WELCOME TO IRYMPLE SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL, 2016

A sincere welcome to all new and returning families. We are looking forward to another exciting, productive and successful year in 2016. 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 Kerryn Corponi, Mr Brock Riches, Miss Lauren Hepworth and Mrs Nerrilee Harmer to our school. Lauren is coming to us from Werrimull P-12, Brock joins us after teaching for 6 years at Montpelier PS (Geelong), Kerryn has recently completed her studies at LaTrobe University Mildura and Nerrilee is coming to us from Werrimull P-12.

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 2016 are:

- Mrs Sharon Bronson: P.E. (branson.sharon.j@edumail.vic.gov.au)
- Mrs Kate Cardew: Science (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: Student Welfare/PSD (mcwilliams.nadine.n@edumail.vic.gov.au)
- Mrs Aleisha Milne: Performing Arts (milesh.aleisha.c@edumail.vic.gov.au)
- Mrs Tammy Warn: 3C and Classroom Support (warn.tammy.l@edumail.vic.gov.au)
- Mrs Sue Rowland: P-2 Literacy & Numeracy Coach (rowland.susan.j@edumail.vic.gov.au)
Our Education Support staff for 2016 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)

Integration Aide
Mrs Nerrilee Harmer (harmer.nerrilee.n@edumail.vic.gov.au)

Student Leadership

Our School Captains for 2016 are;
Ella Burford
Bethany Hartwig
Maria Petrolo
Nunzio Tabacco

Our House Captains for 2016 are;

McCracken
Mia Andronescu & Angus Drofelaar

Newton
Lily Neagle & Cy Romeo

Campbell
Maddison Smart & Georgia Symes

Dewry
Zali Doolan & Patrick McWilliams

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;

MCCracken
NEWton
CAMPbell
DEWrY

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

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More information about our BYOD Program can be found at the end of the newsletter.

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. In 2016 ‘Students of the Week’ will be presented with their certificates on Monday 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 Friday’s newsletter and awards are given out at Monday’s assembly.

Specialist Programs
In 2016 we will have specialist programs, usually one hour per week with specialist teachers in Performing Arts, Art, P.E. and Science.

My Chinese Teacher
Each week students are involved in a Skype session with a Chinese teacher based in Beijing. They learn about the culture and common words and phrases.

Newsletter
This year we will be distributing the newsletter digitally. The newsletter will be published on FRIDAY and emailed to all those who have subscribed. To subscribe to the newsletter log on to the school website (www.irymplesouthps.vic.edu.au) and subscribe. If you would like to still receive a hard copy, please fill out the form at the end of the newsletter. Hard copies will be provided until Friday 26th February.

Social Media
The school community is kept up to date via Facebook, and our school website.
Please like us on Facebook to receive regular status updates.
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 1:20 pm 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.
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
You will find the fee structure for 2016 attached as approved by School Council.
All families are asked to make their payment in full by the end of first term.

Camps Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) 2016
The Victorian Government will be providing a CSEF payment to all eligible families to assist with the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. Please contact the office to get an application form. The School will need to sight and copy the concession card to ensure that the parent’s name and Centrelink Reference Number (CRN) matches the Centrelink database.
Further information can be found later in the newsletter.
**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 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

**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 29th February.

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

**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.

**Bus**
The bus fare is now $1.20. If possible, please provide exact money if your child catches the bus.

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**NEWSLETTER 2016**
I would still like to receive a hard copy of the Newsletter.

Name: _________________________________________
Youngest child’s name: _________________________ Grade: ______________________

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**COMMUNICATION - Email**

We would like to keep the lines of communication open. One way is via email. If you could provide your email address this will allow the school and classroom teachers to keep in contact.

Name: _________________________________________
Email Address: __________________________________
Child/ren name: ________________________________ Class: __________________
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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

**Art Smock**
- Used in art to protect clothing

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 classroom 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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**2016 CALENDAR DATES**

**Term Dates 2016**
- Term 1: 28th January - 24th March
- Term 2: 11th April - 24th June
- Term 3: 11th July - 16th September
- Term 4: 3rd October - 20th December

**Public Holidays 2016**
- The following days are public holidays:
  - The second Monday in March (Labour Day) March 14th
  - Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Easter Monday March 25th, 27th & 28th
  - Anzac Day Saturday April 25th
  - The second Monday in June (Queen’s Birthday) June 13th

**School Photos**
School Photos will be taken on Tuesday 16th February. Order forms will be sent home next week. Family photos will be able to ordered as well.

