NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Robyn Brooks

PUPIL FREE DAY
Monday 29th February is a Professional Learning Day for our staff. Staff will be engaged in professional learning around “New Pedagogies for Deep Learning”. Students are NOT to attend on Monday.

Only 1 week until we will be dancing up a storm with the Melbourne based children's hip hop dance company. 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.

Newsletter
This is our last printed newsletter that will be distributed to all families. The newsletter will be published on Friday and emailed to all those who have subscribed.

To have the newsletter emailed to you, log on to the school website (www.irymplesouthps.vic.edu.au) and subscribe.

If you have indicated that you would still like a hard copy it will continue to be sent home with the youngest child in the family.
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. There is an expression of interest form in this week’s newsletter. Please fill in the form and return as soon as possible.

Staffing
Mrs Branson is currently on Long Service Leave. She will be returning in two weeks. We hope that she has a wonderfully enjoyable time.

B.Y.O.D.
Thank you to everyone that has gone through the process of setting up their device. There still seems to be some small confusion about the apps process. Our students are going to require apps to be installed onto their device. There are some students who have an Apple ID and their own password, which allows the students to download the app at school. Some students aren’t aware of their Apple ID and password (which is fine) and will therefore need to download the app at home. There will be times when your child’s teacher will write a note in your child’s diary, alerting you that an app has been pushed out from the school and your Apple ID and password will need to approve the app. There will be no cost to parents. The more you continue to upskill yourself with the device, the more you can help your child (or they can help you!).

Earth Ed Outreach Program
We are fortunate to be getting a visit from Peter from Earth Ed on Wednesday the 2nd of March and Thursday the 3rd of March. Earth Ed is one of 6 specialist Science Centres in Victoria. They specialise in the Earth Sciences: climate, geology, energy, fossils etc. Peter will be undertaking an hour long session based on alternative energy for Grades 3-6. There is no cost for this incursion and we look forward to some new and great learning to occur. For more information, feel free to have a look at the website: http://www.earthed.vic.edu.au/

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.

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

Easter Raffle
Tickets for our Easter raffle are coming home today. More information about the raffle can be found further on in the newsletter.

Easter Hat Parade
On the last day of term (Thursday 24th March) we will be holding an Easter Hat parade. We are encouraging all children to let their creativity flow and make an Easter Hat to be proud of.
HOUSE CAPTAINS 2016

Being McCracken House Captain means:
★ Leading by example
★ Giving 100%
★ Trying our best
★ Supporting others
★ Encouraging others
★ Using teamwork
★ Being confident
★ Being responsible
★ Being a good role model

ANGUS & MIA

Being Dewry House Captain means:
★ Being a good role model
★ Giving 110%
★ Being responsible
★ Support everyone
★ Lead by example
★ Supporting our team
★ Having fun
★ Taking care of everyone

Being Dewry House Captains means everything to us and we will out in 110% in whatever we do. We will lead with pride and respect. We promise to make things fun and enjoyable for everyone and not just about winning, we just want you to do your best. GO DEWRY!

ZALI & PATRICK
House Captains 2016

Newton

Being Newton House Captain means:
★ Leading by example
★ Giving 110%
★ Trying our very best
★ Encouraging our team members and other houses
★ Listening to everyone’s ideas
★ Bringing forward any ideas to meetings
★ Making sure that everyone is happy and is having fun

We believe that to be house captains we need to have the key qualities of resilience, respect, encouragement and support. We will encourage Newton house to try their very best and to give everything a go. Newton is our first priority but we will still look out for other’s in the school yard. Lastly, we will make sport a more enjoyable activity for everyone.

Cy
&
Lily

Campbell

Being Campbell House Captain means:
★ Being a role model to the younger students
★ Being a responsible leader
★ Give 110%
★ Try to win with effort
★ Being persistent
★ Being a responsible role model for all students
★ Encouraging others
★ Giving up my time
★ Putting in a lot effort
★ Leading by example
★ Value all members

In the year ahead we hope to lead Campbell to victory. We hope all members of our house do their best and feel encouraged all of the time. It’s not all about winning we just hope that you all try your absolute best. We promise to encourage all students even if they crawl across the finish line. As long as they have tried their very best we will still be proud.

