NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

TOMORROW is the last day of Term 1. We have had a very busy and productive term of learning. I would like to thank everyone for all their hard work throughout the term. School finishes at 2:15pm tomorrow. Buses will depart school at 2:10pm. We hope that you have an enjoyable, safe and restful holidays.

Term 2 commences on MONDAY 13th APRIL at 9:00am

Easter Hat Parade
TOMORROW we will be having an Easter Hat parade at 9:00am, so get your creative juices flowing and create some decorative Easter headwear. We are looking forward to seeing some marvellous creations!

Casual Dress Day
Tomorrow will also be a casual dress day. A gold coin donation will be collected by the Grade 6 Junior School Councillors, with all money raised being donated to World Vision. Paddle Pops that have been ordered will be distributed at lunch time.

EASTER RAFFLE
Our Easter Raffles will be drawn tomorrow at assembly. If you are lucky enough to win, you will be notified before the end of the day to collect your prize. Good luck! Thanks to all families who donated goods for the baskets, families who sold tickets and the parents who organised the raffle. All proceeds from the Easter Raffle will go towards the construction of a new assembly area.

Communication
Our weekly newsletter continues to provide the school community with up to date information about what is happening. Our Facebook page is also a great way to be informed on what is happening at our wonderful school!

Uniform
Thanks to everyone who sent in feedback about our uniform. We will be investigating changes to our uniform next term.

Fees
Thankyou so much to ALL the families who have paid their school fees. We really appreciate these timely payments. Payments are due tomorrow. If you would like to arrange a payment option plan, then please contact the office staff. Your school fees have already covered school books, Science Discovery Show, Bullying Puppet Show and bus travel to the football clinic.

ICT User Policy
Throughout Term 1 a team of four students (Angus Cooper, Lily Adams, Zali Doolan and Georgina Symes) have been working on a mini-management project with Mr. Milsom. As part of the project, the students had to proofread and update our current ICT Acceptable Use Policy. These were then printed and handed out to all students in Grade 2-6. All children received the policy and a note that had to be signed by the student and parent. If you haven’t returned this yet, can you please do so tomorrow. If it has been misplaced, please contact the school and we can provide another copy. Congratulations to the four students on their efforts, as part of their project, was to also promote and lead online programs to combat cyber bullying. This was another successful action plan implemented by the Grade 5/6 students.

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**Staffing**
Mr Tim Smith will be taking long service leave for the first week of Term 2. We hope that Tim has a relaxing break.

**School Photos**
If you wish to order School Captain, House Captain, Junior School Council and Environmental Team photos please place your order at the office. The cost of these photos is $10 each and they are on display at the office.

**School Council**
Unfortunately our School Council meeting from last night has had to be postponed. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 22nd April at 6:30pm.

**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 8:00am 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. Breakfast will also be available to purchase after the walk, run and fitness activities. Should you wish to have breakfast, this will be an additional cost to individuals. We are negotiating with Healthy Together Mildura for there assistance in supporting us on the day. Get along, have some fun and we look forward to seeing you there.

**Photo Fundraiser**
On Friday 15th and Saturday 16th May we will be having a ‘Family Photo Day’ fundraiser. A flyer is coming home with today’s newsletter with all the details of costs and how to book.

**Cross Country**
On Thursday April 30th we will be holding our annual Cross Country, in which all students will compete in their grade level. All parents and families are invited to the cross country to watch the children run. Students can come dressed on the day in their house colours. The students have all practised running around the track that we use during their PE sessions.

**Woolworths Dominoes**
The Preps would love to have any unwanted Woolworths dominoes. If you have any spare could you please drop them off to Rooms 1 and 2.

**Chicks**
This week we got to hold and cuddle the chicks. The Environmental Team members were the first lucky ones to give them some love. Yesterday Penni took a few of the chicks around to the classrooms for everyone to see. They are very cute and growing really quickly.

**Pumpkins Required**
If you have any spare pumpkins at home could we please have them to feed our worms. We would like to give the worms enough food for the whole holidays. Thanks.

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**Energy Leadership Conference**
Last Thursday 10 students from Grades 5 and 6 attended a Leadership conference along with 6 other schools at St Joe’s Stadium. We learnt about the environment and how to be eco friendly and also about how to save energy. We had to present on how well our school’s environmental program was going and what we could do better. We took part in different activities about how to do things better. Altogether we had a fantastic day and learnt tons of new things.

Ruby, Bethany, Jayshree
Everyone from children to grandparents will have the opportunity to contribute to a major art installation at Mildura Arts Centre, with free poppy making workshops for The Remembrance Wreath project commencing on Tuesday 31 March.

Poppies are the official symbol of remembrance for those lost in War and as MAC commemorates the 100th Anniversary of the Great War, the external walls and grounds around the Rio Vista fountain will be transformed with poppies.

The Remembrance Wreath project will create one poppy for every local life lost during World War I.

No special creative skills are required to make the poppies, and MAC will supply all the materials. During the month of April, all visitors will be encouraged to make a poppy and add it to the wreath.

