NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Robyn Brooks

**Student Leadership**

At Monday morning’s assembly we presented our School Captains, House Captains, Junior School Council Captains, Environmental Team Captains, Junior School Council Representatives and Environmental Leaders 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.

**Active April**

Over the next two weeks of February and throughout the month of March we will be continuing to have our ‘Morning Move.’ Every Wednesday at 8:20 a.m. we are inviting all parents, grandparents, friends etc. to come along and participate in our morning walk/run around a designated 1km track. Our House Captains will be taking control and documenting how many kilometres we can walk in the lead up to Active April.

Active April is a government initiative to get people moving! More information regarding registration and log in will be given out in coming weeks.

**School Council**

The 2015 School Council met for the final time last week. I would sincerely like to thank all the School Councillors in 2015 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 2015 School Council which comprised:

**Parent Members**
Sebastian Tabacco (President), Nicholas Sheahan (Vice-President), Jason Bruhn, Sarah Doolan, Sarah Watts, Nicole Shaw, Lara Collins, Janet Droffelaar, Maree Whitehead 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 Nicole Shaw, Lara Collins, Sarah Watts, Janet Droffelaar, Maree Whitehead, Ben Milsom and Sue Rowland for their work on School Council and they are eligible for re-election.

Thankyou also to the members of the Finance Committee, Sebastian Tabacco, Nicholas Sheahan, Janet Droffelaar and Sharon Welsh, who meet regularly.

**School Council Elections**
The School Council election process has now commenced for 2016. Nominations are called for parent and staff positions for the 2016 school year.

We have 5 parent positions and 2 staff positions to be filled. Self nomination forms are available at the front office. Nominations will close on Friday 4th March.

Please consider the opportunity to be involved in our school community in a significant role.

**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.

**Photos**
Our school photos were taken on Monday. It was great to see everyone smiling and looking smart in their uniform.

**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. EVERY DAY COUNTS

**Assembly Area**
Construction of our new assembly area should commence in April. It is anticipated that it will be completed early Term 3.

**Lunch Orders**
School Council member Libby Kennedy, has been in consultation with the Irymple General Store to provide some different and healthy options for the students lunch orders. We will inform you when new items are available.

**RI**
We are no longer able to hold RI classes during school teaching hours. Di Eagle is prepared to hold classes after school (3:15pm - 4:00pm) on Monday afternoons. Lessons will commence on Monday 7th March. Expressions of interest for RI classes will come out shortly.

**Uniform**
Last year we received feedback about the school uniform and the desire by students and parents for a school dress. These will be available from Lowes soon at a price to be advised. Thanks to Libby Kennedy for coordinating this. We will let you know when they are ready!

**Fees**
Thanks to everyone who has already paid their fees. On page 5 there is further information about our fee structure.

**BYOD**
Accompanying this newsletter is a handout about BYOD and some frequently asked questions.

**Swimming**
At School Council we discussed the swimming program. It was decided that we would not offer this in 2016. It is not included in the fees as it has been in previous years.

**Farewell**
Today is Kerri Retallick’s last day before going on maternity leave. Kerri has been at ISPS for the past two years. She has worked with students, helped in the office and maintained the Library. We will miss her. We wish her all the best with the upcoming arrival of her baby.
To me being School Captain means:
• Being a role model
• Helping others
• Putting forward good ideas
• Trying my hardest
• Showing good leadership
• Having a positive attitude
• Being responsible
• Leading by example
• Being a confident person

This year as School Captain, I hope to achieve all of these things and be as good as our previous leaders. I hope I can become the best leader I can be and improve my confidence.

To me being School Captain means:
• Leadership
• Setting a good example
• Being a role model
• Caring for others
• Caring for our school
• Taking part
• Responsibility
• Creating new ideas
• Making good choices

This year as School Captain, my goal would be to make this school an even better place than it already is and hopefully we can make a great environment to be in.
MARIA

What does being School Captain mean to me?
- Being respectful
- Working hard for success
- Having a positive attitude
- Leading by example
- Helping others
- Putting students, teachers and our community first
- Taking pride in our school
- Approachable
- Trustworthy

My inspiration mainly comes from my brother Vinnie, who was our School Captain in 2013. He and all of our previous leaders did such an amazing job and made our school the best it could be. Watching our school change throughout the years is another thing that motivates me to do my best. Without our leaders I don’t think it would be the same and I definitely would not be in the same position I am right now. I hope to be the role model that people look up to and inspires other students to become a leader themselves.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS 2016

