School Review
We have a focus on continual improvement, ensuring high standards of education are maintained.
As part of the DEECD Performance and Development cycle Irymple South is in a period of self-evaluation and reflection to support the development of our new Strategic Plan.

Last night School Council held an extended meeting to reflect on what they felt we were doing well and what we could improve on. We also ratified the Emergency Management Policy and the Facility Hire Policy. These policies will be uploaded to our school website shortly.

Thank you to our School Councillors for their valuable input and hearty discussions.

Our School Council comprises:

Parent Representatives
Dierdre Jaensch President, Sebastian Tabacco Vice President, Jason Bruhn, Nicholas Sheahan, Janet Droffelaar, Libby Kennedy, Maree Whitehead, Lara Collins, Sarah Doolan, Sarah Watts and Nicole Shaw

DEECD Representatives
Robyn Brooks, Sharon Welsh (Secretary), Ben Milsom, Sue Rowland and Emma Lord

Grade 4 Camp to Lake Cullulleraine
The Grade 4s are having a wonderful time out at camp. The weather has been perfect and they are enjoying all the fun activities. We look forward to seeing photos and hearing about their experiences in next week’s newsletter. The happy campers will be returning at approximately 3:00pm tomorrow.

Ballarat Camp
Notes for the Grades 5 and 6 Ballarat camp went home last week. The Grade 5s will be going to Ballarat from Monday 10th November to Wednesday 12th November whilst the Grade 6s will be going from Wednesday 12th November to Friday 14th November. Please return the expression of interest form even if your child is not attending as we need to finalise numbers.

Summer Lightning Premiership – District level
On Tuesday 16th September our 5/6 students will play against Irymple and Nichols Point Primary in girls and boys Volleyball, Softball and Basketball. Games will be played at different venues. Basketball at the Mildura Hothouse, Softball at the Aero Ovals and Volleyball at Nichols Point Primary School. Students involved in the sports have taken home permission notes.

ANZAC Day 2015
Congratulations to Kayla Adams (sister of Jameson 2G and Lily 4/5V) who has been selected as one of 80 secondary students to attend the 2015 ANZAC ceremony in Gallipoli. Kayla is currently in Year 9 at Red Cliffs Secondary College and attended our school during primary school. She went to Parliament House in Melbourne yesterday and received her certificate from Premier Napthine.

anzaccentenary@vic.gov.au

Learning Conferences
On Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th September we will be holding our Learning Conferences. This is a great opportunity to talk to your child’s teacher and share their learning from the first half of the year. All conference times are to be booked online. Information on how to book can be found later in the newsletter. Bookings close on Friday 12th September at 4:00pm. A crèche will be available for siblings in the Library from 3:30pm.

Learning Conferences PREP P
Parents of students in Prep P had their Learning Conferences earlier this week. The students enjoyed sharing their learning with their parents.

Staffing
Miss Donna Piscioneri will be on leave from next Wednesday until the end of term. Donna is travelling to Europe and will return for the start...
of Term 4. We hope that she has a wonderful adventure!

**What’s happening at our school today**

All of you no doubt want to know more about what’s happening every day in our school to help prepare your child for the future. Things like what’s happening in the classroom, what your children are learning and what you can do at home to help. There are information sheets now available to help you understand the basics of what is being done in all schools across Victoria. Four fact sheets have been developed for years Prep to Two, Three to Six, Seven to Eight and Nine to Ten. You will find the Prep to Two information included in this week’s newsletter.

**Footy Colours Day**

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**Hats**

All students are required to wear hats from now on. Please ensure that your child has a school bucket hat to wear when they are outside. If a student does not have a hat they will not be able to play during recess and lunch or participate in PE and Sport sessions. Hats can be purchased at Lowes.

**Swimming Program**

The swimming program will be running again Week 1, Term 4. All students are expected to participate, as this is part of the school’s Physical Education program. There is no cost to families as this is part of the school fees paid earlier in the year. Permission notes were sent home last week and need to be returned by Friday 19th September.

2015

We are starting to make plans for classes for 2015. If you know of any families that are looking to enroll their children at ISPS next year, could you please ask them to make an appointment to take a look at our school. If your child won’t be attending ISPS could you please inform us as soon as possible.

**Fees**

We still have 22 families yet to finalise their fee payment for the year. The fees cover the Swimming Program, bus transport and resources for the classrooms. Please finalise these payments as soon as possible.

**NAPLAN**

The NAPLAN results have arrived at school. These will be distributed with today’s newsletter to those children in Years 3 and 5 who sat the tests.

**Father’s Day Stall**

Thanks to all those parents who helped organise and run the Father’s Day stall last Friday. We hope that all Father’s had a wonderful day and enjoyed being spoilt!

