NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL
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OPEN CLASSROOM EVENING

We are half way through Term 1 already. The students and teachers have been busy and very productive. This was evident at Thursday’s Open Classroom evening when we had many of our students show their parents and families what they have been doing so far in 2015.

Thankyou to everyone who came along on Thursday 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!

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.
All tables need to be finalised by TOMORROW, Friday February 27th please. We need to confirm catering and equipment hire, so no table bookings will be taken after 3:30 on Friday.
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.
Some of the class collaborative artworks have been finished. These can be viewed at school in the office or on Facebook. All artworks will be auctioned on the night.
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.

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 at the front office. Nominations will close on Friday March 6th.
Please consider the opportunity to be involved in our school community in a significant role.

Junior School Council
The Junior School Council Representatives will have their first meeting tomorrow at 1:15pm with Mr Milsom. All classes have had class meetings to ensure that the representatives have some things to discuss.

Clean Up Day
Friday 27th February is Schools Clean Up day. We will be cleaning up our local environment during the day from 1pm. All grades have been designated a specific area that they are responsible for.

Preps
The Preps will begin attending school full time as of next week. Yesterday was their last ‘rest day’ and we look forward to seeing them every day of the week from now on.

Cricket
Yesterday our interschool Cricket team participated in the Irymple District competition. They batted and bowled incredibly well and won all their games for the day. This means that they progress to the next level of competition. Scores and match reports can be found later in the newsletter.

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.

Walk to School and Farmer’s Market
We will be having a Walk to School Day on Wednesday 18th March. We will provide more details about meeting place and time shortly. If you are able to provide transport for school bags on that day could you please inform the school.

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.

Art Easels
We would like to borrow some art easels to display the collaborative artwork at ‘Night Amongst the Vines’ and in the week leading up to the 6th March. If you have an easel we could borrow could you please bring it to school and place in the Art Room.

Egg Incubation
This morning we checked the eggs to see how they were going. We are very pleased to announce that we will be the proud ‘parents’ of chooks very soon!
DEWRY

- HELPING AND SUPPORTING OTHERS
- PUTTING HARD WORK IN WHEN NEEDED
- WE WILL INCLUDE OTHERS IN EVERYTHING
- WE WILL ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO PUT IN 110%
- WE WILL BE GOOD ROLE MODELS IN FRONT OF THE YOUNGER STUDENTS
- WE WILL SUPPORT OTHERS EVEN IF THEY ARE IN ANOTHER HOUSE
- WE WILL TAKE CARE OF EVERYONE ESPECIALLY THE YOUNGER ONES

Being a House Captain means a lot to us and we believe we will be good house captains and put 100% into everything we do. House captain to us means we will have the opportunity to work and play with others and be good leaders. This is our last year and being House Captains is going to be a great experience for us, so we will try our best to make it a good year. Go DEWRY

Chris and Paddy

2015

HOUSE CAPTAINS

MCCracken

Being McCracken House Captain means,
- Being a role model
- Supporting our team
- Encouraging everyone
- Having fun

Being McCracken House Captain is a privilege to us because I love watching them achieve to the best of their abilities. McCracken House Captain is all about the younger kids having fun and leading McCracken all the way.

Oskar and Jaye
CAMPBELL

Being Campbell House Captain means we will be:

- Great leaders
- Role models for the younger students
- Give 110%
- Try to win
- Lead by example
- Show leadership
- Be responsible

We both think that we are really good for the job. We will lead with pride and respect. We will both help out younger students when they are in trouble. We both cannot wait to see if we can get Campbell on the shield.

Bailey and Sophie

NEWTON

Being Newton House Captain means that we have to be role models for younger students. We will show responsibility when leading our house during sports events. We will encourage all members of Newton to always do their best. We will make things fun, and we will make sure that everyone takes part. We will always put 110% into everything we do.

Ben and Metisse
P.E. with Mrs Branson

Hook In 2 Hockey

This week the year 2 to 6 classes have had the opportunity to be involved in a hockey clinic provided by Hockey Victoria and Sunraysia Hockey. Students from the year 2 to 6 classes were put through their paces by some highly experienced hockey instructors (Michael from Hockey Victoria as well as Jessica and Jodie from Sunraysia Hockey). The sessions mainly focused on introducing the students to hockey and developing their dribbling skills.