The workshops will run from 10:30am to 11:30am on Tuesday 31 March and Wednesday 1 April.

ISPS ANZAC DAY MEMORIAL WALL

This year we would like to make an ANZAC Day memorial wall where all the names of the service men and women who have served in any of the wars and who are family members of the Irymple South Primary School community can be written. If you would like any names to be included please email Mrs Milne by the end of Week 1, Term 2 (17th April) milne.aleisha.c@edumail.vic.gov.au

ISPY SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL
ANZAC DAY SERVICE

We would like to invite all families to help us commemorate ANZAC Day at our school ANZAC Day Ceremony.

This is a wonderful community event that we have commemorated for a number of years. The ceremony will be run by the students and will be as follows:
- Introduction by the student leaders.
- Junior School Council representatives from each class will lay wreaths.
- Poppies placed in memorial wall.
- A rosemary bush will be planted and watered by a Prep and a Grade 6 student.
- The ‘Ode of Remembrance’ will be read by a student.
- The Grade 2’s will sing ‘Lest We Forget’.
- 1 minute silence will be observed.

When: Friday April 24th at 10:45am
Where: School assembly area

We hope you can join us
In our Grade 5/6 classroom we have been looking at the rights and responsibilities of ourselves and others. From this learning we were given projects to work on in groups. Students from 5/6S and 5/6G, worked together in small groups on the project they were given.

The different types of projects were Lego, board games, lunch time sport, match box cars, teacher car wash, Paddle-Pop Friday for Junior School Council, healthy food kebabs for Grade 1s, environmental project on 15th street, creating the ICT acceptable user policy, journalism projects, reporting to the newsletter and bullying policy.

In doing some of these projects we have raised money for kids in poverty. We are faithfully donating the money to Oxfam and World Vision.

Tiah and Meika
Year 4/5/6 Tennis Championships

This week the grade 4, 5 and 6 students have had a knockout tennis championship at recess and lunchtime to finish off the unit we have been doing on tennis. We had 20 energetic grade 5/6 students put their name down to compete. For the championships students played modified rules on modified courts. Students who won their first round matches moved on into the second round. The second round saw the boy competitors cut down from 12 to 6, while the winning girl competitors went straight to semi finals. After round 2 the boys also progressed to semi finals. Both the boys and girls semi finals were tough matches with Paddy Hamilton defeating Declan Fisher to progress into the grand final. Keenan Wade also beat Declan and progressed through to play Paddy in the grand final. The girls’ semi final matches were won by two strong players, Julia Sherry and Lily Neagle.

Both grand finals were very exciting games with some long rallies and excellent skills on display. After a hard fought match in the boys’ grand final Paddy managed to overcome Keenan, even though Keenan staged a comeback late in the match, while Julia defeated Lily in the girls’ final with some tricky serving and strong ground strokes.

On Wednesday it was the year 4 students turn to hit a winner. We had 27 eager grade 4 students sign up to play. Both the girls and boys played two round games and then semi finals and a grand final. Vincent Piscioneri, Will Shore, Will Mitchem and Lachlan Adolph all won their way through to the semi finals. Both the boys’ semi finals were very close games with some fantastic tennis being played. Lachlan and Vincent both managed to win their tight matches to make the grand final show down. The grand final game was again a very well fought match with both players being impressed with their opponent’s shots, game play and sportsmanship. At the end of the match Lachlan just managed to overcome Vincent.

While in the girls semi finals Abby Warn, Lily Bruhn and Alicia Dalla Santa played each other to see who would make the grand final. All three girls showed wonderful sportsmanship throughout their games and never gave up on any point. Abby and Alicia both made it through to play off in the grand final. The girls’ grand final consisted of lots of long rallies with both Alicia and Abby playing some beautiful ground strokes. Alicia was the eventual winner due to some very strong volleying.

Well done to Mackenzie, Jack, Paddy, Julia, Lachlan, Alicia and all the students who competed in the tennis championships. All year 3, 4 and 5/6 winners will be presented with a certificate at assembly on Friday.

VOLLEYBALL

On Tuesday morning the year 5 and 6 students were treated to a volleyball clinic conducted by Paolo Mecci, an Italian professional volleyballer who is currently the junior volleyball program coordinator for Sunraysia Volleyball. The students had a fantastic time learning some of the fundamental skills of volleyball such as setting, passing and serving. The session finished with all students being involved in some mini modified volleyball matches. Thank you to Paolo and Sunraysia Volleyball for this wonderful clinic.

If students are interested in learning more about volleyball and Paolo is running free training sessions at St Joseph’s Stadium on Monday nights from 6pm to 7pm. Anyone is welcome to come and join in.

Sunraysia Volleyball 2015 Under 13’s Winter Competition
Where: St Joseph’s College Stadium
When: Wednesday nights, 5.30-6.30pm
From 23rd April 2015
Who: All Under 13’s welcome
Cost: $50 including Volleyball Victoria Registration
For more information contact Anthony Fox on 0437434509 or go to the website www.sunraysiavolleyball.com.au
16 Day Holiday Drawing Challenge

Bored? Got nothing to do? How about completing the 16 Day Holiday Drawing Challenge. There is a different challenge for each day of the holidays. Do them all or just a few. Bring your drawings to school next term and we can share them. If you don’t complete all the challenges, bring in what you have done.

