NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Robyn Brooks

Student Leadership
At Monday morning’s assembly we will present all of our 2016 school leaders with their badges. We are very proud of our students and the enthusiasm and dedication that they have shown when applying for these positions.

Bring Your Own Device
Today each family will receive a pack (red or green folder) that outlines device use at Irymple South Primary School in 2016. In the pack will be:

- A cover letter
- An acceptable use policy agreement for technology in 2016 (this must be signed by all students)
- A Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) standards for personal iPad care Agreement (only to be filled out if participating in the BYOD program)
- BYOD Parent Connectivity Instructions
- Frequently Asked Questions

Please take the time to read through the documentation and what is required of parents/students. We realise we will hit a few bumps along the way, so if you have any trouble, please feel free to come and talk directly with Mr. Milsom.

Photos
Our school photos will be taken next Tuesday 16th 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 MONDAY 15th FEBRUARY.

Preps
Our Preps have been working very hard with Miss Piscioneri and Miss Corponi. Preps do not come to school on Wednesday until March. The Preps have a well deserved rest on the Wednesday! Take a look at Prep C’s self portraits in this week’s newsletter.

Morning Move
On Wednesday February 17th we will commence ‘Morning Move’ at Irymple South.

OPEN CLASSROOM
Tuesday 16th February
5:00pm-6:30pm

All families are invited to an Open Classroom.

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.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday evening.

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All students, parents, community members and staff are welcome to come along and run/walk with us. This will lead into Active April where will be inviting our students and families to register online to the Active April website. Let’s get moving at ISPS and have fun!

**School Fees**

Just a reminder that school fees are due by Friday 18th March. Thanks to all those families that have already paid their 2016 fees.

**Camps Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) 2016**

The Victorian Government will be providing a CSEF payment to all eligible families to assist with the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. Please contact the office to get an application form. The School will need to sight and copy the concession card to ensure that the parent’s name and Centrelink Reference Number (CRN) matches the Centrelink database.

**Curriculum Day**

We will be holding our first Curriculum Day for 2016 on Monday 29th February. Our staff will join staff from Mildura West PS and engage in professional learning around “New Pedagogies for Deep Learning”. This a PUPIL FREE day.

**My Chinese Teacher**

All students participate in weekly Skype sessions with a Chinese teacher in Beijing. These lessons start next week for students in Grade 1-6. Prep students will commence their lessons in Term 2.

**Updated Information**

From time to time we need to contact parents and we require up to date information in order to do this. If any of your phone numbers have changed, you have moved house or the emergency contacts for your child have changed can you please let us know.

**Easter Raffle**

We will be holding an Easter Raffle again this year. If you would like to help with the raffle could you please return the form at the end of the newsletter.

**Parking and Road Safety**

With an increase of enrolments over the last few years, we have gained more cars in the morning and afternoon for pick up and drop off. We would like to make parents aware that there is ample parking at the end of Belar Avenue. Students can easily access the gate at our fruit orchard and make their way safely to parked cars. Can we please be mindful of the following:

1. Don’t park too close to the school crossing on Fifteenth Street
2. Don’t reverse the wrong way on either Belar Avenue or Fifteenth Street. You can’t back out across two lanes of traffic.
3. Utilise the crossing on Fifteenth Street. No students/parents are to cross Fifteenth Street without using the crossing.
4. When students are crossing the road on Belar, parents that park in cars on Belar Avenue are just as responsible as our teachers who are on duty. Please support us by walking students across or monitoring from the other side of the road carefully.

Unfortunately we have had some of the above points occurring in 2016 and we want to eliminate them as quickly as possible. The safety of everyone is our number one priority, so your help and support will ensure accidents don’t occur.

**School Council**

The next meeting of the School Council will be held next Wednesday 17th February at 6:00pm in the Staff Room.

**Art Smocks**

All students require an art smock for certain art activities. Please send along a suitable smock, clearly labelled, with your child.

**Student Accident Insurance**

The school does not provide accident insurance for students. Parents need to take out their own accident insurance. Coming home with today’s newsletter is information about an insurance policy from a commercial insurer.

**Online Parenting Courses**

Michael Grose, Australia’s leading parent expert, is running a number of online courses to support parents in 2016. This is from Michael: Recently, parents told me three things they’d like to learn to help their kids be happier and more successful.

1. How to help kids who are anxious face their fears and tackle new situations.
2. Assist perfectionists and low risk-takers to take more learning & social risks.
3. Strategies to help shy & self-conscious kids become more confident so they don’t get left behind.

So I’ve listened and I’m running an online course beginning 26th February that will put the skills at parents’ fingertips to help kids of all ages make the most of the social or learning opportunities that come their way. If you are interested go to: [http://www.parentingideasclub.com.au/](http://www.parentingideasclub.com.au/)
Introducing Prep C

Antonio

Biagio

Charlee

Darcy

Eavan

Elektra

Ellie

Geordie

Holly

Kaleb

Kylah

Lara C

Lara M

Levi

Mackenzie

Massey
Nikita
Peggy
Rory
Rylie
Summer
Taylah
Tyler
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This term in Science students will be studying the biology component about plants.
All grades have been investigating the life cycle of plants and why plants need water, soil, light, air and space.
Students are currently conducting experiments where they are able to observe the growth of seeds and the germination process.
Grades One to Four are growing wheat in a variety of conditions. They will be observing and recording the changes over the next few weeks.
Grade Five/Six are busy caring for their broad bean seed. They will also be measuring and observing changes to their seed as it moves through the germination stage.

