NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL
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BYOD (Bring your own Device) 2016
The Irymple South PS School Council has supported the introduction of a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Program commencing in 2016.
The school does not receive funding to cover the cost of purchasing 1:1 devices for students and the time has now arrived where all teachers would love students at all levels to have access to 1:1 device. There are many outstanding educational opportunities now available through the use of devices such as iPads and netbooks for all students.
Thank you to those who have returned the expression of interest form regarding BYOD in 2016. Thank you to those of you who have also come in to ask clarifying questions. We would appreciate your feedback on your support of the BYOD program.
We are currently investigating access to a portal where families are able to purchase and/or lease iPads. We will keep you updated on this opportunity.
The integration of technology into our great teaching programs is already happening, however we are limited by access to technology for all students. The future holds exciting possibilities and we believe that digital technology can maximise and support learning that is connected, collaborative and global.

BYOD 2016
My child/ren _______________________________________________________ will be BYOD in 2016.

YES  NO

Parent/Guardian ______________________________________

Carnival
On Friday 13th November (10 days time) we will be holding our Carnival. We require more people to donate time on the evening to help run a stall. 45 minutes is all we need and this will mean that you will still have plenty of time to participate in the activities yourself. There is a note at the end of the newsletter that you can fill in to nominate a time that you would be available. It is going to be a great night and many hands make light work.

2016 Prep Information Night
It was wonderful to see so many parents attend the Prep Information session last Thursday night. Thanks to our students who did an outstanding job speaking; Zoe Aldamiz, Chase Russell, Lily Adams and Lily Milsom. If you were unable to attend an information pack will be sent home to you.

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 enroll their children at ISPS next year, could you please ask them to make an appointment to take a look at our...
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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.
If your DVD is not working can you please bring it back with an explanation of where it is not working.

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.

Grade 6 Dinner and Disco
The Grade 6 students will have their end of year dinner and disco on Tuesday 8th December.

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.

T20 Blast Cricket
Yesterday students in Grades 5 & 6 were involved in the T20 Blast Cricket competition at the Aerodrome Ovals. We entered 2 boys teams and 4 girls teams. The students had a wonderful day of cricket. Irymple South 1 Girls and Irymple South 1 Boys won their competition and progress to the next level of competition in Swan Hill later in the month.
The students in Grades 3 & 4 will be participating in their T20 competition at the Aerodrome ovals tomorrow.

Celebrating our Asian Focus
On the week commencing, Monday November 30th our school will be celebrating the Chinese language and cultural learning that has been undertaken in our Prep-6 classes. On Monday November 30th, our Grades 3-6 students will participate in their Chinese learning through Skype, whilst our Grades Prep-2 students will collaborate with their Chinese learning partners on Friday December 4th. We are formally inviting all parents or special friends to come and be involved in the interactive learning. This will be a great opportunity to see how students are involved in some balanced learning through 21st century development.

Monday 12:15pm 5/6S and 5/6G
Monday 12:45pm 4/5C and 4V
Monday 2:30pm 3C and 3D
Friday 11:30am Prep P and Prep R
Friday 12:10pm 1T and 1F
Friday 12:45pm 2D and 2J

Grade 2 Excursion and Sleepover
All the Grade 2s excitedly boarded the bus this morning for their excursion. They will visit Bounce, Mildura Homestead, Park for Play, Rio Vista and take a ride on a paddle steamer. When they return to school they will participate in some team building games, have a pizza dinner and a treasure hunt and then sleep over in the Multi Purpose Room or their classroom. We look forward to hearing about how they enjoyed their excursion and sleep over.

Waste Management
We have new recycling and rubbish bins around our yard. The students are encouraged to place recyclable items in the yellow bins and rubbish items in the red bins. Our class bin systems also include scraps for the chooks and worms.
On Thursday, Grade 3’s went to the Mildura Arts Centre. The Irymple Secondary College students performed a great show. My favourite part was when Alice meets Tweedle Dum and Tweedle Dee.

Molly

Today we went to watch Alice in Wonderland. My 3 favourite characters were the flowers, small Alice and the Queen of Hearts. I wish I could play Alice. My favourite part was when the flowers were singing. Some people got to shake the Cheshire Cat’s hand. A highlight from today was when the Mad Hatter was trying to get the pocket watch to work. It was the best day ever!

Monique

Last Thursday all the Grade 3s got to go and watch an amazing performance by Irymple Secondary College. My favourite characters were definitely Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum. There was singing, dancing and acting! It was all amazingly done. I would give them all a ten out of ten. I really enjoyed the concert that I watched.

Jenna

All the Grade 3s went to watch Alice in Wonderland performed by secondary students from Irymple. The funniest characters for me were probably Tweedle Dee, Tweedle Dum, The White Rabbit and the Mad Hatter. There was a lot of dancing, acting and talking. It was incredible! At one point the Cheshire Cats came and shook people’s hands. I got a shake too! Overall, the performance was awesome.

James

Today we went to watch Alice in Wonderland and it was at the Mildura Arts Centre. It was by the Irymple Secondary College. They were singing and dancing and there were different Alice’s. There was a small one, a tall one and a medium one too. Some of the other characters were flowers, the Queen of Hearts and the King. It was a great show.

