School Rewards Trial
Irymple South Primary School has been part of a School Rewards Trial over the past two years. The trial rewards schools who have improved their student data over a period of time.
I am proud to announce that for the second year in a row we have received a financial award for being in the top 5% of schools who have improved outcomes for students.
We are very excited and proud of this result. I would like to acknowledge and thank the staff at ISPS for the outstanding commitment they make to every child in our school.
Every child is special and we really do strive to ensure that we help them achieve to the best of their ability.
Ultranet Reporting
Our first reports using the Ultranet have been completed. I appreciate the effort that all parents and staff have put in to making this a success. I understand that there are some aspects of this type of reporting that are different to previous report formats and that change can take a little time to adjust to.
As a school we believe that a constantly updated online assessment tool is the way of the future.
This week your child’s Ultranet profile has been updated and includes a personal learning comment. If you have any concerns about your child throughout the year please do not hesitate to make an appointment to talk to their teacher.
We appreciate any constructive feedback on the way we are reporting your child’s learning and I can assure you we do take on board the comments we have received.
Student Free Day
There will be no school for students on Friday 16th August. Teachers will be participating in professional learning for the day.
Athletics Sports
Our Athletics Sports are fast approaching. We will be holding our sports on Wednesday 7th August where all students will participate in a number of events.
Grounds Maintenance
The work to replace the drainage pipes on the back oval has commenced. This work is due to be completed shortly.
The gas tank near the staff car park has been removed. This area will be redeveloped to increase the car parking area for staff.
Active After-school Communities
The Active After-school Communities program commenced yesterday after school. The students were provided with a healthy afternoon snack. The children had a great time participating in a variety of activities. This term the AASC has put together a Basketball program. The activities focus on increasing physical activity and improving skills in a fun, safe and inclusive environment.
Prep Enrolments 2014
We are now accepting enrolments for children who will be commencing school as Prep students in 2014. We invite all prospective parents to contact the school for a personalised tour of our wonderful school or call in to the front office to collect an enrolment form. We would like all 2014 Prep enrolments into the office by Friday 16th August.
School Fees
School Fees are now overdue. Prompt payment of any outstanding amounts would be greatly appreciated. Eftpos facilities are available at the Office for any payments. Alternatively you can directly deposit into the school bank account. Bank account details are BSB: 063520, Account number 10104523 and use your child’s name as a reference.
Updated Blogs
This week the 4/5 and 5/6 blogs have been updated. Lily from 4/5S has blogged about learning vocabulary words and Ruby has blogged about the class’s writing project. Bobby and Eliza from 4/5F have also blogged about their ‘Significant Events’ writing project. Georgia and Kathryn from 5/6M and Anna from 5/6O have blogged about the writing competition that their classes have entered. Renee from 5/6O has blogged about the Maths lesson her class did yesterday on estimating and finding the differences of decimal numbers. To access the blog hover over the blog menu on the website and select the class blog you wish to view. Please take some time to have a look at all the class and specialist blogs.

Baseball
Congratulations to Jack Barot (4/5F) and Frankie Zacccone (4/5S) who were members of the Sunraysia Under 12 Baseball team, who won the Victorian State Winter Country Championships! The boys competed in Bengdo on the weekend and enjoyed themselves despite the cold and at times wet weather. Well done boys!

Auskick
Apologies to Dusty Geister who along with Taj Fientjar, Liam Reiley and Sebastian Morello had a fantastic time playing Auskick at halftime at Elhid Stadium (not the MCG!).

Our Athletics Sports are fast approaching, they will be held on Wednesday 7th August. All students have been practising the various events during P.E. classes this week. As we will be practising these sports over the next couple of weeks, it would helpful if the children could wear suitable clothing and footwear every day. We would love to see as many parents as possible supporting their children on the day.

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99.5 star FM Man Cave competition

Prep Enrolments due by Friday August 16th
(03) 5024 5345
Robyn Brooks
Principal
brooks.robyn.alledmail.vic.gov.au

Contact the school for a tour and enrolment pack

Irymple South Primary
www.irymplexsps.vic.edu.au
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School Concert
Our school concert is held every second year. We are very fortunate to have Karen Wilcock organising our concert again this year. Karen has written the script and choreographed the dance moves for all classes. Every class has two dances to perform and we also have many year 5 & 6 students who have speaking roles and dance roles supporting the infants classes. Karen is working with all classes on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday over the first six weeks of the term in the lead up to the concert. The students are really keen to get started and work hard to get everything just right. Karen has written the script for the entirety of the concert again this year. We are very fortunate to have Karen Willcock back again for her second year. We are very excited to see what the students will bring to the concert and how they will enjoy themselves!

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**Veggie Garden Working Bee**

Next Friday August 2nd from 2:30 - 3:15pm we are having a working bee to replant our veggie patches. If you would like to help meet Mrs Warn and Melanie Bell at the veggie gardens.

**Fruit and Vegetable Market**

Our next market day is next week, Wednesday 31st July, starting at 8:00am in the MPR. Start combing your crops if you would like to donate any produce. Our 5/6M Environmental Leaders Elith and Sharmi will be in the office Monday and Tuesday mornings before school to collect any donated items. Produce such as onions, beetroot, cauliflower, broccoli, peas, fresh herbs, citrus, eggs, nuts and carrots would be greatly appreciated. We are so lucky here at Irymple South Primary to have such supportive parents, we kindly thank everyone who has donated any produce for our market. Don’t forget to bring your environmentally friendly shopping bag.

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**Note from the chooks**

Dear Students,

As much as we love the food scraps that are coming our way, we are very concerned about the whole sandwiches and whole pieces of fruit that are being put into the food scrap bins. If you are not hungry or if something has been put into your lunch box that you don’t like we would rather you take it back home otherwise parents are assuming it has all been eaten. We are loving the sandwich crusts, apple cores and banana peels so keep them coming!

