NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Robyn Brooks

OPEN CLASSROOM AND FAMILY BBQ
Thursday February 19th
5:00pm-6:30pm

All families are invited to an Open Classroom and Family BBQ.

All students are expected to attend as they will:
- introduce their new teachers
- share their new classroom
- share the routines and expectations of their classrooms
- share the work covered so far this year

This is not an academic interview but it is an opportunity for you to interact with your child’s teacher. Academic interviews will follow in Term 2.

The family BBQ will consist of sausages in bread and chicken and salad. Soft drinks and water will be available for purchase. Anyone who is able to help with the BBQ, please contact the office.

For catering purposes please return the note at the end of the newsletter.
NO MONEY IS TO BE SENT AT THIS STAGE

Student Leadership
At Monday morning’s assembly we presented our School Captains and House Captains with their badges and certificates. Our Junior School Council Representatives and Environmental Leaders have been selected. These students will begin their roles next week and will be presented with their badges at TOMORROW morning’s assembly.

Photos
Our school photos will be taken next Thursday 19th 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 13th 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! Take a look at their self portraits in this week’s newsletter.
A Night Amongst the Vines

When: Friday March 6th
Where: Irymple South Primary School
Tickets: $55 which includes two course meal, complimentary bottle of wine and a live band
The night commences at 6:30 and includes a goods and services auction, B.Y.O. alcohol.
Get in early and book a table of 10 or simply organise a few friends and blend a table together.
If you would like to attend, please leave your name at the front office or with Ben Milsom. Please get in early with numbers so we can start getting our catering organised. Tables are selling fast!

Parent Meeting
On Tuesday 3rd March we are inviting any parents to a meeting to discuss and review our uniform policy. The meeting will start at 7:30pm and will be held at school. The meeting will also look at fundraising events for the year. We invite all interested parents to come along.

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.

Attendance
Regular school attendance is vital for your child’s progress. All children need to attend school daily. The school teaching program starts promptly at 9:00am, so we suggest that you make sure your child arrives before this time to get themselves organised and have a chat with their friends. School finishes at 3:15pm, with bus travellers getting on their bus at 3:10pm. Please schedule non-essential appointments outside these hours.

ENVIRONMENTAL TEAM
Congratulations to the students who have been selected to be on the Environmental team. To be selected the students submitted an expression of interest and were then interviewed. We congratulate Tom Jaensch and Julia Sherry who are the leaders of the Environmental Team.

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JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES
Each student wrote and conducted a speech for their class. The students voted for whom they believed would be the best representative for their class. Congratulations to the following students;

Prep R: Chase Russell & Annabelle Kennedy
Prep P: Shane Krul & Zoe Howard
1T: Charlotte Hawson & Lucy Johnson
1F: Sofia Tabacco & Colby Geister
2J: Rose Livingston & Elana Howard
2D: Matt Gilding & Hope Retallick
3C: Massimo Tabacco & Will Kennedy
3D: Jameson Adams & James Kennedy
4V: Vincent Piscioneri & Lachlan Adolph
4/5C: Will Shore & Jade Winzler
5/6G: Shari Brown & Georgia Topp
5/6S: Tommy McGlashan & Mckensie Wade
INTRODUCING Prep R

Joel Prep R
Emma Prep R
Eadie Prep R
Cameron Prep R
Aydin Prep R

Jaxon Prep R
Connor Prep R
Riley Prep R
Brayden Prep R
Ale Prep R

Ollie Prep R
Crystal Prep R
Annelise Prep R
Da’Juan Prep R
Georgia Prep R

Eliza Prep R
Max Prep R
Conor Prep R
Eva Prep R
Sadie Prep R

Chase Prep R
Jordan Prep R
Alessio Prep R
Maddison Prep R
Annabelle Prep R
REQUISITES AND PROGRAM CHARGES 2015

School Council has set the requisite & programs charges (school fees) at $220 per student.

We have opted for a model whereby all requisites, excursions and essential education items including:

- All work books and writing materials such as a pencil case and items such as pencils, pens, erasers, glue sticks, highlighters, colouring pencils, textas, etc
- Reading diaries & reading bags
- Calico money bags
- Swimming program in Term 4
- All school incursions
- Bus travel for all sporting events
- Ballet for Prep/One in Term 4
- Bus travel as required during the year
- Supplies for Art, Performing Arts, Science and P.E. programs
- Apps & Programs for Technology programs
- My Chinese Tutor Language program
- Use of netbooks and iPads
- Bus travel for concert
- Concert costumes

are purchased by the school and a one off fee for the whole year is charged.

