NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL
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**DAY FOR DANIEL – FRIDAY OCTOBER 30**

This Friday we are inviting all students at I.S.P.S. to wear red. The school is participating in the Morcombe Foundation’s ‘Day for Daniel!’ where red symbolises the importance of children recognising, reacting and reporting dangers. Some great learning has been taking place and this is another initiative to send important messages about safety and protection of our children.

There will be **NO SCHOOL** next Tuesday 3rd November due to the **PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

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2016 Prep Information Night
Tonight we will be holding an information evening for parents of 2016 Prep students from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the MPR. This will be a great chance to ask questions and meet other Prep parents. We look forward to seeing as many parents there as possible.

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Prep 2016 Transition Days
Our new intake of Prep students are preparing for the start of their primary school experience. They will be attending four Transition Days which will give them a taste of school life.
Day 1: Tuesday 17th November
Day 2: Wednesday 25th November
Day 3: Wednesday 2nd December
Day 4: Tuesday 8th December 2016

We are starting to make plans for classes for 2016. If you know of any families that are looking to enrol 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.

Concert DVD
The Concert DVDs have arrived and were sent home with the students this week. If you put your name down for a DVD but haven’t paid, please see Penni or Sharon at the office, as there is a DVD for you, awaiting your payment. There are a small number of spare DVDs available for $25 each at the office.

Grade 6 Graduation
At the end of the year we will be once again celebrating another successful year of Grade 6 Irymple South students. During our Graduation we have a number of awards that are won by students. Over many years we have had many kind contributions and are again looking for donations. Any parents that would like to contribute towards an award please see Mr. Milsom by Friday 20th November.

Welcome
We welcome Sophie Rose to Irymple South PS. Sophie has joined Mrs Dreyer and 2D.

Congratulations

Fresh Produce
We have cherry tomato plants available. Please bring your own container to take them home in. They are available for collection outside the office. We also have a bumper crop of silverbeet. If you would like some please come and collect it!
Special Forever

The Special Forever exhibition will have its official opening in The Main Gallery at the Mildura Arts Centre tonight at 6:00pm. During Terms 3 and 4 students in Grades 3 to 6 created works of art for the ‘Special Forever: Voices of the Children’ project. The students created artworks that showed where they live, the local environment and local issues. A range of topics, materials and techniques were used to create the pieces. The exhibition is open until the 13th December.

T20 Blast Cricket

Next Wednesday the students in Grade 5 and 6 will compete in the T20 Blast competition at the Aero ovals. The Grade 3 and 4 students will participate in their day of cricket on Friday 6th November. Thanks to all the parents who have volunteered to help on the day.

Alice in Wonderland

Today, the students in Grade 3 travelled to the Arts Centre to watch Irymple Secondary College’s performance of Alice in Wonderland.

Choir

This year Mrs Cardew will be coordinating the choir. All students in Grades 3 to 6 are invited to be part of the choir. Rehearsals will be held during lunchtime on Wednesday and Friday. The choir will perform at the Irymple Carols by Candlelight and at some of the aged care homes in the district.

Technology at ISPS

There has been massive progress in the past few years regarding technology. Access to technology 24/7 has changed the way we communicate, think and process information. Digital technologies are part of our everyday lives and the staff at Irymple South are excited at the opportunities that technology holds to support and enhance learning opportunities for our students. The future holds exciting possibilities and we believe that digital technologies can maximise and support learning that is connected, collaborative and global.

Schools are not allocated any funds to purchase technology. The technology that we do have in the school: 150 netbooks that are between 2 – 5 years old and 50 ipads, purchased 1-4 years ago, have been bought by the school over the past 5 years to provide our students with the necessary tools and skills for life in the 21st century. Unfortunately we are not able to provide every child with a device or continue to purchases devices at the expense of the school.

We believe that all our students deserve and need access to a 1:1 device to support the programs we want to access heading into 2016 and beyond.