Declan

I liked Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum because they were doing silly stuff. I wish there was more talking and less singing and dancing. I also liked how Lice kept changing small, medium and then big. It was funny when the Mad Hatter had another hat underneath his real hat at the Queen of Heart’s execution.

Clayton

Last Thursday the Grade 3s went to Alice in Wonderland. It was great! My favourite characters were Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum, they were really funny. I also liked Alice. One of my favourite parts was when the Queen of Hearts challenged Alice to a game of ‘Simon Says’. I loved all the singing, they were amazing! I wish I could see them again.

Lily
P.E. with Mrs Branson

In Physical Education the Prep to Six classes have been involved gymnastics units over the past three weeks.

The Grade Prep and One classes have been learning about static shapes and putting them together to make simple individual and pair routines. The grade one classes have also been working on improving their spring and landing techniques.

While the Grade Two and Three classes have been learning about different types of landings and how to land safely in different situations.

The 4V and 4/SC have been working on rotation and acrobatic balances and have created their own sporting moment acrobatic routines in small groups. Each group had to show static shapes, actions, partner and small group balances, rotations, inversions and finish with a whole group balance.

The 5/6S and 5/6G have worked on rotation learning about butterfly, teddy bear, log, safety and forward rolls. They have also been working on the their upper body strength and the progressions that lead up to be able to complete a handstand.

I would like to say a very big thank you to Life Style Plus who kindly allowed us to hire some of their gymnastic equipment which enable us to learn these gymnastics skills safely.

Grade 5/6 T20 Blast Cricket

Congratulations to all the Grade 5 & 6 students who participated in the T20 Blast cricket yesterday at the Aerodrome Ovals. There were some big hits, classic catches and fast bowling! Both the Girls and Boys #1 teams won the day and will progress to the next level of competition in Swan Hill later this month.
Keeping Ourselves Safe

Over the last 4 weeks, students from grade 3-6 have been working on an inquiry unit about keeping themselves safe. As part of the inquiry the grade 5/6 students created an ad campaign to show their understanding about how to keep safe in different situations. Students looked at stranger danger, bullying, cyberbullying, do you know who you are talking to online and the signs and signals to let you know if a situation is safe. Each video needed to include a teachable message, use words and ideas from the inquiry unit and use some music and sound effects. The winning entries from both grade 5/6 classes are below. Use the link or the QR Code to access the winning videos.

5/6S  https://youtu.be/YEBtK45HJUw

Dance Troupe Visit

On Friday afternoon, the Grade Twos and Threes were treated to a visit from the Polynesian dance troupe at Chaffey Secondary College. They came to perform some traditional Polynesian dances and hakas. The students explained that the dances are about celebrating traditional Polynesian culture and the students enjoy performing them as it makes them feel closer to their cultural background. We got quite a fright when the boys performed their first haka – it was very loud! The boys explained that hakas are traditionally performed to intimidate an opponent before battle, which is why it is so loud. We all really enjoyed watching the performances. Thank you to the students at Chaffey Secondary College for being such amazing performers and a big thank you to Jeff Topp for organising the visit. If you are interested in seeing the dances for yourself, there will be two performances on the 12th and 13th of November at Chaffey Secondary College.

Stay calm when chaos hits by Michael Grose

Want an easy way to stay calm when all hell is breaking loose at home? Well the solution is literally a breath away.

Yep, pausing to take some deep, nasal breaths is the key to regulating your emotional state when you’re under duress.

You know the situation – your heart is racing; your thoughts are running haywire and your body is as tense as hell.

That’s when you’ve got to breathe.

Breathing affects the heart, the brain and the immune system.

Here’s how breathing calms you (the technical stuff)

It is the only visceral process that overrides conscious thought.

When voluntary, controlled breathing replaces out-of-control metabolic breathing the area in the brain that is in charge shifts to the cortex, which is where self-regulation occurs.

Slow, deep nasal breathing stimulates the parasympathetic nervous system – responsible for calming us down.

There are three basic breathing exercises that I recommend to regulate your emotional state:

1. **Belly Breaths**
   - Hold your breath for one, breathe out through your nose for three, hold for one, breathe in through your nose for three, hold for one. Repeat.

2. **Breathe into parts of your body**
   - Focus on tense parts of your body such as your shoulders and direct your breathing to these parts.

3. **Guided breathing**
   - Use a simple mantra such as “In/out”, “Calm/ease”, “Smile/release” to guide you into a rhythmic breathing pattern.

It helps in really difficult situations to move away from the trigger to give yourself the space and opportunity to breathe.
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**CALENDAR 2015**

November

- 6 November: Grade 1 Excursion and Tea
- 7 November: ISPS Carnival
- 8 November: Prep 2016 Transition Day
- 9 November: Celebrating our Asian focus
- 10 November: Prep 2016 Transition Day
- 11 November: Grade 6 Transition Day
- 12 November: Grade 6 Dinner & Disco
- 13 November: Grade 6 Graduation & Family Celebration Dinner

December

- 7 December: Prep 2016 Transition Day
- 8 December: Grade 6 Transition Day
- 9 December: Grade 6 Transition Day
- 10 December: Grade 6 Graduation & Family Celebration Dinner
- 11 December: Grade 6 Graduation & Family Celebration Dinner

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Indi Stephen (3rd)
Abby Sawyer-Snell (4th)
Ethan Bruton (5th)
Carmel Casale (5th)
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).

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Please return to the office as soon as possible.
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.