**Thank you**

A big THANK YOU to Lachie Davies from Athletes Foot who donated a selection of sports equipment to our school. When you purchase shoes from Athletes Foot a percentage of the sale goes towards the sports equipment.

**Grade 2 Performance**

The Grade 2 students have been practising a special song to share with the whole school at assembly on Friday. We would love to see all the Grade 2 parents and other school community members there! Everyone is welcome.

**Updated Calendar**

In this newsletter we have included an updated calendar for the rest of the year.

Dates to note:

- **Swimming**, Monday 6th to Friday 10th October
- **Cup Day Public Holiday**, Tuesday 4th November
- **Grade 2 Excursion and Sleepover**, Thursday 6th November
- **Grade 5 Ballarat Camp**, Monday 10th to Wednesday 12th November
- **Grade 6 Ballarat Camp**, Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th November
- **Grade 3 Swan Hill Camp**, Thursday 13th to Friday 14th November
- **Grade 1 Excursion and Tea**, Thursday 13th November
- **ISPS Carnival**, Friday 21st November
- **Curriculum Day**, Tuesday 25th November
- **Prep Excursion and Tea**, Thursday 27th November
- **Grade 6 Graduation and Family Celebration Dinner**, Monday 15th December

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SEPTEMBER

Renay Drendel-Arthur (4th)
Addison Bell (7th)
Stephanie Ryan-Orchard (7th)
Brittany Laskaj (10th)
Michaela Whitehead (12th)
Reece Scott (13th)
Zac Scott (13th)
Chase Worthington (14th)

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In Grade 2 we have been looking at bullying and the impact that it can have on someone. We have talked about what bullying is and what it looks and feels like. Students have looked at how to handle themselves if they are in a situation where they are being bullied (S.A.F.E), and we have also looked out how to stand up for others (and not be a bystander). We have declared 2G a no-put down zone, and noted down what is acceptable and not-acceptable behaviour. We have also been practising a special song to share with the whole school at assembly on Friday and we’d love to see all the Grade 2 parents there!
P.E. with Mrs Branson

Athletic Championships

The following students have the opportunity to represent the school at the Loddon Mallee Regional Athletic Championships held at the Bendigo Regional Athletics Centre. They will be held next term on Monday 13th October 2014. Could parents please notify Penni in the office by next Monday if they intend on accompanying their child to the event or if their child will be attending so transport can be arranged. A note with the final details will be out before the end of term.

Congratulations to:

Bailey Anderson - Boys 11 200 Metre Run & Boys 11 Year Olds 4x100 Metre Relay
Milla Deckert - Girls 12-13 1500 Metre Run, Girls 12-13 Triple Jump & Girls 12-13 4x100 Metre Relay
Sophie Driscoll - Girls 11 1500 Metre Run
Oskar Faulkhead - Boys 11 800 Metre Run, 11 Long Jump & Boys 11 Year Olds 4x100 Metre Relay
Claudia Forrest - Girls 12-13 Discus Throw & Girls 12-13 4x100 Metre Relay
Chace Garraway - Boys 9-10 200 Metre Run Boys 9-10 100 Metre Run
Samuel Hayes - Boys 11 1500 Metre Run & Boys 11 Year Olds 4x100 Metre Relay
Patrick McWilliams - Boys 9-10 800 Metre Run & Boys 11 Year Olds 4x100 Metre Relay
Sharni Robinson - Girls 12-13 800 Metre Run & Girls 12-13 4x100 Metre Relay
Jordan Stephen - Girls 12-13 4x100 Metre Relay
Keenan Wade - Boys 11 Triple Jump & Boys 11 Year Olds 4x100 Metre Relay
Mckensie Wade - Girls 11 Long Jump

Dear Parents,

As part of our Assessment and Reporting process Learning Conferences will be held on between 2:15pm – 6:00pm on Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th September.

The aim of these conferences is for you and your child to meet with your child’s teacher to celebrate and share their learning and to share future learning goals.

A crèche will operate in the Library from 3:30pm. We would appreciate if younger siblings were not present at the conferences. This allows you to focus on your school aged child and their conference.

If you are unable to make an appointment at these times, please contact your child’s teacher. We would love all children to be able to share their learning.

We use an online booking system for our conferences. This online system will allow you to book times that suit YOUR FAMILY.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code and follow the instructions below.

BOOKINGS CLOSE Friday 12th September at 4pm

If you have any concerns or questions please contact us on 50245345.

Kind Regards,
Robyn Brooks
AUSTRALIAN MATHS COMPETITION

Earlier this term, 25 students from Grades 3-6 participated in the 2014 Australian Maths Competition.

