NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL - Robyn Brooks

BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY
Next Thursday 21st August we will be holding a Book Week Dress Up Day. This year’s theme is ‘Connect to Reading, Reading to Connect’. All students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character. We will be holding a parade commencing at 9:00am and the students will be participating in literacy activities in their classrooms until recess. We look forward to seeing everyone dressed up! http://cbca.org.au/bookweek.htm

SCIENCE WEEK
Next week is also Science Week and there are activities planned for next Friday. Yesterday the Grade 6 students created ‘seed bombs’ with Fiona Murdoch and Penni. They learnt how to make them and what makes a good ‘seed bomb’. ‘Seed Bombs’ were originally designed to regenerate and rejuvenate barren ground. Next Friday the Grade 6 students will be teaching all the others students in the school how to make their very own ‘seed bombs’. The cost of this activity is been covered by a grant that we received from Australian Science Teachers Association.

2014 Athletic Sports

Congratulations to **McCracken** for being the 2014 Athletic Champions! McCracken out jumped, out ran and out threw the other three houses on the day.

1st **McCracken**
2nd DEWRY
3rd CAMPBELL
4th NEWTON

McCracken House Captains, Jett Garraway and Sharni Robinson

Congratulations to **DEWRY** for being the 2014 Marching Champions! The Marching forms part of our Opening Ceremony and looks marvellous.

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Dewry House Captains, Eilish Zappia and Isabella Piscioneri
Walk to School Day and Breakfast
Yesterday students, parents, family members and teachers walked to school in very chilly conditions. The walk started in Koorlong Avenue and continued along the Green Belt. This meant that we only had a short walk along the highway. Everyone was ready for breakfast once they arrived at school. Cereal, toast and fruit was on offer and many students hungrily tucked in to the food. Thanks to everyone who walked with the students and to those who prepared and served the breakfast at school.

Farmer’s Market
We held another successful Farmer’s Market yesterday afternoon. The Environmental Leaders make great salespeople and there was not much produce left at the end of the day. The items that are still available can be purchased from the table outside the staff room. Thanks to everyone who donated produce for our market.

Pie Drive
The recent Pie Drive raised $1,828. Thanks to all those involved. We hope that you are enjoying a hot pie for dinner in this cold weather. There are still a few orders left to be picked up. Please collect these as soon as possible.

Feedback
We appreciate and value the feedback that we get from parents. Thank you to those parents who completed the Survey Monkey. We will read these and take on board your comments.

Parent Opinion Surveys
Thank you to everyone who completed the Parent Opinion Surveys. We have sent these away and will receive the collated responses later on this year. These surveys provide us with valuable information about your thoughts on our school. This information will be utilised to support future school planning and in our School Review.

Long Service Leave
Mr Ben Milsom will be taking Long Service Leave for eight days from tomorrow. We hope that he has an enjoyable break. Mrs Emma Lord will be taking 4/5C on the Fridays he is away.

RI Excursion
On Monday 18th August the Catholic RI students will be travelling to St Joseph’s Red Cliffs. The students will be accompanied by Di Eagle, Mrs Puku and Ms Brooks.

Family Carnival
On Friday November 21st we will be holding a Family Carnival. Parents who wish to help organise and run the evening are invited to attend a meeting at 15th street McDonalds on Tuesday August 26th at 7.30pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

School Council
The next meeting of the School Council will be on Wednesday 27th August at 6:30pm in the Staffroom.

Magpie
It is swooping season! we have a very aggressive and territorial magpie in our yard at the moment. We are seeking assistance to safely remove the magpie but at the moment it is still in the yard. The magpie only seems to swoop quieter times, such as before and after school. Please be aware that if you are in the yard at these times that you keep your eyes open!

Prep Enrolments 2015
We are now accepting enrolments for children who will be commencing school as Prep students in 2015. 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 2015 Prep enrolments into the office by Friday 15th August.
Keeping up to date with what is happening...

We have a number of communication tools that helps you know what is happening at ISPS.  

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.

School App

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.