**Open Classroom Evening**
On Thursday 16th February we will be holding an ‘Open Classroom’ 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 meet other parents in our school community.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**JANUARY**
- Cassie Van Schaik (4th)
- Max Mannes (5th)
- Elektra Zagar (6th)
- Hannah Flentjar (6th)
- Will Gilding (7th)
- Joel Garlick (13th)
- Matt Gilding (14th)

- Ruben Carmichael (16th)
- Harper Milsom (18th)
- Dustin Madden (19th)
- Maddy Rasmussen (20th)
- Kate Cardew (22nd)
- Kylah Sutton (23rd)
- Chase Russell (23rd)
- Freya Livingston (26th)

- Vincent Piscioneri (27th)
- Joseph Zaccone (27th)
- Kerri Retallick (27th)
- Levi Geister (29th)
- Bronte Dayman (29th)
- Lara McKinley (30th)
- Luis Thornton (30th)
Dear Parents,

The school’s Programs and Requisites charges as set by School Council have been outlined in the table over the page. The fees are structured into the following components:

Classroom Requisites (Essential Items) - $90
Camps, Excursions, Incursions and Activities (Optional Items) – Varying for each grade
Voluntary – Parent Choice
ICT levy for those students who will be using the school owned technology - $75

We have endeavoured to keep these costs to a minimum as we introduce a BYOD program. A more detailed overview of the fees can be seen in the table over the page. Please note, families who receive CSEF payments (Camps, Sports, Excursion Funding) can utilise the money to pay for any camp, sporting event or excursion. In 2016 this will be a payment to the school of $125.

All families are asked to make their payment by Friday March 18th. The following payment options are available:

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Kind regards,

Robyn Brooks – Principal  
Sebastian Tabacco – School Council President
CLASSROOM REQUISITES (Essential): All work books, diaries, reading bags and writing materials such as pens, pencils, erasers, glue sticks, rulers, highlighters, colouring pencils etc. It also includes document wallets, display books, plastic pockets etc.  

This will be set at $90 per student.

CAMPS, EXCURSIONS, INCURSIONS AND ACTIVITIES (Optional):

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3. VOLUNTARY
A voluntary contribution can also be made to the school towards the building project of our new assembly area:

$25  $50  $100  Other Amount

Please see Robyn Brooks, Ben Milsom or Sharon Welsh if you would like to discuss further.

4. ICT LEVY
There will be a $75 ICT levy for students who do not opt to bring their own iPad. The school will provide a device for use when applicable.

PLEASE NOTE:
Students selected for sport representative teams and additional activities will incur extra costs.

In summary,
BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Program at ISPS in 2016

At Irymple South we are striving to support and prepare our students for the world in which they live. We believe that the use of technology enriches and supports the learning that currently takes place.

Our school's focus has been on providing quality teaching and learning and ensuring best results for all students. We will continue in our quest for the highest quality teaching and learning at our school.

Our teachers have undertaken extensive professional reading, research and investigation into teaching and learning that gives them the skills to equip our students for their future. The use of technologies is integral to our 21st century lives and we believe that we have a deep understanding of how we can use technologies effectively to support the current teaching and learning practices we have in place.

Although the Victorian Education department strongly endorses the use of technology there is no funding allocations to schools for the provisions and purchase of devices. The department has developed policies around the introduction of BYOD programs for schools to enable the ongoing use of technology within teaching and learning programs for students.

School Council has endorsed and supported the introduction of a BYOD program in 2016. The BYOD program is an Education Department initiative that is currently operating in many schools around the state.

The BYOD program is not compulsory. The school will provide access to technology for all students.

In 2016 the Irymple South PS staff will be participating in the professional learning program “New Pedagogies for Deep Learning”. This program will:

* identify, build and share models of new pedagogical practice
* identify precise and deliberate use of digital technologies to accelerate learning
* build our resource bank of deep learning

Current Program 2015

- Each student in grades 3 to 6 has access to a netbook, that is between 2 – 6 years old.
- Grade 2s have a class set of netbooks that are 3-5 years old to share between the 2 classes
- Two class sets of iPad, between 2 and 4 years old are shared across the Prep/one and 5/6 classes
- Technology has been supplied for student use for the past 5 year without a payment levy from families
- The current devices are now becoming outdated, broken and unusable in some instances

Options for ICT in 2016

⇒ Bring Your Own iPad
⇒ Levy payment for use of school devices

Why iPads?

◊ Instant on/faster to load/long battery life
◊ Applications are affordable and creative
◊ Best tablet apps for education
◊ User friendly
◊ Personalised device
◊ Has good camera, video and multimedia creation
What device do I need/buy?

Already own:

An iPad 2 or more recent. The iPad should have camera/video capacity.

To purchase:

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Do I need to purchase any accessories?

All iPads will require a sturdy cover for protection
We recommend cover for accidental breakages/damage

Where do I purchase my device?

Students can use iPads that you currently own – iPad 2 and more recent are compatible
You may purchase or lease a device at any provider
You can Buy, lease or flexirent through JB Hi Fi Irymple South Primary School Portal

JB Hi Fi Irymple South Primary School Portal

JB Hi Fi currently operate school portals for many schools across the state for the purchase of devices for school use.
The Irymple South Primary School JB Hi Fi Portal is now open for our school community to purchase; lease or flexi rent iPads at discounted educational rates.

Access to this portal is: https://www.jbeducation.com.au/byod/
School Access Code is: ISP2016

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATON FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum. CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef