NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Robyn Brooks

We are very happy to welcome all new and returning families to another exciting, productive and successful year in 2015. All classes have settled in with their new teachers and are busy establishing routines and expectations. This year promises to be a year to remember with ‘Night Amongst the Vines’ in March and the biennial Concert in August.

Welcome to the Preps
Last week 50 students started their schooling in Prep at ISPS. They learnt how to write the word ‘to’, they read, counted, visited the Library and played outside. It was wonderful to see the excitement and enthusiasm on the faces of the newest members of our school community.

Welcome to Students
We welcome Lachlan D’Ettorre (1T), Katie Tschirpig (2J), Charlie Wallace (3D) and Victoria-Rose Wallis (5/6S). We wish them all the best and hope that they enjoy their new classes.

Welcome to Staff
We welcome Miss Bonnie Foreman to our teaching staff. Bonnie has had a wonderful time getting to know the students in 1F.

Open Classroom and Family BBQ
On Thursday 19th February we will be holding an ‘Open Classroom’ and family BBQ night. The night will start at 5:00pm with all classrooms being ‘open for inspection’! 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 a chance to meet your child’s teacher and during the family BBQ to meet other parents in our school community. A BBQ dinner will start at 5:30pm. More information will follow in next week’s newsletter.

Photos
Our school photos will be taken on Thursday 19th February. If you wish to have family photos taken please collect an order form from the office. All notes and money need to be brought to school by Friday 13th February.

A Night Amongst the Vines
When: Friday March 6th
Where: Irymple South Primary School
Tickets: $55 which includes two course meal, complimentary bottle of wine and a live band
The night commences at 6:30 and includes a goods and services auction. B.Y.O. alcohol.
Get in early and book a table of 10 or simply organise a few friends and blend a table together. If you would like to attend, please leave your name at the front office or with Ben Milsom. Please get in early with numbers so we can start getting our catering organised.

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 non-essential appointments outside these hours. EVERY DAY COUNTS

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

Catholic Confirmation
If you have children in Year 4 and wish them to prepare for Confirmation and Holy Communion
### Students of the Week

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**Principal**

Mckensie Wade
Max Bell

### Science

- Lily Collins

### Art

- Taj Flentjar
- Kaiden Wilkie

### P.E.

- Joseph Zaccone (27th)
- Luis Thornton (30th)
- Ethan Norris (8th)

### Happy Birthday

**December**

- Ella Burford (22nd)
- Max Mannes (5th)
- Claudia Cavallo (5th)
- Hanna Flentjar (6th)
- Lainie Black (6th)
- Will Gilding (7th)
- Joel Garlick (13th)

**January**

- Matt Gilding (14th)
- Ruben Carmichael (16th)
- Lily Adams (16th)
- Harper Milsom (18th)
- Dustin Madden (19th)
- Maddy Rasmussen (20th)
- Kate Cardew (22nd)
- Chase Russell (23rd)
- Joseph Zacccone (27th)

**February**

- Will Mitchem (2nd)
- Caitlin D’Amico (4th)
- Courtney Jack (5th)
- Cooper Topp (7th)

Please contact Father Pat Flanagan, 50241966. If not answering and you leave a message please speak slowly for Father Pat’s benefit.

**Email**

In last week’s newsletter Miss Maddy Jones’ email address was incorrect. If you wish to email Maddy please use the following email: jones.maddy.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

**Student Leadership**

At next Monday morning’s assembly (9th February) we will be presenting our School Captains and House Captains with their badges and certificates.

The election and selection process for Junior School Council Representatives and the Environmental Leaders is underway in all classrooms.

The Junior School Council is responsible for fundraising, school improvement and school, community and global awareness. Representatives will meet every second week at lunch time and will present ideas from class meetings to the rest of the Junior School Council. Applicants for Junior School Council will write and conduct a speech in front of their class about why they believe they would be a suitable class representative, and what they could do for the school. Speeches will be conducted on Monday and the representatives will be announced on Tuesday.

The Environmental Team is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of our chooks, veggie gardens and worm farms. This will be a commitment that will occur during lunchtimes and or class time. In 2015 there will be two Environmental Leaders from grade 6 and one team member from each class. The team members will have a two term period (Terms 1 & 2, Terms 3 & 4). At the end of Term 2 another person from each class will have an opportunity to join the team. The Environmental Leaders and Environmental Team Members must have an active interest in our environmental programs and be prepared to get in, get their hands dirty and work hard. They do not have to have previous experience but must be enthusiastic and willing to work as a team. Each team member will be a part of a sub team overseeing one of worms, chooks and veggie gardens. They will stay in this team for a term, and then change to another team for the second term. Students will complete an expression of interest form by Monday. Students will be interviewed by a panel of staff to determine their suitability for the role and elected from this process.

Students will begin in their roles during week 3 and will be presented with their badges at assembly on Friday 13th February.
REQUISITES AND PROGRAM CHARGES 2015

School Council has set the requisite & programs charges (school fees) at $220 per student.

We have opted for a model whereby all requisites, excursions and essential education items including:
- All work books and writing materials such as a pencil case and items such as pencils, pens, erasers, glue sticks, highlighters, colouring pencils, textas, etc
- Reading diaries & reading bags
- Calico money bags
- Swimming program in Term 4
- All school incursions
- Bus travel for all sporting events
- Ballet for Prep/One in Term 4
- Bus travel as required during the year
- Supplies for Art, Performing Arts, Science and P.E. programs
- Apps & Programs for Technology programs
- My Chinese Tutor Language program
- Use of netbooks and iPads
- Bus travel for concert
- Concert costumes

are purchased by the school and a one off fee for the whole year is charged.

All families are asked to make their payment by the end of Term 1.

The following payment options are available:

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  | *BSB: 063520 (Commonwealth Bank)  
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  | **Please put your child’s surname as a reference |
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If you are choosing a payment plan you need to contact our Business Manager, Sharon Welsh, to discuss the plan you would like to follow ie. weekly deposits, term payments.
3 STRIKE DISCIPLINE POLICY

School Rules
There are two main sets of school rules. The first set concern the fact that children and teachers have a right to be safe. The second set is to enable learning to take place. The process of compliance centres on the belief that every child has the right to learn and that every teacher has the right to teach. No child has the right to behave in such a way as to stop teaching and learning.

What happens when rules are broken?
When rules are broken the following policy will be followed.

The policy is called “Three Strikes and You’re Out”
When children break school rules teachers will do all of the normal things to ensure that bad behaviour stops. If there is no change in the child’s behavior a Strike occurs.

All teachers implement a varying range of strategies to engage and motivate students. Our aim is to eliminate rude and disrespectful behaviour. At the moment we currently implement a time-out process, please be aware that not all time-out will equate to a strike. The strike will be determined at the teacher’s discretion.

What happens when a strike occurs?
STRIKE ONE
1. If a student misbehaves, a strike will occur.
2. Together the teacher will, work on actions to stop the negative behaviour and discuss the consequences of non-compliance with the student about the school rules.
3. A time out at lunchtime is given and recorded in our tracking system. Parents will receive a letter home regarding the behavior and notification of the first strike.

STRIKE TWO
If the child concerned does not change their behaviour and after teachers have tried all the normal things they do to modify the behaviour, a meeting between the parents and teacher will occur. The second strike will be given.
A time-out will be applied and the student will be removed from a program that the school decides upon eg. Specialist class, sporting event, extra-curricular event etc.
Parents/Guardians have now had two notifications over their child’s behavior (letter and meeting with the school) and are well aware of the behaviour problems and have been active participants in solving them.

STRIKE THREE
If the child concerned does not change their behaviour and after teachers have tried all the normal things they do to modify that behaviour, a third meeting of the same group occurs, along with Principal/Assistant Principal. This is Strike Three.
After all we have now had three notifications and the child is not complying with the school rules. Together teachers and parents are not making a difference to the child’s behaviour and then the following possible consequences occur:

- The child is removed from certain school programs again
- Suspension

If the child concerned does not change their behaviour following Strike 3 and after teachers have tried all the normal things that they do to modify that behaviour a fourth meeting of the same group occurs, further action will be taken and deemed appropriate at the meeting.

All students start each year with a clean slate and the process starts again the following year.