Have fun, be creative and enjoy your holidays.

Mrs Lord

| Day 1 | Saturday 28th March | Trace around your hand and decorate it. You could use different LINES and COLOURS |
| Day 2 | Sunday 29th March | Draw one of your pets. Look at your pet and draw it’s PORTRIST. |
| Day 3 | Monday 30th March | Make a picture of the first thing that you eat or drink for the day. |
| Day 4 | Tuesday 31st March | Be inspired by a fairy tale or a nursery rhyme. |
| Day 5 | Wednesday 1st April | Draw someone famous. |
| Day 6 | Thursday 2nd April | Draw lots of overlapping CIRCLES. COLOUR them in with PRIMARY and SECONDARY colours. (Primary Colours: RED, YELLOW and BLUE) (Secondary Colours: ORANGE, GREEN and PURPLE) http://youtu.be/N8yuyekP_So |
| Day 7 | Friday 3rd April Good Friday | Fishing. Fill a page with fish. |
| Day 8 | Saturday 4th April | Create a page of things staring with E. |
| Day 9 | Sunday 5th April Easter Sunday | Make a picture about what happened today. |
| Day 10 | Monday 6th April | Use your favourite COLOUR and write your name! |
| Day 11 | Tuesday 7th April | Draw a grid and fill in the squares with all different things. |
| Day 12 | Wednesday 8th April | Look out the window and draw what you see! |
| Day 13 | Thursday 9th April | Make something small BIG. Fill the page with a study of a shell, an ant, a safety pin, a leaf.. |
| Day 14 | Friday 10th April | Loopy Doodle. These doodles always go the same way and always join up. Fill the page. |
| Day 15 | Saturday 11th April | Create a RAINBOW. (Red Orange Yellow Green Blue Indigo Violet) http://youtu.be/g2VdZa26LeY |
| Day 16 | Sunday 12th April | Show what you are most looking forward to in Term 2. |
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep R
Annelise Wilkie

Prep P
Cooper Campbell

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Shelby Winzler

1F
Logan Dick

2J
Hunter Stanbrook

2D
Piper Pedersen

3C
Billy Burford

3D
Sebastian Morello

4V
Will Mitchem

4/5C
Denika Arthur

5/6G
Ruby Cashin

5/6S
Maddison Smart

SCIENCE
Rueban Shirnack

ART
Monique Rowett

P.E.
Ollie Cooper

HOUSE CAPTAINS
Jesse Orsini

PRINCIPAL
Ruby Cashin
Shari Brown

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MARCH
Reba Hynam (24th)
Jenna Coppola (25th)
Harvey Pardon (26th)
Jai Lewis (27th)
Will Hayes (28th)
Jedd Anderson (29th)
Jessica Bertoli (31st)

APRIL
Sharon Branson (1st)
Conor Barker (2nd)
Georgia Topp (2nd)
Colby Geister (3rd)
Chloe Sheahan (4th)
Elana Howard (4th)
Bonnie Foreman (8th)

Old Fashioned Games

In Grade One, we have been learning about school and how it has changed over time. We have explored how the classroom has changed and compared it to our classroom now. Students also explored toys and games that were played in the past. As a celebration of our learning we invited family members to join us on Monday afternoon to play some old fashioned games. We had so much fun playing marbles, hopscotch, four square, sack races, quoits, elastics and skipping. We would like to thank all the parents and family members that came along and made our afternoon a great success.
Time to sign up to Premier’s Active April

Premier’s Active April is a FREE event that encourages all Victorians to do 30 minutes of physical activity a day during April.

You can register the whole family, create and join teams, discover events near you and win awesome prizes!

In addition to the state wide prizes and incentives there are a number local incentives and opportunities for registered participants.

- **Mildura WAVES family passes**: first 20 registered family teams
- **FREE Digital Skipping Rope**: first 400 people to present proof of registration at the Mildura Visitor Information Centre. (1 skipping rope per person registered, so don’t forget to register the whole family.)
- **$500 Mildura Region School Prize**: Register your child to put our school in the running to win a $500 SportsPower sports equipment voucher. For more information and to register visit www.healthytogethermildura.com.au/activeapril

Junior Sport

**Schedule Term 2 & 3, 2015**

Starts first week of Term 2

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**Age Groups**

- Little League
- Primary League
- Junior League

**Cost**

- Free to participate!
- **Free Digital Skipping Rope**: first 400 people to present proof of registration at the Mildura Visitor Information Centre.

For more information and to register visit www.healthytogethermildura.com.au/activeapril
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### SCIENCE DISCOVERY SESSION

Yesterday and today all the students participated in a Science session about electricity and magnets. There were hands on activities that highlighted the concepts that had been explained. At the end of each day ‘rockets’ were launched, which all students loved (especially when one rocket landed on the roof of the MPR!).