All families are asked to make their payment by the end of Term 1.

The following payment options are available:

A  Cash or Cheque

B  Direct Deposit
   Irymple South Primary School
   BSB: 063520 (Commonwealth Bank)
   Acc No: 10104523
   **Please put your child’s surname as a reference

C  Eftpos at the Office

D  Payment Plan
   *Direct Deposit
   *Cash
   If you are choosing a payment plan you need to contact our Business Manager, Sharon Welsh, to discuss the plan you would like to follow ie. weekly deposits, term payments.
In primary school, some students miss on average 3 weeks of school per year. That’s half a year of school by the end of year 6.

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child’s education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it’s important
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.
If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years 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.
Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early
Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It’s vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

What we can do
The main reasons for absence are:
Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they’re ill. It’s vital that they’re only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.
It’s vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.
“Day off” – Think twice before letting your child have a “day off” as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.
Truancy – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent’s permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.
If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don’t fall behind:

- 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 as early as possible.
Openly communicating with your child’s school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

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.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:

Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
In Physical Education for the first two weeks, the 4/5/6 classes have been exploring "Working as a team". We have participated in team building games and activities and got to know each other better as sports people through personal sporting profiles and teammate interviews. We have also started our first round of fitness testing for the year, although it has been too hot to do the running components.

The Year 3 students have also been looking at “Working as a team” and “What makes a great teammate”. They have also participated in team building activities and filled out individual sporting profiles. This week we have started our unit on tennis looking at how we move and racquet control.

The Year 2 classes have also begun their tennis unit this week, focusing on racquet control and hitting a ball towards a target. Last week they participated in team building activities and completed personal sporting profiles on themselves as a sports person.

The Year 1 classes have this week been looking at jumping, focusing on safe landings and how to improve your take off. Each child has had their jumping videoed and looked carefully at their own technique to set their own personal goal to work on. This could be either landing or take off. Last week they were involved in team building activities that focused on being a good teammate.

**MLC Hot Shots Tennis Shirts**

Last week ALL children from year Prep to year 6 were handed out a Hot Shots form to register for their own free Hot Shots Tshirt and other cool stuff. The registration is totally free and the children are not being signed up to play tennis just to get a free Tshirt. For every student that registers as part of your National School Partnership Program, our school will receive a $2 rebate to replenish our tennis equipment. So please help us out by registering your child and returning your form to either the office or your child’s classroom teacher.

I will be entering the forms online in the form of a spreadsheet to Hot Shots at the end of this term.

**Nichols Point Soccer Club**

Junior trials will commence on Wednesday 4th February 2015. Please meet at pitch 11 at 4.30pm. Everyone welcome, if you have friends that are keen to play soccer bring them along.

Phone Donna Fisher for details 0437 101 756

**On Tour Tennis**

Mildura Lawn Tennis Courts

**Tennis Lessons**

Beginners to Advanced Private and Group Lessons

Tennis Australia Hotshots Program

Free Hotshots T-shirt & Free Racquet Hire

Please Contact for more Information

Dean Kyle PH: 0414 862 318
Bill McDonald PH: 0438 213 729

Fully Qualified Coaches

Email: ontourtennis1@gmail.com
## CALENDAR 2015

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### A Night Amongst the Vines

**Irymple South Primary School is raising funds for a new assembly area.**

- 2 course meal
- B.Y.O. drinks
- Live entertainment from ‘The Recliners’
- Complimentary bottle of wine
- Goods and Services Auction

**Tickets available at the office 50245345 or through Ben Milsom 0498 584 032**

**When: Friday March 6th - 6:30 p.m.**

**Where: Irymple South Primary School**

**Cost: $55**
OPEN CLASSROOM AND FAMILY BBQ

CATERING NOTE

Family Name _____________________________________

Number of Adults _______________ Number of Children ________________

Please indicate the amount of serves you will require:

- $2.00  1 sausage in bread [ ]
- $5.00  Chicken and salad [ ]

PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY WITH THIS NOTE

PAYMENT IS REQUIRED ON THE NIGHT

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HOUSE CAPTAINS

- Joseph Zaccone

PRINCIPAL

- Jude Blundy
- Jedd Anderson

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