Maddison
&
Georgia
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
(to be presented on Friday 4th March)

Prep C
Nikita Keating
Prep P
Lucas Giugno
1T
Maddison Horsfall
1F
Willow Shirnack
2J
Sofia Tabacco
2R
Lottie Adams
3C
Rhiannon Jack
3D
Nicholas McWilliams
4V
Jenna Coppola
4R
Liam Rielley
5/6H
Mercesdez Jones
5/6G
Zali Doolan
ART
Mia Andronescu
SCIENCE
Mia Dickson
PRINCIPAL
Ava Miller
Brayden McGregor

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
FEBRUARY
Kaiden Wilkie (22nd)
Austin Phillips-Savage (24th)
Hunter Stanbrook (24th)
Tammy Warn (25th)
Dayna Brown (26th)
Patrick McWilliams (27th)
Eliza Sheahan (28th)
Will Kennedy (28th)

FEES
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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MARCH

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 are being handed out with this week’s newsletter. 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 Tuesday 22nd March

The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term, Thursday 24th March

CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

Yes, I would like my child/children to receive Catholic Religious Instruction this year 2016. (Grades 1-6 only)

Child’s Name ___________________________ Grade_______

Child’s Name ___________________________ Grade_______

Child’s Name ___________________________ Grade_______

Signature ___________________________ Date _________

Please return this expression of interest as soon as possible. Classes will take place on Mondays from 3:45pm to 4:00pm with Mrs Di Eagle
Red Cliffs Football Netball Club

Netball trials for 2016 will be held on the following dates. So that things run smoothly as possible, the girls are to please arrive 15 minutes prior to starting times. A drink bottle and appropriate shoes and clothing are essential.

March 2016

Tuesday 1st & Thursday 3rd
U11’s – Register only at this stage.
U13’s – 4pm to 5pm
U15’s – 5pm to 6pm

Tuesday 8th
Trials will only be run on this date if the coaches require more time, please make yourself available.
U13’s – 4pm to 5pm
U15’s – 5pm – 6pm

It is important to attend each session time to give yourself the best opportunity to play for the RJFNC in 2016. If you have any queries don’t hesitate to call me on 0439687347 or email jkralli@bigpond.net.au. Regards Kirsty Southgate
Do you live in the Nichols Point area?

We’d love you to join our friendly Riverside tennis club

Junior & Senior Players Wanted
All levels welcome!

Call now to join our winter comp, starting early May
Call Karen on 0418 307 357
INTER SCHOOL SPORT

This week we have students represent our school at the district Swimming and Tennis competitions. We congratulate them on their enthusiasm and commitment to doing their best.

Lily Neagle has qualified to compete in the next level of swimming competition. Great effort Lily.

TEENNS

Yesterday Jedd and Lachlan competed in the district tennis competition at the Mildura Lawn Courts.

Jedd was knocked out in the first round.

Lachlan made it through to the Quarter Finals, but unfortunately was defeated in this match.

SWIMMING

On Wednesday Lily B, Morgan, Olivia and Lily N competed at the Mildura Interschool Swimming Sports at Mildura Waves.

Lily N came 1st in Freestyle, 2nd in Butterfly and Breaststroke and 4th in Backstroke.

Olivia came 2nd in Breaststroke and Lily B came 4th in Backstroke while Morgan came 4th in Freestyle.

In the Medley relay the team came 4th out of 8 and in the Freestyle relay they came 1st!

They all had fun and loved competing in the Interschool swimming.

They would like to thank Pip Neagle, Jason Bruhn, Tom Vadija, Justin and Cindy Tassone for being there to support them.

Lily B
Environmental News

The Environmental leaders have had a busy week with lots of harvesting from the garden, cooking, planting and learning about their jobs at our lunchtime meeting on Wednesday.

You may have noticed our vegie garden has lots of cherry tomatoes growing. On Monday the Year 5/6 leaders made tomato chutney using the tomatoes from the garden and onions, garlic and chili from Ms Brooks’s garden. On Tuesday the Year 3 and 4 leaders used zucchini supplied by Sebastian Morello and eggs from our chooks to make zucchini muffins. The students had lots of fun and were very proud of their tasty wares.

Sophie – The 5/6 Environmental team made tomato chutney with tomatoes from the school garden. It was fun and really yum at the end when we tasted the chutney.

Maddie – It was a great experience being able to harvest our own tomatoes and then make them into tomato chutney. I have never picked my own vegetables and I have never made or tasted chutney before. It was Yum!

Michaela – I had fun making, baking and eating our yummy zucchini muffins.

Jayah – The Zucchini muffins smelled very nice when they were cooking. You could smell them in the Art room.

Emma – I had fun making the muffins because I had never made them before.

The recipes can be found on our Facebook page.

Gardening Group

Our gardening group met with our 5/6 leaders for the first time on Wednesday. We had a very productive meeting about our front garden area. Lots of exciting ideas were put forward from the parent and student group. The parents have gone away to discuss, source and research ideas and materials and to design a new garden bed. If any parents have potted plants we could use in the school garden or to sell at our market in April, please let us know.

Sadie and Jordy from 1F planted some new strawberry plants today. Sadie brought the strawberry plants from her garden at home.

Sadie – I really liked sharing my strawberry plants with my teacher and my class. I had lots of strawberry plants at home and thought it would be good to take them to school. I know that the plants need water, soil, space, light and air to be able to grow. I hope we can eat the strawberries when they grow.

We are going to start preparing our garden beds over the next 2 weeks in readiness for new planting and hopefully lots of produce to harvest in the future to eat, sell and cook with.