NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Robyn Brooks

OPEN CLASSROOM AND FAMILY BBQ
TONTIGHT
5:00pm-6:30pm
All families are invited to an Open Classroom and Family BBQ evening tonight.

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.

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

Student Leadership
Last Friday our Junior School Council Representatives and Environmental Leaders were presented with their badges and certificates. We congratulate all of these students. Congratulations to all students who nominated themselves for these positions. It is fantastic to see that so many students would like to fill these roles at school.

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! The goods and services auction is looking really promising. At the moment we have secured a Viridian Glass package, photography package, sporting memorabilia, 13 classroom artwork pieces, advertising packages, local hampers, a framed local print, a dental package for 2 mouthguards and a 2 night accommodation package at the Bushman’s Rest. All donors will be acknowledged when everything has been finalised.

School Fees
Thankyou so much to all those families who have paid their fees or set up a payment plan to cover their child’s 2015 school fees. Our fees are $220 for the year and are due by the end of this term.

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

A Morning to Celebrate Life
Many of us have been touched by cancer in some way, shape or form. Irymple South Primary School prides itself on being an inclusive community that supports each other. On Sunday April 19th, the school will be hosting ‘A morning to celebrate life.’ The aim of the morning is to get as many families and friends together and have some fun. We are inviting all members of the community to join us at 8:00 at Irymple South Primary for the registration of a 4km walk/run which will then be followed by some fun fitness that everyone can be involved in. The morning will finish with the option of choosing from a variety of breakfasts on offer. The cost of the morning is $5 per person (all ages), where $2.50 will go to cancer research and the other $2.50 will go towards the school’s new assembly area. Should you wish to have breakfast, this will be an additional cost to individuals. Get along, have some fun and we look forward to seeing you there.

School Council Election

School Council
The 2014 School Council met for the final time last week. I would sincerely like to thank all the School Councillors in 2014 for their contribution to Council and to Irymple South PS. School Councillors play a vital role in developing effective schools through participating in decision making processes, building partnerships and determining the direction of the school. School Council meet twice a term on a Wednesday evening.

A sincere thankyou to the 2014 School Council which comprised:

Parent Members
Deidre Jaensch (President), Sebastian Tabacco (Vice-President), Jason Bruhn, Sarah Doolan, Nicholas Sheahan, Sarah Watts, Nicole Shaw, Lara Collins, Janet Droffelaar and Libby Kennedy.

DEECD Employee Members
Ben Milsom, Emma Lord, Sharon Welsh, Sue Rowland, Robyn Brooks (Executive Officer)

Each member serves a two year term with an election process occurring annually for half the members. This year we thank Jason Bruhn, Sarah Doolan, Nick Sheahan, Sebastian Morello, Sharon Welsh and Emma Lord for their work on School Council and they are eligible for re-election.

Thanks to Dierdre Jaensch who is stepping down from her position this year and is not seeking re-election. Dierdre has been an invaluable member of our School Council. She has been a member for 6 years with 4 of these being as School Council President. I will miss her support and input on matters relating to our school. Thank you Dierdre.

Thankyou also to the members of the Finance Committee, Deidre Jaensch, Sebastian Tabacco and Sharon Welsh, who meet regularly.

School Council Elections
The School Council election process has now commenced for 2015. Nominations are called for parent and staff positions for the 2015 school year. We have 5 parent positions and 2 staff positions to be filled. Self nomination forms are available.
Clean Up Day
Friday 27th February is Schools Clean Up Day. We will be cleaning up our local environment during the day.

Parking
Please make sure that you park 15m either side of the school crossing. This enables staff to see if there is any oncoming traffic.

My Chinese Tutor
All students have participated in their first session with their new Chinese Tutor. Today is Chinese New Year. 2015 is the year of the goat/sheep.

Water Week Posters
The 2015 Water Posters have arrived. These will be distributed with the newsletter today. Five of our students have their work featured on the calendar; Charli Barton, Isabella McKinley, Taj Flentjar, Reba Hynam and Maddie Petrolo.

First Aid
Last Friday all students participated in First Aid classes run by St John’s First Aid.

We learnt how to do the recovery position, CPR, what to do if there is an accident and how to find out if they are breathing or not.

Mia Mayne
On kids you use a different way to do compressions than on adults.

Kaiden Wilkie
We can help people if they are hurt. It is a really good thing to learn about.

Tessa Melton

FROM THE LIMPOPO TO THE MURRAY
SCHOOL WORKSHOPS AND MASS PERFORMANCE WITH VALANGA KHOZA

Renowned performer, South African born Valanga Khoza shares his audiences with beautiful sounds from many traditional instruments such as the kambira (thumb piano), mbira (wooden xylophone) and chimpave (jaw harp) as well as irresistible rhythms from the guitar, stick drums, and Valanga’s velvet voice. All of this music is embedded with stories of his life growing up in South Africa and his travels across the world as a refugee. His personal stories of racism and apartheid are woven together with humour and will for the older audiences while his stories about the magical African landscape can be breathtaking for younger audiences.

The songs used in these workshops will be original songs by Valanga, traditional songs of South Africa, and songs collaboratively written by Valanga and the groups involved. Together, Valanga and his partner Andrea work as a team, presenting the workshops with many stories that will give participants an insight into the South Africa and yesterday and the South Africa of today.