The students were asked to undertake a 30 question sit down test, where each question increased in difficulty and point value. Each of our children did a fantastic job and their effort, persistence and determination is to be commended. Like any test, the results varied and each student was given a score and an award. The following awards could be received by the students:

1-Prize, 2-High Distinction, 3-Distinction, 4-Credit, 5-Proficient and 6-Participation.

GRADE 3:
Alicia Dalla Santa – Distinction
Lachlan Adolph – Credit
Lily Bruhn – Credit
Lashaye Farley – Proficient
Caitlin D’Amico – Proficient
Maddie Petrolo – Proficient
Brayden McGregor – Proficient

GRADE 4:
Zali Doolan – Credit
Maria Petrolo – Credit
Cooper Dalton – Credit

GRADE 5:
Lily Milsom – Credit
Shari Brown – Credit
Lily Adams – Credit
Sophie Driscoll – Credit
Angus Cooper – Proficient
Tom Jaensch – Proficient
Chris D’Amico – Proficient

GRADE 6:
Sharni Robinson – Credit
Jorja Arthur – Proficient
Jack Chiswell – Proficient
Billy Phelan – Proficient
Renee Rowett – Proficient
Zack Zadow – Proficient
Eilish Zappia – Proficient
Caleb Davis – Proficient

Congratulations to each student on their achievement.

Prep R
Jordan Szeto

Prep P
Lottie Adams

1T
Chloe Sheahan & Piper Pedersen

1M
Dane Wilkie

2J
Jai Lewis

2G
Jack Barker

3D
Jordan Stanbrook

3C
Will Mitchem

5/6O
Emma Hogan

5/6S
Breanna Bradshaw

Art
Vincent Piscioneri

Science
Taylor Johnson

P.E.
Ava Zadow

House Captains
Shelby Winzler

Principal
Massimo Tabacco
Blake Sullivan
What’s Happening

Prep to Year 2

Preparing today’s students for tomorrow

It might seem unrealistic now, but in the not-too-distant future positions like this will be a reality. Victorian schools are partnering with parents to ensure every child is prepared for the jobs of the future.

The What’s Happening series helps you to learn more about how it’s being done.

During the first years of school, your child is encouraged to make sense of the world around them through real-life experiences. When they start school, they will develop more independence, as well as enhance their academic, physical and social skills.

During the first years in primary schools, teachers are focused on a safe and happy environment where students are valued, praised and encouraged. Teachers work to support your child to learn.

In the classroom

The curriculum focuses on developing basic knowledge and skills in English and maths, as well as basic physical and social capabilities which form the basis for all future learning. Students are encouraged to express themselves and extend their thinking through the Arts.

Varied activities and a vibrant classroom are important for your growing child. It is here that your child can develop positive attitudes to learning, foster friendships and learn to work with others.

During this stage, your child will become more aware of their local community.

Students at this stage

- develop basic literacy and numeracy skills
- develop basic motor and movement skills
- learn to work together in class
- participate in physical activities that build their potential
- express ideas and feelings through artwork

What you can do

- talk to your child about their day. Ask them “What was your favourite part of school today?” “What did you find the most interesting today?”
- read books with your child, point out words on signs, and generally help them to enjoy reading
- talk to your children about the topics, themes and areas currently be covered in the classroom
- speak with your school to learn how they will be covering the curriculum for your child as each school tailors this to meet the needs of your child and their peers.

It is important to remember that each child is different; some may find parts of their learning program more challenging than others.

Speak with your school if you have any questions about what your child is learning and how they are progressing.

To see how your child is being prepared for their future, visit education.vic.gov.au/futureready
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**Footy Colours Day**

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At 12:30pm there will be a Grade 5/6 Boys vs Grade 6 Girls and Teachers match. This will be a very exciting game with all parties wanting to do well.

After the match everyone will join together to eat their Hot Dog lunch. Please fill out the order form below and return it to school by Tuesday 16th September. Remember to send the note and money in your calico bag! Each child needs their OWN Hot Dog order. There will be NO normal lunch orders on Friday 19th September. If you are able to help with the Hot Dog lunch, could you please return the slip below.

We would love to see everyone dressed up in their favourite football team’s colours.

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**HOT DOG LUNCH DAY HELP**

I can help collate and distribute orders on **Friday 19th September**. Yes!

I can help prepare the Hot Dogs on **Friday 19th September**. Yes!

Name__________________________________________
Contact phone number ________________________________
Child/ren __________________________________________
Grade ________________________________

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**HOT DOG LUNCH DAY**

**Friday 19th September**

Child's name ___________________________________ Grade ________________

1 Hot Dog in a roll & 1 Cruncha
$4.00 enclosed