With this belief in mind School Council has engaged in robust conversations around how this can be managed as we head into a technology rich, forever changing future.

At last night’s School Council parent members of the School Council supported the introduction of a BYOD (Bring your own device) program to commence in 2016.

In 2016 a BYOD (Bring your own device) Program at ISPS:

- Will not be compulsory
- Will give parents the choice of purchasing or using existing ipads or ipad minis
- Students will take the ipads home each night and return them the next day in an approved case
- The school will supply all school based applications
- Parents are responsible for insurance and repairs to their own ipads
- Policies and protocols will be implemented and strictly adhered to
- Fees will be restructured to account less exercise books, pens, rulers etc (to be advised in the coming weeks)
- Could involve external lease arrangements

We are looking for an expression of interest from families as to their interest in supporting this program to enable us to continue developing our vision of a 1:1 program in 2016.

Can you please return the expression of interest form at your earliest convenience - or by Monday November 16th.

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**BYOD 2016**

My child/ren _______________________________________________________ will be BYOD in 2016.

YES

NO

Parent/Guardian ______________________________________

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MIXTURE MYSTERIES INQUIRY UNIT
GRADE TWO

During Inquiry, the Grade Twos have been looking at different types of mixtures. We have learnt about two types of mixtures: combinations and solutions. A combination is a mixture of two or more materials that have been put together and can easily be taken apart, e.g., a bowl of fruit. A solution is a mixture of two or more materials that makes a new product and cannot be easily taken apart, e.g., Nesquik and water.

Jelena “I really enjoyed making different kinds of mixtures. I now know what a combinations and solution mixture is.”

Rueban “I liked doing the fruit juice mixture because it was very creative and I enjoy being creative. It helped me learn more things about mixtures.”

Luca “When we made the pasta salad it helped me learn how to make a mixture following a procedure. I really enjoyed learning about mixtures.”

Rhiannon “My favorite thing we did was learning about different words we could use when we discuss mixtures in class. It was so much fun learning about mixtures. It was just the best.”

Danica “I learnt that mixtures are made out of two or more things.”

Piper “I know that mixtures can be any shape, colour or size.”

Matt “The best thing about learning about mixtures was being able to make them in our classroom.”

Cooper S “The best thing about learning about mixtures was making oobleck and pink milk.”
PERFORMING ARTS
With Mrs Milne

All students took part in learning class dances for our bi-annual school concert. Each class stepped up to the challenge of learning their song and they looked brilliant on stage.

After the concert the classes have continued with a Performing Arts theme focusing on a combination of: music, drama or dance.

The Preps have experimented with different instruments while trying to learn a few different rhythm patterns. While listening to different song beats, they have moved around the room to the pace of the song.

The Grade 1s have learnt to tap a musical instrument to the beat of the song or the rhythm patterns ti-ti taa or taa taa ti-ti taa. They were able to think of a well-known fairytale, choose a character (eg: big bad wolf) and re-enact the story with a small group.

The Grade 2s and 3s learnt how to turn the pictures from a story book, into actions and they practiced stepping into the shoes of their character. If they felt their character needed to speak, they could add some ‘talking’ to enhance their part in the story.

The 4s, 5s and 6s have been using the program Garage Band to put together a song. They were able to layer the different instruments and change the tempo through out the song. Using other songs as inspiration or programs like Lyric Generator, they were able to compile lyrics that matched their song.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep R
Sadie Gordon

