Student Leadership
At tomorrow morning’s assembly (14th February) we will be presenting our School Captains and House Captains with their badges and certificates. If the forecast rain occurs we will postpone the presentation of badges and certificates until Monday 17th February.
The election and selection process for Junior School Council Representatives and the Environmental Leaders is underway in all classrooms.
Successful applicants will be presented with their badges at assembly on Monday 24th February.

Preps
Our Preps have been working very hard with Mrs Rowland, Miss Piscioneri and Mrs Cardew. Preps do not come to school on Wednesday until March. The Preps have a well deserved rest on the Wednesday!

Photos
Our school photos will be taken on Thursday 20th 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 14th February.

Parking
Many of our students are picked up by car and this can lead to congestion at pick up time. Please park in the designated bays on Belar Avenue and 15th Street. If you park on the other side of Belar Avenue or 15th Street please get out of your car to collect your child. It is far too dangerous for the children to be crossing such busy roads by themselves.

Buildings and maintenance
Over the Christmas holidays the school was a hive of activity. The staff room was updated and enlarged, the office between the Prep rooms was expanded and bag boxes were installed in rooms 13 and 14.

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Web: www.irymplesouthps.vic.edu.au
A fence has been erected between the school yard and the channel. This has been jointly funded with Lower Murray Water.

**School Banking**
The Commonwealth Bank offer a School Banking Program. If you wish to open an account please enquire at the office. If your child already holds a school banking account, banking day is Tuesday. Books and money are to brought to the office on Tuesday.

**Somers Camp**
From Tuesday 4th to Wednesday 12th March nine students from Irymple South will be travelling to Somers Camp. They will be joined by other grade 5 and 6 students from across the district for a week long camp of outdoor activities and personal challenges. The students who were chosen are; Jordan Stephen, Jessica Scott, Eliza Banks-Purcell, Lily Adams, Tyson Giles, Jack Chiswell, Caleb Davis, Jaye Surgey and Tom Jaensch. We look forward to hearing about their adventures!

**Safe, Orderly and Respectful**
The staff have been working hard on developing a document to ensure that our school values are instilled in each learning area in a ‘Safe, Orderly and Respectful’ manner. A copy of this document has been attached to the newsletter. Students have settled in to the routine of school life for 2014 and have been working hard. If a student does not follow the procedures set out there will be consequences. Our Behaviour Management plan that we developed last year is also attached to the newsletter. Please take the time to read these documents.

**Communication**
There are many ways that you can keep up to date with what is happening at our school

**Facebook page:** Our page is “Irymple South Primary School”. This page will allow you to connect with what is happening at school on another level.

**My Chinese Tutor**
All students have participated in their first session with their Chinese Tutor. They all enjoyed their session immensely and can now say hello in Chinese, *ni hao.*

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**OPEN CLASSROOM AND FAMILY BBQ**

**CATERING NOTE**

Family Name _____________________________________

Number of Adults ________________  Number of Children ________________

Please indicate the amount of serves you will require:

- $9.00 per head (choice of 2 meat/onion/salad)
  - Beef sausage
  - Minted lamb loin chop
  - Tandoori chicken steak
  - with a selection of salads and condiments

- $2.00 1 sausage in bread

**PAYMENT IS REQUIRED ON THE NIGHT**
**Every day counts – school attendance**

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child’s future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they’ll have missed more than a year of school. There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don’t fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher early as early as possible.

From 1 March 2014, new laws will mean that parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

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**Physical Education**

This week in Physical Education and Health we have been focussing on warming up and stretching properly to help prevent injuries. Although it has been a very hot last couple of weeks most classes have managed to get out for PE at some stage. After warming up and stretching the year 2 to 6 students have been involved in partner and small group team activities. We have focussed on what strategies we use to work as a team. The year 1 students have begun looking at how we move and this week focussed on jumping, in particular on how to land safely.

**Health**

Some classes have also had Health lessons when the weather was too hot to venture outside. In these Health sessions the year 4/5 classes have begun looking at what activities they do at home to keep fit. The year 2 and 3 classes have started to explore what being Sun Smart involves and the year 1 class have learnt about how much sugar is in common drinks such as water, soft drinks and juices.

**Hook In2 Hockey**

This week the year 2 classes have had the opportunity to be involved in a hockey clinic provided by Hockey Victoria. Students from the year 2 classes were put through their paces by some highly experienced hockey instructors (Mel and Tom).

Children wishing to have a go at hockey can join the “Hook In2 Hockey” program which starts this Friday.

Sunraysia Hook In2 Hockey Program

Date: 19th February

Time: 6.00pm

Location: Sunraysia Hockey turf, Aerodrome Ovals 11th St Mildura

Contact: Jodie Morvell - 0409835470

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**CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION**

Catholic Religious Education will begin on Monday March 17th. This program is offered to children in Grades 1 to 6 only. Please fill in the permission form at the end of the newsletter if you would like your child to participate. Di Eagle and Mrs Puku will run the program in the MPR.

Yes, I would like my child/children to receive Catholic Religious Instruction this year 2014. (Grades 1-6 only)

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Signature __________________ Date ____________

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Prep P 2014

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Hugo
Charley
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BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT

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 2013:

- 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.

Yours sincerely,

Staff at Irymple South Primary School
At Irymple South we have classrooms that are safe, respectful and orderly.

We have students and teachers engaged in meaningful tasks.

We have students who feel valued as individuals and learners.

We have rooms that are well organised.

We have teachers who are consistent in their behaviour management.

We have high expectations of teachers, students & parents.

We have well established routines.