School App Store. In both stores just search for Irymple South. Or you can use the direct links below.


Facebook Page

We have launched our Facebook page. Our page is “Irymple South Primary School”. This page will allow you to connect with what is happening at school on another level.

Website

Our school website has a lot of information about what has been happening at ISPS. PDF copies of the newsletter are also available on the website. If you would like an electronic copy of the newsletter, subscribe to the newsletter on the web page. Our photo galleries have recently been updated with photos from the Athletic Sports.


Students of the Week

Prep R
Colby Geister
Prep P
Amelia Petrolo
1T
Maddison Micale
1M
Elana Howard
2J
Emily Murdoch
2G
Reba Hynam
3D
Noah Pike
3C
Jessica Bertoli
4/5V
Maddison Smart
4/5C
Julia Sherry
5/6O
Isabella Piscioneri
5/6S
Casey Adams
Art
Patrick McWilliams
Science
Nicholas McWilliams
Performing Arts
Darcy Coppola

RED CLIFFS STAR SPIRITS NETBALL CLUB

We are taking enrolments for our up and coming Twilight Netball Competition starting in October 2014 at Mansell Reserve Mildura, as part of the Mildura Netball Association.

Games will be played on the following nights:

Tuesday – Under 11 Girls (6.30pm games) and all mixed teams (6.30, 7.30, 8.30pm games)
Wednesday – Under 13’s to 17’s and Ladies (6.30, 7.30, 8.30pm games)
Thursday – Under 9’s (6.30pm games)

Minimum age group is grade 2 and players must be under their age group as of the 31st March 2015 to play in that age group.

We currently have a strong club of 96 players from all abilities with 9 teams currently registered with numbers growing each week & we would love to have you be part of it. Our vision is to give every person the opportunity to play netball even mums too!!!

We are always looking for more coaches, umpires and committee members as well so come get involved.

If you would like to find out more or are ready to come and play a bit of social netball please contact Melissa Haby Phone 0408 129 076 Email lissa@internode.on.net
In Maths we have been learning about sharing objects equally between 2. We used Unifix blocks to model how to share and wrote stories to show our understanding.
The beginning of this term has seen all classes continue acting, but have been given a bit more freedom in what they acted out.

The 4/5/6’s have begun a state wide competition themed ‘No Helmet No Ride’. In groups students have to create a 30-60 second radio ad or up to 4 minute video that shows the importance of wearing a helmet and the role they can play in helping others to learn. The students have 3 x 1 hour sessions to complete it.

The 1/2/3’s have been challenged to come up with short plays/skits based around a word. Eg: amazed, frightened, angry etc. In groups, students chose a word from the list and came up with a short scene that was related to their word. They had to perform this in front of the class. Each week that the students had to improve on their facial expressions, talking while acting and making sure their back wasn’t to the audience.

The preps also had to create a story about a chosen word Eg: happy, sad, scared etc and I was looking to see how well their story matched their word and that they got up the front and ‘had a go’ at acting out their story.

**Pete the Sheep** presented by Mildura Arts Centre and Monkey Baa Theatre Company is a brand-new 50-minute musical, based on Jackie French and Bruce Whatley’s quirky and quintessentially Australian picture book.

Shaun is the new sheep shearer in Shaggy Gully. Since shearing is such hard work, all the other shearers have sheep dogs to help them, but not Shaun. His partner is Pete, a sheep- sheep! The other shearers in the shed are not happy with sheep-sheep..

Following rejection by the shearers and their dogs, Shaun and Pete set up their own Shearing Salon in town where they are inundated with woolly clients, who delight in Shaun’s styling prowess.

This hilarious musical comedy, imaginatively told by four performers playing shearers, dogs and sheep, explores the challenges and rewards of being an individual, and will be a lasting tribute to honouring your own spirit and strength, whilst working with the flock! From the award winning company that brought you The Bugalugs Bum Thief, Milli Jack and the Dancing Cat and Emily Eyefinger. For more information and bookings call 5018 8330 or visit www.milduraartscentre.com.au