Prep P
Max Bradshaw
Maddison Horsfall

1T
Lottie Adams

1F
Jude Blundy

2J
Cooper Jones

2D
Georgia Judd
Maia Malycha

3C
Meg Neagle
Raiden Tyson

3D
Jobe Delahunty
Jack Keating

4V
Harry Bottams

4/5C
Cooper Dalton

5/6G
Lairnie Black

5/6S
Nell Banks-Purcell

PERFORMING ARTS
Da’Juan Yavuz-Dawes

ART
Emma Hogan

P.E.
Charley Mannes
Meg Neagle

PRIDE
Oskar Faulkhead
Lily Bruhn

HOUSE CAPTAINS
Jobe Delahunty
Zoe Williams

SCHOOL CAPTAINS
Luis Thornton

PRINCIPAL
Zoe Aldamiz
Chase Russell

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

OCTOBER
Metisse Bennett (26th)
Maddie Petrolo (28th)
Katelyn Thompson (28th)

Emma Snell (29th)
Bridget Hamilton (31st)

NOVEMBER
Charlie Wallace (1st)
Lachlan D’Ettoire (1st)
ISPS Carnival

The end of the year is fast approaching and our Carnival is on Friday 13th November. There are a lot of fun and exciting activities to take part in on the night. We also have a variety of food and drink stalls to keep everyone fed and hydrated.

If you are able to help on the night could you please return the form below. It will be a wonderful night for our whole school community. Mums, dads, grandparents and other family members are all invited!

I would love to help at the ISPS Carnival on Friday 13th November!

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Please return to the office as soon as possible

Uniform Survey

ISPS are currently considering the introduction of a girl’s dress as part of the uniform. The expected cost of the dress will be approximately $50.

Below are three designs. We would like as much feedback on the dress design as possible. A sample dress plus three sample fabrics will be on display in the office from Monday. If you wish to have some input in the fabric choice, please fill out the voting form below and drop it into the box in the office next week. (Please note these are only a representation of the fabric, not an exact design).

ISPS School Dress Voting Form

Name:

Please circle preferred fabric option:

A

B

C
CHILDREN AND ANXIETY

Self-doubt and lack of confidence hold more kids back than any other factor. You can send kids to the best school available but they won’t be happy and achieve unless they feel confident in their abilities.

Real confidence-building is the most important skill you can develop as a parent. Children with healthy self-esteem and self-confidence learn more, achieve more, have more friends and are generally happier than those with low levels of confidence.

But building a child’s confidence is complex. It is not just a matter of becoming a praise robot heaping positive comments on kids at the first sign of them doing something well. For some children praise is meaningless.

CONFIDENT kids take learning risks; they can separate themselves from failure or lack of success; and they aren’t dependent on the approval of their parents. I guess this last reason is why so many youngest kids are risk-takers as they are not as concerned as eldest kids about the approval of their parents.

But knowing this stuff is one thing. Getting inside kids’ heads and shifting their thinking is another thing entirely.

Self-esteem and confidence-building is more than developing children’s capabilities as very competent children can be filled with self-doubts. You have do more than teach them to be optimistic as a Pollyannish feel-good view of the world won’t mean a child will take risks when they meet real challenges.

You need to tackle children’s lack of confidence on a number of different fronts – that is, what they think, how they feel and what they do.

Head, Heart, Hands approach

My Head, Heart and Hand approach shows parents how to tackle confidence-building on three different levels.

- foster positive mindsets in kids and a real sense of optimism.
- help your child overcome their fears and anxieties, so they can take more risks socially and academically.
- develop a lasting sense of independence and self-sufficiency so they can really start achieving

Click on the following link to watch a video on about this:


Irymple South Carnival

Friday 13th November, 2015
6pm—9pm at the School Oval

BBQ tea and Hot Chips by the Lions Club.
Soft drinks & Water available to purchase.

Variety of activities for the kids $2-$5.
Photo booth, karaoke, show bags, craft,
fresh produce,
fairy floss, ice cream,
lucky numbers and more…..

BYO picnic rug, chairs, plates
and cutlery.

Let’s come together and celebrate our year at school.

If you have any ideas or contributions please call
Natalee Johnson on 0408 538 356.
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**Lego club is on again this Saturday.**

110 Pine Ave Mildura. 10:30am to 11:30am.

All Welcome