NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Robyn Brooks

LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
The school will not be open on Monday 14th March due to the Labour Day Public holiday. We hope that everyone has a great long weekend. Students of the Week will be presented on Friday 18th March.

STOMP DANCE
The students have had a wonderful time learning a Hip Hop routine with Aimee from Stomp Dance. Every day, each class has participated in half hour or hour long dance sessions. This afternoon they all performed their dances. It was spectacular!

Easter Hat Parade
On the last day of Term (Thursday 24th March), we will be holding an Easter Hat Parade and Casual Dress Day. We are encouraging students from all grades to be ‘creative’ and make an Easter Hat that will feature in a parade led by the Junior School Council Captains. We will also hold a Casual Dress Day, with a gold coin donation. Please ensure that your child wears appropriate sunsmart clothing and covered footwear. All monies raised on the day will go towards a new fitness circuit that we are looking to develop along the ‘cross-country’ track.

Easter Raffle
Tickets for our Easter raffle have been sent home and are selling fast! More information about the raffle can be found further on in the newsletter. Keep bringing the donations in. The baskets are looking great so far. Helpers are required to wrap the baskets on Wednesday 23rd March at 9:00am.

Fees
Thanks to everyone who has already paid their fees. On page 8 there is further information about our fee structure. If you are paying by direct deposit could you please send in the form in this newsletter or email Sharon Welsh outlining what fees you are paying.

welsh.sharon.p@edumail.vic.gov.au

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.
Congratulations
Donna Piscioneri is getting married on Saturday 19th March. Any current or past students who would like to come along to the church to form a guard of honour after the ceremony are more than welcome (Sacred Heart, 2:30pm). We wish Donna and her future husband Ben Morffew all the best. This week staff and students celebrated with Miss P. Donna will return to school in Term 2 as Mrs M.

Good Luck
Mrs Aleisha Milne will have her last day at ISPS next Wednesday before the birth of her second child. We wish Aleisha, Aaron and big brother Israel all the best for the upcoming arrival.

School Council
A big thank you to Lara Collins, Sarah Watts and Maree Whitehead for their contributions to school council over the past few years. Their term was completed and they did not seek renomination.
Congratulations to our new members; Selina Carmichael, Melissa Chadwick and Jarrod Wilkie. Thanks to Nicole Shaw for renominating.
The next meeting of the School Council on Wednesday 16th March at 6:15pm.

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. There will be no class next week due to the long weekend. If your child is interested in attending please fill in the form and return as soon as possible.

School Photos
The school photos have returned and have been distributed today. Leadership photos are on display in the foyer. If you wish to purchase a School Captain, House Captain, JSC or Environmental Team photo, please order at the office. These photos are $10 each.

Gardening Group
The garden area near the assembly area is being beautified. We require some items to assist with the beautification. Donations of the following items are requested:
Pots: small plastic garden pots suitable for cuttings and planting
Brick pavers: for garden edging
Builder: to help construct a small gazebo
If you are able to supply any of the above please contact
Toba 0427242353 or Kylie 0418552712

Uniform
The school dress will be available at Lowes by the holidays. The cost of the dress will be $51.99.

INFORMATION EVENINGS
Come and learn about your child’s learning, with your child.
We will be holding information sessions to share the learning that is happening in each year level.
Teachers and students will be presenting an evening of information in their rooms from 6:00pm-6:45pm.

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I really wanted to be a captain in 2016 so I could help the school in the Environmental program. I wanted to have a role so I could be a great role model.

I am looking forward to helping every student and encouraging everyone to be healthy. I am happy to work with the team and do lots of jobs.

I think my best qualities are, that I am really good at encouraging others and being a leader. I am going to really try and improve on being the best role model that I could be. This is the first time I have had a leadership role and I will do my best in this position.

Skye & Jayshree
Environmental Leaders 2016

Amarni & Zoe

Diesel & Tara

Jelena & Jayah

Cooper & Emma

Sebastian & Michaela

Maya & Eddie

Brayden & Jessica

Sophie & Lachlan

Darcie & Maddy
MLC Hot Shots Tennis Shirts

Today ALL children from year Prep to year 6 were handed out a Hot Shots Parent Consent forms to register for their own free Hot Shots Tshirt. The registration is totally free and the children are not being signed up to play tennis just to get a free Tshirt.

For every student that registers as part of your National School Partnership Program, our school will receive a $2 rebate to replenish our tennis equipment. So please help us out by filling out the parent consent form and returning your form to your child’s classroom teacher.

To be able to register your child you must provide a current email address. Also please remember to tick which shirt colour they would like and a shirt size. (Please note that some shirt sizes may no longer be available. If your chosen size is not available we will order the next closest available size.)

I will be entering the forms online in the form of a spreadsheet to Hot Shots at the end of this term.

