooper
- Lily Milsom

Our House Captains for 2015 are;
- McCracken
  Oskar Faulkhead & Jaye Surgey
- Newton
  Metisse Bennett & Ben Rasmussen
- Campbell
  Bailey Anderson & Sophie Driscoll
- Dewry
  Chris D’Amico & Paddy Hamilton

Houses
Each child is placed in a House when they are enrolled. Siblings are placed in the same house. The students compete in the Cross Country and Athletic Sports in their House. Our houses are;
- DEWRY
- CAMPBELL
- MCCracken
- NEWTON

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 – 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. 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 any non-essential appointments outside these hours.

Late Arrivals & Early Departures
All parents / guardians must 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 email, 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.

Specialist Programs
In 2015 we will have specialist programs, usually one hour per week with specialist teachers in Performing Arts, Art, P.E. and Science.

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.

Social Media
The school community is kept up to date via Facebook, and our school website. The website has links to our school policies, PDF copies of the newsletter and a list of upcoming events.

www.irymplesouthps.vic.edu.au

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 action plan that has been filled in and signed by your doctor. This needs to be brought to school before the start of the school year.

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 $220 per student.
All families are asked to make their payment in full by the end of first term.

Extreme Weather
An extreme weather timetable will be enforced when the predicted temperature is 38°C or above. This decision will be made by the Principal or Assistant Principal.
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 go outside from 1:30pm – 1:50pm
- 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

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 2nd March.

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

Parental Involvement
We value and promote parental involvement in our school through a variety of different forums. Our newsletter is a vital medium for advising parents of the workings of the school, upcoming events and for opportunities to offer your assistance.

After School Care
Stepping Stones Children’s Services run an After School Care Program every afternoon from 3:15pm to 6:00pm each day at Nichols Point Primary School. If you require a place in the After School Care program please contact;
Stepping Stones Children’s Services Person in Charge - Outside School Hours Care
PH: 1300665699

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.
**ISPS UNIFORM**

All 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.

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**2015 CALENDAR DATES**

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**Public Holidays 2015**

The following days are public holidays:
- The second Monday in March (Labour Day) – March 9th
- Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Easter Monday – April 3rd, 5th & 6th
- Anzac Day Saturday – April 25th
- The second Monday in June (Queen’s Birthday) – June 8th
- The first Tuesday in November (Melbourne Cup Day) – November 3rd

**Open Classroom Evening**

On Thursday 19th February we will be holding an ‘Open Classroom’ and family BBQ night. 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 the teachers and during the family BBQ to meet other parents in our school community.

**Night Amongst The Vines**

2015 sees the return of our biannual major fundraiser. Please mark **Friday 6th March** in your calendars for another fantastic night!

**Concert**

Our biannual concert will be held in Term 3 on Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th August.

**School Photos**

School Photos will be taken on Thursday 19th 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.