NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tomorrow is the end of another busy and fulfilling school year. Thanks to students, parents, staff and the wider school community for making this year such a great one.

Students will be dismissed tomorrow at 1:30pm.

We will NOT be having lunch at school, therefore there will be NO LUNCH ORDERS.

School resumes on THURSDAY 28th JANUARY 2016 for ALL students.

I hope everyone has a very safe, happy and enjoyable Christmas and holiday. I look forward to seeing everyone back next year for another year of fun and learning!

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY START TO 2016!

Thanks to our school community for a fantastic turn out to our family celebration dinner and Grade 6 Graduation. The Grade 6 students did an amazing job with their speeches and they showed what a confident and competent group of students they are. The presentation of the buddy books was something that both the Grade 6 and the Prep students enjoyed. Awards were presented to some of our Grade 6 students and we congratulate them on their achievements.

2015 School Leaders
A big thanks must go to our school leaders for 2015.

Our school captains, Lily Adams, Ruby Cashin, Angus Cooper and Lily Milsom, have shown exactly how good leaders should act throughout the year. They have undertaken their duties with confidence and pride and have been a pleasure to work with.

Our eight house captains have done great job leading their houses throughout the year. Thanks to Chris D’Amico & Paddy Hamilton (Dewry), Bailey Anderson & Sophie Driscoll (Campbell), Metisse Bennett & Ben Rasmussen (Newton) and Oskar Faulkhead & Jaye Surgey (McCracken).
2016 School Leaders

It is with great pleasure that I announce our School Captains for 2016. Congratulations to:
- Ella Burford, Bethany Hartwig, Maria Petolo & Nunzio Tabacco

Our House Captains will lead our houses in 2016. Congratulations to:
- Dewry: Zali Doolan & Patrick McWilliams
- Campbell: Maddison Smart & Georgia Symes
- Newton: Lily Neagle & Cy Romeo
- McCracken: Mia Andronescu & Angus Droffelaar

In 2016 we will have Junior School Council and Environmental Captains. Congratulations to
- Junior School Council Captains: Nell Banks-Purcell & Holly Jones
- Environmental Captains: Jayshree Barrett & Skye Kempton

2016 Staffing

Principal: Ms Robyn Brooks
Assistant Principal: Mr Ben Milsom
Prep C (Room 1): Miss Kerryn Corponi
Prep P (Room 2): Miss Donna Piscioneri
1T (Room 3): Miss Katelyn Thompson
1F (Room 4): Miss Bonnie Foreman
2J (Room 5): Miss Maddy Jones
2R (Room 6): Mrs Marie Roccisano
3D (Room 13): Mrs Renay Drendel-Arthur
3C (Room 12): Mrs Carmel Casale
4V (Room 11): Mrs Brooke Vadlja
4R (Room 10): Mr Brock Riches
5/6G (Room 9): Ms Sarah Gladman
5/6H (Room 8): Miss Lauren Hepworth
5/6S (Room 14): Mr Tim Smith
Support Programs: Mrs Aleisha Milne
P.E.: Mrs Sharon Branson
Student Welfare/PSD: Mrs Nadine McWilliams
Literacy/Numeracy: Mrs Sue Rowland
Science & Performing Arts: Mrs Kate Cardew
Art: Mrs Emma Lord
Grade 3C & support: Mrs Tammy Warn
Grade 4V & support: Mrs Renee Giddings
Business Manager: Ms Sharon Welsh
Admin/Support: Ms Penni Williams
Integration Aide: Mrs Kerri Retallick
Integration Aide: Mrs Nerilee Harmer

Classes for 2016

Students met their teacher and classmates for 2016 on Tuesday. All students now know which room they will be in next year. There is a lot of thought and time put into the creation of the classes to ensure that all students are catered for.

2016 Back to School

School resumes for all students on Thursday 28th at 9:00am.
There will be a morning tea for all parents from 9:00am. This is a great opportunity to catch up
and meet each other. Teachers start back on Wednesday January 27th and will be participating in professional development and planning for 2016.

Reports

All student reports were sent home today. Your child’s report contains their academic level of achievement, their level of achievement in relation to our core values, teacher and student reflections and comments, annotated work samples and an overview of the specialist programs that the students have participated in.

Farewell

Farewell and thank you, to the families who have their youngest child graduating from Irymple South this year. Some families have been at Irymple South for many years and have had several children go through the school. We farewell the following families: Anderson Family (Bailey), Bennett Family (Metisse), Brown Family (Shari), Cavallo Family (Claudia), Driscoll Family (Sophie), Graf Family (Brody), Hogan Family (Emma), Jaensch Family (Tom), Kellett Family (Eve), McGlashan Family (Tommy), Pearce Davis Family (Pat), Sherry Family (Julia), Surgey Family (Jaye), Wade Family (Mckensie and Keenan), Wallis Family (Victoria).

We also say goodbye to Maddison Micale (2J) and we hope that she enjoys her new school.

Choir

On Tuesday ISPS Christmas choir went on tour to three Aged Care Homes. The 35 students who participated sung beautifully and enjoyed chatting with the local residents. All students did a tremendous job and are invited back again next year to sing.

On Sunday 6th December the choir performed at the Irymple Carols by Candlelight. This was their first performance and they sang beautifully.

The choir will be performing at assembly tomorrow morning. Come along and listen to them. The Grade 6 students will also be performing their graduation dance.

Celebration Day

The students had a wonderful time at their disco. Due to the heat each year level danced and grooved for 40 minutes together. Their were lights, disco balls and smoke machine to create the right mood. Thanks to all the student leaders who helped organise the music and activities at the discos.

The 2015 student leaders had lunch together in the MPR with Mr Milsom and myself. We thank all the students who diligently performed their role within our school in 2015.

We raised $395 from this day. This money will be used to buy presents for the K-Mart Wishing Tree.

BYOD

Thankyou for the positive feedback that we have received. We are very excited about the implementation of BYOD in 2016. The students will NOT need to bring their iPad on the first day of 2016. We will send home information about how and when the iPads will be set up in the first newsletter for 2016.

Newsletter

Next year the newsletter will be published on FRIDAY. We are encouraging all families to receive their newsletter electronically in 2016. To subscribe to the newsletter simply hop onto the website and fill out the form to have the newsletter emailed.

Uniform

As you organise uniform for 2016 please take note of what we expect the students to wear. All uniform can be purchased from Lowes at Mildura Central. The new school dress will be available during the first part of Term 1 next year.
Our uniform consists of:

**Boys**
- **Shoes:** black and enclosed – must be safe and supportive for active play
- **Socks:** grey or white
- **Bottoms:** grey school shorts or long pants (eg. cargo pants)
- **Shirt:** green short sleeved polo with grey trim
- **Jumper:** green polar fleece

**Girls**
- **Shoes:** black and enclosed – must be safe and supportive for active play
- **Socks:** grey or white
- **Bottoms:** grey bootleg pants, grey school shorts or skorts with grey tights
- **Shirt:** green short sleeved polo with grey trim
- **Jumper:** green polar fleece

**Hair accessories:** must be green in colour (eg. green ribbon)

**Sports Uniform (to be worn on advised sports days)**
- Grey mesh shorts (these are not to be worn on non-sports days)
- School t-shirt or school sports t-shirt (supplied by ISPS)

**Hat**
- Bucket hat (in accordance with ISPS Sun-Smart policy)

**School Bag**
- Green with printed school logo

It is expected that all students make every effort to wear full school uniform every day.

All students also require an Art Smock for their Art classes in 2016.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**DECEMBER**
- Samuel Aldamiz (14th)
- Lily Milsom (14th)
- Billy Burford (15th)
- Cooper Campbell (17th)
- Cooper Smart (17th)
- Jack Barker (17th)
- Alessio Mammone (18th)
- Zach Allan (20th)
- Kayden Hynes (21st)
- Emma Dickson (21st)
- Sophie Rose (21st)
- Tim Smith (21st)
- Ella Burford (22nd)
- Rueban Shirnack (23rd)
- Piper Pedersen (23rd)
- Darcy Coppola (26th)
- Connor Jung (27th)
- Liam Barton (28th)
- Georgia Jackson (29th)
- Willow Shirnack (29th)
- Lilly Snell (30th)
- Emma Hogan (30th)

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**CALENDAR 2016**

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**Merry Christmas & Happy 2016!**

Have a safe and happy holiday.
Congratulations to the following Grade 6 students who were presented with awards at Monday night’s graduation. We thank all our sponsors for their generous donations.

**Academic (Maths) Award**
Angus
Sponsored by Buslink

**Academic (Literacy) Award**
Shari
Sponsored by The Retaillick Family

**General Excellence Award**
Lily
Sponsored by 2nd Choice Op Shop

**General Excellence Award**
Lily
Sponsored by The Jaensch Family

**Community Award**
Tom
Sponsored by The RSL

**Leadership Award**
Ruby
Sponsored by Lynde & Adrian Adams

**Personal Learning Award**
Ella
Sponsored by GKR Plumbing (The Rasmussen Family)

**Personal Learning Award**
Georgia
Sponsored by ISPS School Council

**Personal Learning Award**
Tommy
Sponsored by Andrew & Metaxia Driscoll

**Personal Learning Award**
Chris
Sponsored by Helen & Scott Anderson

**Personal Learning Award**
Metisse
Sponsored by The Surgey Family

**Personal Learning Award**
Sophie
Sponsored by 2nd Choice Op Shop

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Metisse
Sponsored by The Surgey Family

**Personal Learning Award**
Sophie
Sponsored by 2nd Choice Op Shop

**Sport Award**
Oskar
Sponsored by Mow Me Down Lawns and Gardens (The Vadlja Family)

**Sport Award**
Mckensie
Sponsored by Mow Me Down Lawns and Gardens (The Vadlja Family)

**Maggie Stark Art Award**
Emma
Named after Irymple South Primary School’s first Head Teacher

**Community Award**
Julia
Sponsored by 5th Gear Driving School (The McGlashan Family)
On Monday the students in 4V and 4/5C showcased the learning that they had done during their latest Inquiry focusing on Health and Well Being. The students were in groups and ran workshops to show their learning on areas such as; Sleep, Resilience, Screen Time, the Healthy Food Plate, Sugar in Drink and Sugar in Foods. Thanks to all the parents who came and participated in the workshops.