Valanga, Andrea, and the band, together with participating groups and schools, will take the audience on a journey with rich vocal harmonies, soulful trombone and lifting tones of kambira to rhythmic guitar and irresistible dance grooves. All songs are a journey reminding us of our shared humanity. Khoza Entertainment will perform with school and community groups that participated in the workshops during the Festival.

WORKSHOP AT IRYMPEL SOUTH PRIMARY
WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH
10.00AM – 1.00PM (INCLUDES A LUNCH BREAK)

MASS PERFORMANCE WITH PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS
THURSDAY 5 MARCH | OLD MILDURA HOMESTEAD
REHEARSAL: 3.00 – 4.30PM
CONCERT / PERFORMANCE: 6.30 – 8.30PM
FEEL FREE TO BRING A CHAIR AND A PICNIC

KHOZA ENTERTAINMENT AT THE RIVER PARTY
FRIDAY 6 MARCH | JAYCEE PARK
AS PART OF THE MILDURA WENTWORTH ARTS FESTIVAL LAUNCH
8.00 – 9.00PM

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I’m inspired by my sister Kayla as she was school captain and did a great job at it. I’m glad to know that even the most famous people made mistakes eg: Albert Einstein failed his first college exam.

What motivates me is knowing by the end of the year, this school will be better than it already is. The school captains will help make the school a great environment to be in.

I am inspired by all the past school captains and how well they assisted the school.

I want to inspire others to look up to me.

I look up to Dr Seuss and all his quotes that make you feel good about yourself (eg: ‘A person is a person no matter how small’).

I just want everyone to know that I don’t care how small you are everyone has many great ideas.

What inspires me is my older brother Charley. He was in the first group of school captains and I think that is important in our school.

What motivates me is seeing the school succeed in sport, education and other awards throughout the year such as last year winning an award for “community and education water user”.

Why I think that I will be a good leader is because I can come up with good ideas and help others easily, and I think this is important for a school.

This year I hope to improve Irymple South as a school.

What motivates/inspires me to be the best school captain I can, is seeing all the past school captains do such an amazing job.

Something else that motivates me is knowing if I’m a great leader others will look up to me and hopefully be inspired to become a leader themselves.

This year I would really like everyone to increase their confidence because confidence leads to great leaders and Irymple South has many amazing leaders.

Something that inspires me is the fact the some of the most well-known people have actually failed a lot more than they have succeeded. For example Michael Jordan is a famous basketball player, also known as “his royal airness”, but he has missed more than 9000 free throws.

Something that motivates me is seeing how much our school has changed since 2009 when I started school here. If it wasn’t for our amazing leaders, Irymple South Primary School wouldn’t be what it is today.

Everyone has their own definition of what they believe leadership is but to me it is following your own ideas with confidence. Not every idea is great but as long you believe you can do great things everyone is a great leader.
SCIENCE with Mrs Milne

The Grade 1s made their own safety posters that had a drawing that explained 1 of our chosen Science rules. After that they have begun exploring movement and how even when still, our bodies are nonetheless moving. Your child will be able to tell you what involuntary movement their body is making or can make even though they are still.

The Grade 2/3s made their own safety posters and were really clever at using well known symbols in their descriptive picture. Now they have begun exploring water. They used their 5 senses to investigate water and even though water should be tasteless, they were excellent at being able to describe what water tastes like.

The Grade 4/5/6s began the year by making a Science safety video. They were required to unpack 1 or more of our class safety rules or make a fictional video that showed what not to do in Science class. The students had creative license and their finished products were brilliant!

ART with Mrs Lord

We have been very busy in the Art Room creating some wonderful pieces of collaborative artwork that will be auctioned at ‘Night Amongst the Vines’.

As Art can be messy at times ALL students require their own art smock. Smocks can be purchased from Target or Lowes, or students can wear an old shirt or t-shirt.

P.E. with Mrs Branson

Urgent Reminder

MLC Hot Shots Tennis Shirt Forms

Two weeks ago 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. We will be entering the forms online over the next two weeks so can we please have ALL forms back to school by tomorrow Friday 20th February.

Baseball come ‘n’ try day

The Old Aerodrome Sporting Complex 11th street, Mildura.

Date: 15/3/2015
Time: 10am—3pm

Come on down to the Old Aero Ovals and try some baseball!
Safe and family friendly, baseball is a great sport for all ages.
The Wanderers Baseball Club invites you to a free BBQ lunch, an opportunity to play catch and hit the ball.
If you’re looking for an awesome day, come on down and join the fun!
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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
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep R
Sadie Gordon
Prep P
Oliver Mewburn
1T
Jones Bate
1F
Colby Geister
2J
Elana Howard
2D
William Lay
3C
Seth Papadopoulos
3D
Bridget Hamilton
4V
Jordan Stanbrook
4/5C
Morgan Vadla
5/6G
Melisse Bennett
5/6S
Tom Jaensch

SCIENCE
Maria Petrolo
ART
Lily Neagle
P.E.
Jameson Adams
HOUSE CAPTAINS
Charlie Puleio
PRINCIPAL
Julia Sherry
Tom Jaensch

Egg Incubation
Our eggs arrived this morning. They are in the foyer in the incubator. In 21 days they should hatch. It is very ‘eggsciting’! The Environmental Team members will be monitoring their progress.

FEBRUARY
Riley Endrizzi (17th)
Jelena Capp (17th)
Emily Murdoch (17th)
Lashaye Farley (19th)
Paddy Hamilton (21st)
Kaiden Wilkie (22nd)