NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Robyn Brooks

I am happy to welcome all new and returning families to another exciting, productive and successful year in 2016. All classes have settled in with their new teachers and are busy establishing routines and expectations.

In light of the recent hoax threatening phone calls to Victorian schools in the last few days, we can assure that we take these events extremely seriously. Our school has not received such a call but I wanted to inform you that, like all schools, we have an emergency management plan in place for situations like this, and we practise different scenarios throughout the year. Those schools which did receive a threatening call enacted their emergency management plans and they worked well. The safety and wellbeing of our students is always our top priority.

Welcome to the Preps

Last week 46 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 Lilly Harmer (1T), Archie Harmer (3C), Lachlan Baker (5/6G), Lily Blake (5/6G) and Sam Blake (5/6G). We wish them all the best and hope that they enjoy their new classes.

Welcome to Staff

We welcome Miss Kerryn Corponi, Mr Brock Riches and Miss Lauren Hepworth to our teaching staff. All three have had a lovely week getting to know the students in their class.

We also welcome Mrs Nerrilee Harmer to staff who is our new Integration Aide.

Open Classroom and Family BBQ

On Tuesday 16th February we will be holding an ‘Open Classroom’ night from 5:00pm to 6:30pm. 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. Specialist teachers will have their spaces open as well. This is a wonderful chance to meet your child’s teacher and to meet other parents in our school community.

Photos

Our school photos will be taken on Tuesday 16th February. Order forms are being sent home today. 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 12th February.

Curriculum Day

We will be holding our first Curriculum Day for 2016 on Monday 29th February. Our staff will join staff from Mildura West PS and engage in professional learning around “New Pedagogies for Deep Learning”.

BYOD

On Tuesday we had our ‘Check-In’ day for our Bring Your Own Device Program. All students who brought in their device had their model and serial number recorded, with the information required for deploying apps. We are now waiting to receive our licence key which will provide students/parents with an access code to log into our system. Staff will then be able to track every device to ensure safety. A weblink will also be provided to step parents through instructions for connecting wirelessly to our network.

An information pack was planned to go home...
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep C
Antonio Daniele

Prep P
Breanna Lever

1T
Bronte Dayman

1F
Joel Garlick

2J
Jones Bate

2R
Tara Rielley

3C
Oscar Brighton

3D
Christian Zagar

4V
Riley Porker

4R
Taylor Johnson

5/6 H
Lachlan Adolph

5/6G
Joseph Zaccone

5/6S
Maddison Smart

ART
Nicky McWilliams

PE
Lachlan Blake

PERFORMING ARTS
Jye Porker

PRINCIPAL
Maddison Smart

Sebastian Morello

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Cooper Topp (7th)

FEBRUARY
Will Mitchem (2nd)
Caitlin D’Amico (4th)
Courtney Jack (5th)
Introducing Prep P

Archer
Archie
Avy
Breanna

Cassie
Charlotte
Damon
Diesel

Eva A
Eva P
Freya
Holly

Julia
Korban
Lucas
Mason P
ART
Mrs Lord

Welcome back to the start of the 2016 school year! This week in Art we have been creating our self portraits which will be attached to our Art folios. All students have explored how different lines can create different facial expressions.

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 their classroom teacher.

PERFORMING ARTS
Mrs Milne

A week of Hip Hop Dance!

During week 7 we are fortunate enough to have a Melbourne based children and teens hip hop dance company come to our school. Stomp Dance Company will be here on Monday 7th March to Friday 11th March and will be teaching all students a hip-hop dance routine. They are very professional and have designed brilliant dances that help develop student’s fundamental movement and co-ordination skills all while building their team work, creativity and confidence.

On Friday 11th March at 2:30pm all our students will showcase their dance to the school community. You are invited, along with all family members; grandparents and friends, to come and watch the students perform. Please put this date and time in your diary and aim to come and watch your child/ren shine through these impressive dances.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

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 and voting will take place on Tuesday the 9th of February. All classroom teachers will have discussed the roles on Thursday the 4th of February, allowing plenty of preparation for those students interested.

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 2016 there will be 2 Environmental Team Members from each class.

The 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. Students need to complete their expression of interest by Tuesday the 9th of February, where the Environmental Team Captains, Ms. Brooks and Mrs. Rowland will short list. Interviews for the positions will then take place.

It is anticipated that all leadership positions will be announced on Wednesday February 10th and then announced in the newsletter on Friday the 12th of February.

Presentations of badges and certificates to School Captains, House Captains, Environmental Team Captains, Junior School Council Captains, Environmental Team Members and Junior School Council Members will take place at our Assembly on Monday February 15th.
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 below. Hard copies will be provided until Friday 26th February.

I would still like to receive a hard copy of the Newsletter.
Name: _________________________________________
Youngest child’s name: _________________________ Grade: ______________________

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: _____________________
Child/ren name: ____________________________________ Class: _____________________
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Sacred Heart Parish Mildura
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Enrolment and Information
Parent meeting of children in Grade 4 and above
Monday, February 8, 6pm
at the Sacred Heart Church.
To register your child, parents must attend this meeting.

Red Cliffs Lawn Tennis Club - Junior Tennis
Red Cliffs Junior tennis has resumed and we are encouraging all interested players and junior members to join us on a Saturday morning from 9am for section play. Beginner coaching every Saturday 9-10am @$7 per child (Just turn up)
Tena Williams: Junior Coordinator 0437809206
We are also offering an introduction to tennis thru the Hot Shots program on a Tuesday from 4-5pm.
Interested children will learn all the basics of tennis thru to scoring and playing a game in a fun environment @$10 per child-Contact Lisa Hill 0400726824 for further information.
### Emily’s Donation

During the holidays, Emily (4R) had her hair cut. This is not such an unusual thing to do over the holidays, however Emily did something rather special with her long locks. Emily donated her hair to the Australia Alopecia Areata Foundation Inc. (AAAF). Her hair will be used to help make a wig for someone who has lost their own hair. Anyone can donate hair for this purpose. Ponytails need to be at least 30cm long and have had no treatment or dye. It takes about seven ponytails to make one wig. Congratulations Emily on your donation and thoughtfulness.
Hook in 2 Hockey 2016

Would you like to be a part of our very successful Hookin2Hockey program? Last year, we had over 140 local children come and try hockey, many for the very first time. This is a five week skill development program, will be run at the Sunraysia Hockey Turf, Eleventh St., Mildura, and costs just $50 for each child. This fee includes a terrific pack which includes a stick, ball, shinguards, and playing singlet.

The 2016 program will be starting soon in February!

For more information please contact Jodie Morvell H2H Coordinator 0409 835470 jmorvell@bigpond.com

Sunraysia Hockey - www.sunraysiahockey.com
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.
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 2016:

- 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 .............................................................

Responsibility - Acceptance - Respect - Honesty - Cooperation - Resilience
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION 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