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

Sunraysia Hook In 2 Hockey Program

Date: Wednesday 4th March
Time: 6.00pm
Location: Sunraysia Hockey turf, Aerodrome Ovals 11th St Mildura
Contact: Jodie Morvell - 0409835470
Cost: $50 which includes stick pack (hockey stick, stick bag, shin guards, mouthguard, reversible singlet, umpires cards and whistle) and lessons.

EASTER RAFFLE

Our major fundraiser for this term will be an Easter Raffle. We are asking all families to donate an item to make up our prizes. Donations could include Easter eggs, rabbits, Bunny Ears etc, it doesn’t have to be an Easter egg but anything that you think would be appropriate for an Easter Raffle prize.

Each class will have its own raffle draw

Please place donations in the clearly marked tubs in the office foyer. Each class has a tub for their donations and we need as many donations as possible for each tub.

All donations no matter how big or small will be gratefully received.

We are also asking our families to sell our Raffle tickets. Tickets are $1.00 each or $10 per book. Books will be handed out to every child in the school shortly.

Extra books will be available at the front office.

All proceeds from the raffle will be going towards the construction of a new assembly area.

Please return tickets and money to the office by Wednesday 25th March.

The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term, Friday 27th March

Volunteers will be needed to help wrap prizes and fold tickets on Thursday 26 March from 9am.

Please contact Jolene Finch 0400 109 695 or jfinch@schs.com.au if you can help.
### BOYS HARDBALL CRICKET

Yesterday, Wednesday 25th February, 11 Irymple South boys competed in the Irymple District Hardball cricket competition. The boys played 3 matches which were held at the Aero Ovals, Mildura. We played our games against Irymple and Nichols Point. The boys played extremely well winning all 3 of their games and now progress through to the Sunraysia Final which will be held in 2 weeks.


**Game 1**

Irymple South 4 for 65 defeated Nichols Point B 5 for 32

Highlights: Chris D’Amico 3 wickets and a catch, Bailey Anderson 23 retired not out

**Game 2**

Irymple South 4 for 62 defeated Irymple 9 for 59

Highlights: Bailey Anderson 22 retired not out and 3 wickets, Oskar Faulkhead and Chris D’Amico 2 wickets each.

**Game 3**

Irymple South 1 for 43 defeated Nichols Point A 5 for 25

Highlights: Oskar taking a wicket from the first ball of the game and getting a run out from a direct hit ¾ of the way to the boundary, Bailey 2 wickets and 16 retired not out, Jaye Surgey 10 retired not out.
MELBOURNE STORM VISIT
Travis Robinson and Slade Griffin, two players from Melbourne Storm came to our school last week. They delivered the NRL’s 2015 community message of Wellbeing to our Grade 5 and 6 students.

- Wellbeing is something that includes mental wellness, physical fitness, nutrition and positive relationships. No one aspect of health is more important than the others, they all contribute to a healthy person.
- Good nutrition and proper hydration are key to feeling your best.
- A healthy active lifestyle will help you to get the most out of life.
- Joining a team is a good way to feel connected, make new friends and a team can give you a place to belong.
All of our Grade 5 and 6 students will be participating in a school workshop with Valanga Khoza. The workshop will be held at school on Wednesday 4th March. The students are invited to attend a mass performance on Thursday 5th March at the Old Mildura Homestead.

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 kalimba (thumb piano), marimba (wooden xylophone) and shimeji (cow horn) as well as irresistible rhythms from the guitar, stick drum, and Valanga’s velvety 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 dreamtime 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 kalimba 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 IRYMPE 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: 5.30 - 6.30PM
FEEL FREE TO BRING A CHAIR AND A PICNIC

KOZHA ENTERTAINMENT AT THE RIVER PARTY
FRIDAY 6 MARCH | JAYCEE PARK
AS PART OF THE MILDURA WENTWORTHS ARTS FESTIVAL LAUNCH
8.00 - 9.00PM