Irymple South Primary School Staff
Dear Parents,

At Irymple South Primary School we have high expectations of everyone involved in our school community. Our school values were made clear at the start of 2015:

- Responsibility
- Acceptance
- Respect
- Honesty
- Cooperation
- Resilience

These core-beliefs are extremely important, as they are being used as a backbone towards making each student at Irymple South Primary School a good citizen of the community. We measure our values against our choices, whether consciously or not. You use them to rationalise your behaviour to yourself and others.

At Irymple South Primary School we don’t tolerate rude and disrespectful behaviour and will be implementing a ‘time-out’ program for those acting out with unacceptable behaviours. Staff Members will be managing a recess and lunch program for students who receive a structured ‘time-out.’

Each time a child receives a time-out, they will receive a sealed letter. We will also be tracking the behaviours of the students. If your child receives time-out consistently, we will be following up with a parent / teacher / student meeting that will result in a behaviour plan.

Our ultimate goal is for the children to improve and eliminate any rude or disrespectful behaviour. Please be aware that a time-out does not necessarily equate to a strike, as part of our 3 strike discipline policy.

Yours sincerely,

Staff at Irymple South Primary School
Dear Parents/Carers,

Today ................................................................. was referred to ‘time-out’ because of rude and disrespectful behaviour in the class / yard.

Teacher notes if required:

At Irymple South Primary School we understand that kids can be kids, but if we observe consistencies in rude and disrespectful behaviour, a parent/teacher/student meeting will be organised. A behaviour plan will then be created for the child.

Please make the time to discuss this matter with your child and contact the school should you require any further clarification on the incident.

Teacher Name: .................................................................

Please sign and return this note once you have discussed this matter with your child.

Student Signature .................................................................

Parent Signature .................................................................

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SCIENCE with Mrs Milne

**WANTED!**
The Science room is in desperate need of 80 small plastic empty juice bottles (250-400ml approximately) e.g. pop-top juice bottles (don’t need lids).
I also need to borrow a bread maker starting week 6 till the end of term.
Thank you very much for your help in making our science program a success.
Any bottles can be sent to Room 7 or the office if I’m not in.
Contact me via email or call the school, if you can lend us your bread maker.
milne.aleisha.c@edumail.vic.gov.au

P.E. with Mrs Branson

**MLC Hot Shots Tennis Shirts**
Today ALL children from Prep to Year 6 were handed out a Hot Shots registration form to register for their own free Hot Shots T-shirt and other cool stuff.
The registration is totally free and the children are not being signed up to play tennis just to get a free T-shirt.
For every student that registers as part of the National School Partnership Program, our school will receive a $2 rebate to replenish our tennis equipment stocks. So please help us out by completing the registration forms for your children and returning them to your child’s classroom teacher.
Mrs Branson will then lodge all your registrations at school and distribute the T-shirts and other cool stuff when it is sent to the school.
Thanks for your help in getting more tennis equipment for your children to use at school.

ART with Mrs Lord

Welcome back to the start of the 2015 school year!
This week in Art we have been creating our self portraits which will be attached to our Art folios. All students used their imagination and creativity to draw themselves as a Lego Minifigure. Exploring different facial expressions was very interesting.

In the coming weeks the students will be busy creating collaborative artworks that will be auctioned at the ‘Night Amongst the Vines’ fundraiser.

**Just a reminder that all students are required to have an Art smock for Art.** Make sure it is clearly labelled with the child’s name and given to your classroom teacher.

Red Cliffs Football Netball Club

Netball trials for 2015 will held on the follow dates. So that things run smoothly as possible, the girls are to please arrive 15 minutes prior to starting times. A drink bottle and appropriate shoes and clothing are essential.

**February 2015**

**Sunday 22nd**
U11’s – Register only at this stage, 9am.
U13’s – 9.30am to 11am
U15’s – 11am to 12.30pm

**Thursday 26th**
U13’s – 4.15 to 5.30pm
U15’s – 5.45 – 7pm

**Monday 23rd**
U13’s – 4.15 to 5.30pm
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Thursday 26th Trials will only be run on this date if the coaches require more time, please make yourself available.

It is important to attend each session time to give yourself the best opportunitty to play for the RJFNC in 2015. If you have any queries don’t hesitate to call me on 0439687347 or email jkralli@bigpond.net.au. Regards Kirsty Southgate
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**PRESENTS**

“A NIGHT AMONGST THE VINES”

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