Open Classroom and Family BBQ
On Thursday 28th 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 an informal 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 about the dinner will follow in next week’s newsletter.

Netbooks and iPads
All students in Grades 2 to 6 have 1:1 access to netbooks. The netbooks will not be coming home this year, so there will be no leasing required on behalf of parents. As a school we have committed to providing each child with access to new learning technologies and appropriate applications and software. Due to the reconfiguration of the netbooks and the new infrastructure that we have in place the students would not be able to access work or programs available at school on the netbooks if they took them home. Students in Grades Prep and 1, have access to a bank of iPads.

Photos
Our school photos will be taken next Thursday 21st 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 tomorrow Friday 15th February.

Grade 4 Lake Cullulleraine Camp
The Grade 4s are having a fantastic time at Lake Cullulleraine. All the students have participated in swimming, kayaking, t-shirt painting and team building activities. The bus is due to arrive back at school tomorrow afternoon at 3.00pm with 34 very happy but tired campers.

Student Leadership
At Monday morning’s assembly we presented 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. Applicants for Junior School Council 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 early next week in classes.
Applicants for Environmental Leaders have until Monday 18th of February to submit their letters to their class teacher explaining why they would make a great environmental leader.
We wish everyone who applies for these positions the best of luck. Successful applicants will be presented with their badges at assembly on Monday 25th February.
Fundraising Team
Thanks to all those parents who attended the parent meeting last week about fundraising. Natalie Johnson has volunteered to lead this team throughout the year. Fundraisers organised for this term include:
- Crazy Hair Day, organised by Linda Garraway and Toni Bottams
- Easter Raffle, organised by Janet Drooffelaar
- Hot Cross Bun orders, organised by Ali Scott
Information about these fundraisers are on the following page.

Active After School Communities
The new play equipment and sandpit is on its way! It is currently being constructed and we hope to have it here very very soon!

Buildings and Maintenance
Over the school holidays we had a lot of work completed on the school buildings and grounds. The school was a hive of activity leading up to the start of the school year. The following works and improvements were made:
- Room 12 & 13 have received a fresh coat of paint
- Shelving, pin boards and teacher desks have been installed in the new rooms
- Trees outside Rooms 2 and 3 have been removed and paving has filled in the void
- Improvements were made to Rooms 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Catholic Religious Education
Catholic Religious Education will begin on Monday March 4th at 2:15pm. If you would like your child to attend please fill in the form on page 7 and return to school as soon as possible. This program is offered to children in Grades 1 to 6 only.

EMA
EMA applications need to be submitted by Thursday, 28th February. Please come to the office to get an application form. No late applications will be accepted.

Calendar of Events

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Lifestyle Plus is once again running soccer for primary school aged children on Thursday nights from 5pm. Come along as an individual or register a school team!! We cater for all primary school ages so if you are Little League (Prep - Grade 2) or Juniors (Grade 3-6) come along on Thursday night for kick!!! Just $5 per week plus $20 annual insurance. For more info contact Lifestyle Plus on 50213330 or visit www.lifestyleplusmidura.com.au

SCIENCE/MUSIC with Mrs Vodla
Please feel free to come and visit our new room (rooms 12 and 13 along Belair Ave). We have one half set up for Science and the other for Performing Arts such as music, singing, dance and drama. This term the grades 4-6 will be doing Science. Their current topic is Fabrics and Fibres, so they may be reading the tags on their clothes at home and talking about natural and man-made Fibres. The prep to 3’s will be doing performing arts this term. The grade 2/3’s have been making their own silent movies and the grade 1’s have started drama and movement to music.

Happy Birthday
Irymple South Primary School Newsletter, Issue 3, Week 3, Term 1, 2013
A NIGHT AMONGST THE VINES - FRIDAY MARCH 22ND
on the Irymple South PS oval

On Friday February 8th a small group of parents got together to start planning for our major fundraiser. A big thank you to Ali Scott, Darren Lay, Sherrie Geister and Narelle Bruhn for coming and putting together a plan of attack for the night. I would also like to thank parents that put in apologies and couldn’t attend but have shown commitment towards making the night a success.

WHERE TO NOW?
- We need auction items please. If anyone in the Irymple South Community has contacts for goods and services on the night, please let Ben Milsom in Room 11 know as soon as possible.
- We need parents to start putting together tables of 10. We will also be having a ‘new parents’ table this year for those who are new to the school community. Please let Ben know if you can get together a table, or whether you would simply like to join a table.
- The night will cost $50 and will again include a 2 course meal, complimentary bottle of wine.

Hudaks HOT CROSS BUN Fundraiser

As one of our Easter Fundraisers for 2013 we will be taking orders for Hudaks Hot Cross Buns. Order forms have been sent home today. Please ask your friends and family to support our school with ordering these yummy Hot Cross Buns.

As a special BONUS order 4 or more packs & get the 5th pack free (traditional). Any enquiries please contact Ali Scott on 0488 951347.

Order forms need to be returned by Friday the 15th of March and the orders will be delivered to the school on Tuesday the 26th of March.

EASTER RAFFLE HELP

Our major fundraiser for this term will be an Easter Raffle.

All students are asked to donate Easter goodies. Donations could include chocolate eggs, Easter stickers or even some bunny ears!

Each class will have its own raffle draw.

Each class has containers for the donations. Collection tubs for each room will be in the office foyer. We need as many donations as possible for each tub.

Raffle tickets for our major fundraiser were handed out today to EVERY student in the school today.

Extra raffle books are available at the front office. Tickets are $1.00 each or $10.00 for a book.

There will also be a prize for the highest ticket seller in each class.

All proceeds from the Easter Raffle will go towards the new playground.

CRAZY HAIR DAY

On Wednesday 13th March we will be holding a ‘CRAZY HAIR DAY’ and BBQ lunch. Money raised from this day will be donated to Team Garraway who are participating in this year’s Leukaemia Foundation World’s Greatest Shave. Chace Garraway (2/3D) was diagnosed with chronic myeloid leukaemia last year and this is his family’s way of helping support the foundation that has supported them. Further details will follow in future newsletters.
What does being a school captain mean to you?

- Being responsible.
- Helping students and teachers.
- Leading by example.
- Showing good leadership.
- Putting forward good ideas.

Phyllis

What does being a school captain mean to you?

- Being a responsible and trustworthy role model.
- Being someone that pupils can share their problems with.
- Making sure that the school is a fun place to learn.
- Because it makes you feel useful.

Jake

What does being a school captain mean to you?

- I will be a responsible and reliable leader.
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Vinnie

What does being a school captain mean to you?

- Being looked up to.
- All class values; honesty, cooperation, resilience, acceptance, responsibility, respect.
- It is an honour and a privilege
- To make the school a safe learning environment.
- Working hard.
- Having a positive attitude towards everything.
- Leading by example.

Irymple South Primary School Captains 2013

Vinnie

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