All parent consent forms must be returned by the last day of term Thursday 24th March or your child will not be registered for their free shirt.

Mrs Branson

INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING

Last night ten of our students competed in the Irymple Swimming Club Primary School Swim Meet. It was a lovely evening and the students competed with great enthusiasm.

Congratulations to the following students who participated:
- Max Bell – 2nd Freestyle & Backstroke
- Eadie Neagle - 3rd Freestyle
- Zoe Williams
- Hope Retallick
- Cooper Topp
- Sosaia Ale
- Meg Neagle - 3rd Backstroke
- Mackenzie Phelan - 2nd Backstroke & 3rd Breaststroke
- James Bell - 3rd Freestyle
- Lily Neagle

SLOW FOOD MILDURA

Last year we were awarded the Slow Food Grant of $1000, which we used to purchase our cooking utensils. Mrs Rowland has been cooking with the students with produce from our garden. This weekend we will have a display at the Slow Food Mildura’s annual Festa Della Vendemmia.
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
To be presented on FRIDAY 18th March due to the PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Prep C
Lara McKinley

Prep P
Mia Woolfrey

1T
Eadie Cardew

1F
Shane Krul

2J
Kylen Ziernicki

2R
Isabella McKinley

3C
Elana Howard

3D
Hunter Stanbrook

4V
Max Castleman

4R
Tarliah Taylor

5/6H
Mia Andronescu

5/6G
Will Mitchem

5/6S
Cy Romeo

ART
Charlee Porter

PE
Diesel Fallon

SCIENCE
Eadie Neagle

PRINCIPAL
Eavan Brighton

Jude Blundy

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
MARCH
Kerryn Corponi (7th)
Ava Zadow (9th)
Mia Mayne (10th)
Penni Williams (11th)
Cameron Hensgen (12th)
Summer Tschirpig (12th)

ISC Enrichment 2016
Quick overview of our workshops – for Gr 5/6 students

Irymple Secondary College will be conducting 3 different series of workshops over Term 2 and Term 3 for students in Grade 5 and 6. If your student is interested in signing up for any workshops in our Group A offerings, then please get an Expression of Interest form completed and returned to your primary school. After your child has been selected, an information pack will be distributed by your primary school office. Further details on Group B offerings and Group C offerings will be in the information pack, and the same process of an expression of interest process will be followed for these workshops, along with permission forms and medical forms.

If you require more information, then please contact Mrs Anne Symes at ISC on 50245407. Final Forms must be returned to your primary school by 9.00am Monday 21st March to participate in any Group A workshops. * You may elect to request to do a workshop on a Wednesday and a Thursday in our Group A offerings but this will depend on numbers and interests.

No workshop – week of 4th May due to Open nights.

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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 were handed out with last 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

ART
Mrs Lord

We have been incredibly busy and creative in the Art Room over the past seven weeks. All students have completed a variety of activities from drawing to painting, collage to sculpture.
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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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PAYMENT: CASH / CHEQUE / EFTPOS / D/DEPOSIT

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MINIBALL REGISTRATION 2016

Miniball is an introduction and skills based basketball program for primary school aged children. The program is player-centred, fun-focused and affordable to all. It provides opportunities to learn, play with your friends and to develop important social skills in a convenient safe and friendly environment. Miniball caters for ALL, Girls and Boys who are currently attending primary school from Prep to Grade 4. Games are played at the Mildura Hot House on Saturday mornings. To register simply attend registration day

Registration: Saturday 19th March
Times: 9.30 am Prep – Grade 1
       10.30 am Grade 2-4
Location: Mildura Hot House Stadium
Fees: $50 per player with a $5 per week door charge.

Contact Fiona on 0408 535 830 or email: alcheringabb@gmail.com

Calling all 6 and 7 year olds!

Do you know how to cook chocolate spiders or make frog puppets? Can you build monsters and spaceships from scrap items? Have you ever grown a plant or hiked in the bush? These are all things you can learn when you are a Joey Scout!

When you join Joys you’ll be part of a Mob. You’ll play games, read stories, sing songs and do craft activities. You’ll find out about nature and learn about native birds and animals. You might fly a kite, go bushwalking, go sailing, go camping or visit a fire station.

The Joey Scout motto is HOP – Help Other People! You’ll learn to jump in and HOP, and to share with your friends. You’ll also learn heaps of useful stuff, like what to do in an emergency.

When you join in different activities and learn new things, you and your friends in the Mob can earn special badges to sew on to your Joey Scout shirts.

2nd Mildura Joys meet in our hall every Tuesday night from 5.15pm to 6.15pm and your first few visits are free! Come and try it – you’ll love it!
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 after school on Mondays from 3:15pm to 4:00pm with Mrs Di Eagle commencing on 7th March.