ENVIRONMENTAL TEAM
Thank you to all students who applied for positions of Environmental Leader for their classrooms for 2016. The standard of applications and interviews was outstanding. All students are to be congratulated for their fantastic efforts. Ms Brooks and Mrs Rowland along with the Environmental team captains, Skye Kempton and Jayshree Barrett short listed and interviewed for the positions.

Prep C: Tyler Sleep & Peggy Thornton
Prep P: Eva Andronescu & Archie Druffelaar
1T: Georgia Jackson & Nathaniel Kuchel
1F: Sadie Gordon & Jordan Szeto
2J: Amarni Delahunty & Zoe Williams
2R: Diesel Fallon & Tara Rielley
3C: Cooper Jones & Emma Norris
3D: Jelena Capp & Jayah Waylen
4V: Sebastian Morello & Michaela Whitehead
4R: Eddie Andronescu & Maya McGregor
5/6H: Jessica Bertoli & Brayden McGregor
5/6G: Lachlan Baker & Sophie Sleep
5/6S: Darcie Peters & Maddy Rasmussen

These students will be presented with their badges at Monday morning’s assembly (15th February).

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. We congratulate Nell Banks-Purcell and Holly Jones who are the leaders of the Junior School Council. Congratulations to the following students;

Prep C: Lara McKinley & Elektra Zagar
Prep P: Phoebe Garraway & Diesel Pitt
1T: Morgan Barnes & Max Mannes
1F: Eliza Sheahan & Annelise Wilkie
2J: Amelia Petrolo & Liam Smith
2R: Francis Boulton & Shelby Winzler
3C: Ned Bottams & Thomas Sleep
3D: Natallie Clark & Maia Malycha
4V: Eva Black & Jesse Romeo
4R: Johe Delahunty & Harry Smith
5/6H: Dayna Brown & Britanny Laskaj
5/6G: Lily Bruhn & Morgan Vadija
5/6S: Connor Jung & Jordan Stanbrook

These students will be presented with their badges at Monday morning’s assembly (15th February).
Would your daughter like to try Girl Guides?

“Empowering girls and young women to grow into confident, self-respecting, responsible, community members”

Guides is about having fun, making friends, learning skills and being part of the wider community. We have vacancies for all age groups. 2016 is going to be an exciting year with lots of outdoor activities, community involvement, leadership development, arts and crafts, camping, cooking, and lots, lots more. In fact, any ideas the girls have, the leaders try to implement. There are badges to earn too if that’s what you want to do.

(We are also on the lookout for women who like the idea of helping girls achieve all the above. We will train you and help with all aspects of becoming a leader. Call ASAP to get started early this term).

Come and try during Term 1 and you will find there’s a lot more to Guides than you realise!

Different days/times available to suit families.

Please call Maree 0409 235 877 for more information

A week of Hip Hop Dance!

During week 7 we are fortunate enough to have a Melbourne based children and teens hip hop dance company come to our school. Stomp Dance Company will be here on Monday 7th March to Friday 11th March and will be teaching all students a hip-hop dance routine. They are very professional and have designed brilliant dances that help develop student’s fundamental movement and co-ordination skills all while building their team work, creativity and confidence.

On Friday 11th March at 2:30pm all our students will showcase their dance to the school community. You are invited, along with all family members; grandparents and friends, to come and watch the students perform. Please put this date and time in your diary and aim to come and watch your child/ren shine through these impressive dances.

PERFORMING ARTS
Mrs Milne

A week of Hip Hop Dance!

Student Achievements

We love hearing about achievements that students have accomplished out of school. We would love to celebrate these achievements through the newsletter. If your child has done something worth celebrating, please let us know.

Last year a number of our students participated in dance concerts. These gorgeous little ballerinas loved performing on the stage!
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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
Prep C  
Geordie Blyth  
Prep P  
Archer Bruhn  
1T  
Lilly Harmer  
1F  
Lars Castleman  
2J  
Mia Dickson  
2R  
Bryce Kempton  
3C  
Tiana Green  
3D  
William Lay  
4V  
Reba Hynam  
4R  
Natalie Tabacco  
5/6 H  
Georgia Symes  
5/6G  
Cooper Waylen  
5/6S  
Connor Jung  
ART  
Eva Black  
PE  
Alessio Mammone  
SCIENCE  
Darcie Peters  
PERFORMING ARTS  
Dawson Lyttleton  
PRINCIPAL  
Skye Kempton  
Jordan Stanbrook

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
FEBRUARY  
Ethan Norris (8th)  
Zoe Howard (10th)  
Brayden McGregor (10th)  
Sam Tassone (12th)  
Harry Lawn (12th)  
Gabriella Zaccone (12th)  
Emma Norris (13th)

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This year we will be distributing the newsletter digitally. The newsletter will be published on FRIDAY and emailed to all those who have subscribed. To subscribe to the newsletter log on to the school website (www.irymplesouthps.vic.edu.au) and subscribe. If you would like to still receive a hard copy, please fill out the form below. Hard copies will be provided until Friday 26th February.

**NEWSLETTER 2016**

I would still like to receive a hard copy of the Newsletter.

Name: ____________________________
Youngest child’s name: ______________________  Grade: ______________________

**STUDENT CONTACT UPDATE 2016**

Child’s Name/s: ____________________________  Class: __________________________

Parent Name: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________
Employment: ____________________________
Phone Numbers:
Home: ____________________________
Mobile: ____________________________
Work: ____________________________

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**EASTER RAFFLE**

I would be interested in helping to co-ordinate the 2016 Easter Raffle.

Name: ____________________________
Phone No: ____________________________