NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

EASTER RAFFLE

Our major fundraiser for this term is our Easter Raffle. The baskets are looking very full and would be wonderful to win! All proceeds from the raffle will be going towards the construction of a new assembly area. If you are able to help wrap the prizes, please come to the staffroom on Wednesday morning at 9:00am. Thanks to Danelle King and Megan Gregory for their organisation of our Easter raffle.

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

Easter Hat Parade

Next Thursday, 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.

End of Term, Early Dismissal

Next Thursday is the last day of Term 1, hasn’t that gone quickly! Students will be dismissed at 2:15pm. Buses will run at the earlier time.

Parking and Road Safety

With an increase of enrolments over the last few years, we have gained more cars in the morning and afternoon for pick up and drop off. We would like to make parents aware that there is ample parking at the end of Belar Avenue. Students can easily access the gate at our fruit orchard and make their way safely to parked cars. Can we please be mindful of the following:

1. Don’t park too close to the school crossing on Fifteenth Street
2. Don’t reverse the wrong way on either Belar Avenue or Fifteenth Street. You can’t back out across two lanes of traffic.
3. Utilise the crossing on Fifteenth Street. No students/parents are to cross Fifteenth Street without using the crossing.
4. When students are crossing the road on Belar, parents that park in cars on Belar Avenue are just as responsible as our teachers who are on duty. Please support us by walking students across or monitoring from the other side of the road carefully.

Unfortunately we have had some of the above points occurring in 2016 and we want to eliminate them as quickly as possible. The safety of everyone is our number one priority, so your help and support will ensure accidents don’t occur.
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. There will be two sessions, one from 5:00pm – 5:45pm and one from 6:00pm-6:45pm.

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**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.

**Active April**

This April, Irymple South Primary School will be participating in the Premier’s Active April Challenge. In 2015, over 100,000 Victorians participated in Active April and enjoyed the benefits that come from increased physical activity. This April, we are encouraging all families at Irymple South to step up the amount of physical activity and get more active, more often. All it takes is 30 minutes a day. There are great prizes to be won too! To register, simply go to: https://app.activeapril.vic.gov.au/register

Click on ‘student’ and enter your details (children under 12 require an adult to help). Follow the instructions and you should be able to set up your account. This then gives you an Active April account that can track the amount of physical activity undertaken.

**School Photos**

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.

**Newsletter**

Our Newsletter is a wealth of information about what is happening at our school. Please ensure that you read it carefully and find out all the exciting things that are going on.

If you have subscribed to the Newsletter on the website but it has not been sent, can you please inform us as we have encountered a few problems.

**School Council 2016**

Thank you to the School Council members who have renominated (Nicole Shaw, Janet Droffelaar, Sue Rowland and Ben Milsom) and to our three new members (Melissa Chadwick, Selina Carmichael and Jarrod Wilkie). We are very lucky to have such a supportive school community.

Our School Council for 2016 is comprised of;

Parent Representatives: Sebastian Tabacco (President), Nicholas Sheahan (Vice President), Jason Bruhn, Selina Carmichael, Melissa Chadwick, Sarah Doolan, Janet Droffelaar, Libby Kennedy, Nicole Shaw, Jarrod Wilkie.

Staff Representatives: Robyn Brooks, Emma Lord, Ben Milsom, Sue Rowland and Sharon Welsh.

The next School Council meeting is on Wednesday 4th May at 6:15 pm.

**Congratulations**

Lily Neagle represented Sunraysia in the Regional swimming competition held in Swan Hill yesterday.

She competed in the 12/13 year old girls 50 metre freestyle race and came 5th. Great effort Lily!

**Facebook**

Social Media is a very effective way of communicating with family, friends and the wider community. If you have an issue with anything that is happening at school, we would prefer to hear it directly from you, rather than from a Facebook post. There are social etiquettes that should be observed when using any form of social media.

**RI**

Classes are being held on Monday after school. The next class is on Monday 21st March.
In Grade One, we have been learning about ‘Living Things’. We have explored our learning through many different ways. We have used technology, researched information through websites and online videos, explored and investigated our school environment and created our very own ‘sprout house’ where we got to watch our bean seeds grow and change. To celebrate our learning we used the app Popplet to create a mindmap of our learning and understanding. Take a look at some of our photos of our learning journey.

Living Things change and grow. Trees are very important because they give us clean air.
Annabelle

Living things need shelter and somewhere to live.
Georgia

A plant is a living thing. It has roots, a stem and leaves. They all grow.
Eadie C

They need water and food to survive.
Jaxon

An animal is a living thing because it grows.
Alessio

They need air to breathe.
Bronte

Living things drink water.
Lilly

Chickens are living things because they drink water and need food.
Dawson

A plant needs soil and water to survive. They have stems and roots. Plants give us oxygen to breathe.
Max M

We are people and we are living things because we need water, air, shelter and food to live.
Jarome

We breathe in oxygen and we breathe out carbon dioxide.
Zoe

Plants need space, shelter, water and sun to survive.
Morgan

A plant is a living thing. It has roots, a stem and leaves. They all grow.
Eadie C
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**FEES**

Thankyou to everyone who has already paid their school fees. Fees are due by TODAYT 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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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep C
Rylie Crabtree

Prep P
Eva Andronescu

1T
Chase Russell

1F
Dannika Accola

2R
Jude Blundy

3C
Hanna Flentjar

3D
Claire Jackson

4V
Meg Neagle

Dusty Geister

4R
Massimo Tabacco

5/6H
Brayden McGregor

5/6G
Sam Blake

5/6S
Maria Petrolo

ART
Charli Barton

PE
Max Castleman

SCIENCE
Jedd Anderson

PRINCIPAL
James Bell

Ella Shore

Lucy Johnson

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MARCH
Jade Winzler (14th)
Lily Bruhn (15th)
Sharon Welsh (15th)
Robyn Brooks (16th)
Aleisha Burrows (17th)
Marie Roccisano (17th)
Sienna Maiorana (18th)

MLC Hot Shots Tennis Shirts

Last Friday ALL children from year Prep to year 6 were handed out a Hot Shots Parent Consent form 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

AUTUMN SPIKE ZONE

The Sunraysia Volleyball Autumn Spike Zone Program will begin at the start of Term 2.

If you’re aged between 7 and 14, get along and try some volleyball – it’s going to be bigger and better with the beginning of our new Volley Stars Program!

When: Starts - Saturday, April 16 / Ends – Saturday, June 18.
Time: 9:30am – 11:00am.
Where: SJC Stadium
Cost: $5 per week

Make sure you come along and bring your friends!!
A DAY TO CELEBRATE LIFE

Three of our captains (Ella Burford, Zali Doolan and Maria Petrolo) are organising our annual event: *A day to celebrate life.*

The day will consist of a 4km fun run/walk. We will be starting at school and moving around the block and then finishing back at school. We are encouraging all community members to come along and be involved in the morning’s event. Straight after the walk, we will undertake a small workshop of exercises. A BBQ lunch and drinks will be available at the conclusion of the exercises.

SCIENCE
Mrs Cardew

**Prep** students have been learning about living and non-living things. They are able to identify characteristics that prove people, animals and plants are living.

**Grade 1/2** students have explored edible parts of plants and experimented to see how water travels through stems to the leaves using celery and food colouring.

**Grade 3** students are learning about the purpose of leaves and their size, shape and texture.

**Grade 4** students have investigated how fruits are developed, watched a time lapse of a pear developing and dissected a tomato and capsicum to identify particular parts.

**Grade 5/6** students have learnt about photosynthesis and presented this process in a poster format using the app ‘postermywall’ on the ipads.