Kind Regards
The Chooks.

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**Education Maintenance Allowance**

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. Parents and guardians may be eligible for the EMA if they have a valid Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card. The second instalment of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) payment is due to be paid from mid-August onwards for parents/guardians who chose the ‘direct deposit’ or ‘pay direct to school’ payment option on their application form. Parents and guardians who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year do not need to lodge another EMA application to receive the second instalment EMA payment. Parents/guardians whose children have transferred to this school since 28 February 2013 will need to submit a new EMA application form. Applications close on 2 August 2013. Eligibility information can be obtained from: www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/lifeatschool/ema/default.htm

**Contact:** School Office for an application form and further information.

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**ICT with Mrs Branston**

We now have a school app available for both Android Mobile and iPhone users. The app will allow you instant access to the latest learning and news at Irymple South Primary School. It contains school newsletters, school information and notices, latest events, direct links to classroom blogs, photo galleries of whole school events and much more. You can also receive timely reminders about school events through push notifications.

Both apps are available free. The Android app can be downloaded from the Google Play Store and the iPhone app can be downloaded from the iTunes App Store. In both stores just search for Irymple South. Or you can use the direct links below.

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**CONCERT with Mrs Vadlja**

A very big ‘thank you’ to all of our Concert Co-ordinators who have volunteered their services!

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Kylie Cummings & Stephane Rentjara

**Prep P**
Alis Scott, Sharon Jack & Michelle Stanbrook

**1T**
Libby Kennedy, Sherrrie Geister & Courtenay Wills

**1M**
Mohini Barrett, Pip Neagle & Adele Kempton

**2/3C**
Costume Coordinators are more than welcome to come to the Music room at any time to organise the costumes, you don’t need to make an appointment!

**4/5F**
Elith Zappia & Peta Cooper

**5/6O**
Sonia Forrest, Kym Bennett & Peta Cooper

**5/6M**
Claire Zappia & Janet Droffelaar

**5/6N**
Libby Kennedy, Sherrrie Geister & Courteney Wills

**5/6P**
Jaceys Piscioneri & Rachel D’Amico

**5/6Q**
Carine Robinson & Brooke Vadlja

**5/6R**
Kylie Adams & Geraldine Morey

**CONCERT COSTUME CO-ORDINATORS**

Congratulations to the following students who have received speaking roles in our school concert:

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**CONCERT with Mrs Branson**

This week in ICT, 4/5F and 5/6M students have begun designing and programming their own games using either the ‘Game Maker’ or ‘Scratch’ game creation platforms. They have four sessions in which to apply the game creation principles and programing skills the learnt last term. Before starting this project the students had to carefully consider, what type of game it would be, the game idea, what the player purpose would be, what rewards and challenges the player would encounter, what objects the would need to create for their game and plan out what the rooms or stages would look like.

4/5F and 5/6M have agreed to apply the ‘game design’ programing skills to their own game ideas. Both classes have begun a new maze type game where they are learning how to, program player keyboard control, build walls and mazes that the objects cannot go through, add captions to their games, and paint their own sprites (costumes) and objects.

Prep R students have been exploring a number of the 2simple programs that allow them to paint, publish work, count and make graphs.
As part of our writing program, the grade 5/6 students were asked to write a piece for a writing competition.

The competition, titled “Pilot Simply Write” is aimed at Years 5 and 6. Students had to write a 250-350 word piece that had to start with “The last thing I expected to see was…”

With $1000 up for grabs for first prize, our students were very keen to get pen to paper!

Here are some examples of the first paragraph of some of the pieces:

**SADNESS**

The last thing I expected to see was the darkness of the night sky. It was a place nothing but blackness. The sadness dragged in the wind. Moans, groans and crying were all you could hear. It was my place, in my mind. The dark place. My Nan had just died. Nan and cancer were in the boxing ring of life, until in the final days of the battle, cancer won.

Eilish Zappia

**THE CURSE**

The last thing I expected to see was that I would be still standing on earth at this moment on New Year’s Eve. It was all because I was cursed on Friday the 13th last year and since then I have had nothing but bad luck. So I hope this year nothing bad happens...

Jett Garraway

**MY BEAUTIFUL AUNTY PETA**

The last thing I expected to see was my dearest cousin’s heart breaking. It all started when my Aunty Peta was diagnosed with breast cancer. She was told she had cancer on my 18th birthday.

Sharni Robinson

**THE RED DRESS**

The last thing I expected to see was the lifeless floppy body covered in red cloth flying through the air. She flew through the sky at a fast pace. Sometimes during the day I catch a glimpse of her vibrant red dress. I see a flash of red fall behind a tree. I keep walking to my locker to put my book away. I have seen the girl 4 times today. I can’t tell anyone, they will think I am strange. I open my locker to find a bit of red fabric pinned to my pin-board. I move the pin and study the red silk square as a few girls walk past sniggering and giggling at me...

Madison Young

**MY PARENT’S FACES**

The last thing I expected to see was my parents faces again. I awoke to a loud knock, and shuffling of feet. I wearily stumbled out of bed and peered out my window. All I saw were red and blue flashing lights, I immediately knew something bad had happened. I don’t recall much after that as the loud thumping of my heart in my ears and the painful stinging of my red eyes blurred out everything else. But what I do slightly remember is sitting at Nan and Pop’s dining table with 5 policemen staring at me sympathetically. Through the humming in my head I could faintly hear people mumbling car crash…ambulance called…too late…sorry. I then realised what’d happened.

Georgia Smart