NUNZIO

What does being School Captain mean to me?
- Being responsible
- Leading by example
- Being a good role model
- Sharing ideas
- Working hard
- Representing our school

This year as School Captain I would like to increase my confidence in front of others. I am inspired by my older sister Phyllis and hope to be as good a leader as she was.
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep C  3C  Archie Harmer  
Eavan Brighton  
Prep P  3D  Chloe Sheahan  
Skyla Rosebottom  
1T  4V  Cooper Milsom  
Ollie Mewburn  
1F  4R  Kieran Burrows  
Brielle Accola  
2J  5/6H  Brittany Laskaj  
Charley Mannes  
2R  5/6G  Ava Zadow  
Diesel Fallon  
5/6S  Jedd Anderson  
PE  Courtney Jack  
ART  Maia Malycha  
SCIENCE  Cooper Jones  
PRINCIPAL  Diesel Fallon  
Eadie Cardew

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FEBRUARY
Claire Jackson (15th)  
Riley Porker (16th)  
Riley Endrizzi (17th)  
Jelena Capp (17th)  
Emily Murdoch (17th)  
Lashaye Farley (19th)  
Mackenzie Smith (20th)  
Biagio Tabacco (21st)

Thankyou to everyone who has already paid their school fees. Fees are due by Friday 18th March. Invoices will be sent home at the end of the term with any outstanding amounts.

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GIRL GUIDES have resumed meetings for 2016, and have vacancies for girls aged 5 – 18 years. Guiding offers activities designed to meet personal challenges, to learn team building and leadership skills, and to make new friends. For more information of units in your area contact District Manager Vivien Hunt 5023 6135 or vhu55138@bigpond.net.au
ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS
With Mrs Rowland

It was very exciting to induct our new Environmental Leaders this week at Monday’s Assembly and present them with their badges. All the leaders had lunch together on Wednesday and enjoyed meeting the other members of the team. The year 5/6 Environmental Leaders have begun researching for our front garden and also harvested some of our produce in the vegie garden.

Gardening Group

We are calling for expressions of interest from parents to establish a gardening group and work with our year 5/6 Environmental Leaders to design and establish the garden at the front of the school.

If you are interested in gardening and joining our group we are meeting on Wednesday 24th February at 2.30pm or contact the school if you are unable to attend, but would like to be part of our gardening group.

OPEN CLASSROOM EVENING

Thankyou to everyone who came along on Tuesday night. It was fantastic to see so many enthusiastic students showing their families around their classrooms and other learning spaces around the school. There was a very exciting buzz happening in all learning areas. Thanks again to those who attended the ‘Open Classroom’. We enjoyed meeting and catching up with everyone!
PE
Mrs Branson

During the first three weeks, the 4/5/6 classes have been improving their tennis skills and game play through the National Primary School Partner Hot Shots program. The program is centred on learning through playing the game of tennis, or modified versions of the game. The classes have focused on waiting to receive the ball in the ready position, ground strokes, serving, moving your opponent around the court and how to work cooperatively with a partner. The 5/6 classes have also started their first round of fitness testing for the year. The Year 2 and 3 students have been looking at “Working as a team”, participated in team tabloid activities. The year 2 students have begun their initial Fundamental Motor Skills testing. Both year 2 and 3 students have also begun learning the skills involved in the game of hockey such as dribbling, push passing and hitting and used these skills in minor game situations.

The Year 1 classes have this week been looking at jumping, focussing on safe landings and how to improve your take off. Each child has had their jumping videoed and set a personal goal to work on. This could be either landing or take off. Last week they were involved in team tabloid activities that focused on teamwork. They have also begun their initial Fundamental Motor Skills testing.

The Prep classes have been introduced to some simple games and created a front page for their physical education books featuring themselves as a sports person.

HOOK IN2 HOCKEY
This week the year 2 and year 3 classes have had the opportunity to be involved in a hockey clinic provided by Hockey Victoria. Students from the year 2 and 3 classes were put through their paces dribbling, and playing exciting skill based games by some highly experienced hockey instructors (Clark from Hockey Victoria and Pip and Jacey from Koowinda hockey club).

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

Sunraysia Hook In2 Hockey Program
Date: Saturday 20th February
Time: 9am
Location: Sunraysia Hockey turf, Aerodrome Ovals
11th St Mildura
Contact: Jodie Morvell - 0409835470