**NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

**Robyn Brooks**

**TODAY** 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. We hope that you have an enjoyable, safe and restful holidays.

**Term 2 commences on MONDAY 11th APRIL at 9:00am**

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**INFORMATION EVENINGS**

Over two weeks each year level will be holding an Information Evening. The first part of the evening will be held in the MPR during which the teachers will share what the students are learning and how they are learning. Then everyone will move to their rooms to experience and share the learning that is happening.

There will be two sessions (you attend just one)

5:00pm –5:45pm and 6:00pm-6:45pm.

- Preps: Monday 18th April
- Grade 1: Tuesday 19th April
- Grade 2: Wednesday 20th April
- Grade 3: Wednesday 27th April
- Grade 4: Thursday 28th April
- Grades 5 & 6: Tuesday 26th April

**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!


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.

As a celebration of ‘Active April’ we will be holding a Walk to School Day and Breakfast on Tuesday 3rd May.

**Staffing**

Mrs Renay Drendel-Arthur will be on long service leave for the first two weeks of Term 2. 3D will have Mrs Tammy Warn teaching them during
this period. We hope that Renay has a lovely break.

Easter Hat Parade
What a wonderful array of hats and dress ups there were this morning. There are some very creative people in our school community.

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.

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
Miss P looked gorgeous on her wedding day. Some of her students went along to see her. Donna will return at the beginning of Term 2 as Mrs M.

Easter Raffle
Our Easter Raffle has raised approximately $2900! What an outstanding effort. Congratulations to the following winners; Stace & Pam Fox, Prep C Korban Rivett & Charlotte Hocking, Prep P Bronte Dayman & Lilly Harmer, 1T Sadie Gordon & Max Bradshaw, 1F Amelia Petrolo & Sofia Tabacco, 2J Courtney Jack & Nathan Hansell, 2R Claire Jackson & Paul Devlin, 3D Piper Pedersen & Emma Norris, 3C Riley Porker & Jack Thompson, 4V Jackson & Harry Smith, 4R Jesse Orsini & Cooper Dalton, 5/6S Morgan Vadija & Will Shore, 5/6G Brittany Laskaj & Lashaye Farley, 5/6H Renay Drendel-Arthur, Staff

Thanks to all the parents that helped collate tickets, donate goods and wrap the baskets.

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 May 1st, 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 10:00am at Irymple South Primary for the registration of a 4km walk/run which will then be followed by a light fitness circuit that everyone can be involved in. The morning will finish with a bbq, where sausages and hamburgers will be available at minimal cost. The cost of the morning is $5 per person (all ages), where all proceeds will go to cancer research.

Get along, have some fun and we look forward to seeing you there. This event is proudly being organised by three of our captains, Ella, Maria and Zali.

Photo Fundraiser
On Saturday 14th May we will be having a ‘Family Photo Day’ fundraiser. Check out the flyer further on in the newsletter. For more information visit www.kidshot.com

Cross Country
On Thursday April 28th 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.

Meraki BYOD
It is really important that Meraki is installed onto all student’s devices. The Meraki system allows us to ‘push’ apps out to students in distribution groups and track a device, should it become misplaced. If you haven’t got Meraki on your child’s device, please speak with your child’s classroom teacher or see Mr. Milsom at the office.

R.I.
There will be NO R.I. class on the first Monday of Term 2, Monday 11th March.
In Grade One, we have just finished learning about living things! As a celebration of our learning, we have spent this week planting our very own vegie garden. We have recycled some old dip tins and have used those as part of our garden. Yesterday we were excited to go outside, get our hands dirty and plant many different vegetables including: lettuce, spring onions, bok choy, silver beet, beetroot and cabbage. We are looking forward to seeing our living things grow over the school holidays and in Term 2!

Ollie – I learnt that the soil needs to have lots of water before we can plant our plants.

Jordan – Today I wore some special gloves when I planted the cabbage.

Zoe – I planted some lettuce today and it was the green leaf lettuce. I can’t wait to see what they look like after the holidays.

Shane – Today I planted some lettuce and I can’t wait until the lettuce gets really big and we can eat it.

Lars – Today in our veggie garden, I planted some bok choy and it is from China. I also watered the tomato plant with our worm juice.

Brielle – I watered all of the new plants in our veggie garden.

Eliza – I planted the spring onions and I made sure they had enough water in the space I was planting them in.

Sadie – I planted some cabbage today and I also brought some strawberries to plant in the tins. They are growing really well.

Joel – Today I planted the beetroot in our garden. I also put some mulch on the plants to help them grow better.

Summer – Outside, I planted some cabbage and lettuce in the veggie garden. Next term, we will be able to eat our lunch around the veggie garden with the whole class.
Physical Education (Sport) Holiday Homework

Today every child brought home a note with their individual personal cross country goal on it. The goals have been set so that they are achievable with practice. This homework has been assigned to every student from grade prep to six, to keep them active over the holiday period and maintain the fitness we have been working on this term. It is also to prepare them for the school cross which will happen in week three next term.

Please assist your child with their goal by helping them to:

- Plot out a course where they can run/walk the distance indicated on their note (you can always train on the school cross country track)
- Time how quickly they complete the course
- Write it down on their times on their goal note

Students should aim for a minimum of four to five runs/walks over the holiday period.

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Students will need to bring back their completed goal note in Week 1 next term and hand it into their classroom teacher.

Thank you for your help with this.

Mrs Branson
Physical Education Teacher

EASTER HAT PARADE
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep C
Massey Keens
Prep P
Eva Puleio
1T
Jaxon Barone
1F
Ned Berry
2J
Olivia Marshall
2R
Jordan Tynan
3C
Mikael Ale
3D
Rueban Shirnack
4V
Sebastian Morello
4R
Lily Droffelaar
Tarliah Taylor
5/6H
Lashaye Farley
5/6S
Mia Mayne
5/6G
Lily Bruhn
ART
Harry Bottoms
PE
Archie Droffelaar
SCIENCE
Phoebe Garraway
PRINCIPAL
Lily Collins
Rueban Shirnack
Luca Burford

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MARCH
Renee Giddings (21st)
Jordan Stanbrook (22nd)
Lexi Johnstone (22nd)
Max Creek (24th)
Reba Hynam (24th)
Jenna Coppola (25th)
Harvey Pardon (26th)
Will Hayes (28th)
Jedd Anderson (29th)
Nerrilee Harmer (30th)
Kaleb Bertoli (31st)
Jessica Bertoli (31st)
APRIL
Sharon Branson (1st)
Conor Barker (2nd)
Colby Geister (3rd)
Geordie Blyth (4th)
Elana Howard (4th)
Chloe Sheahan (4th)
Bonnie Foreman (8th)
Thomas Sleep (10th)

HELP REQUIRED

Grade 4 are looking at helping a range
of charities next term, one being
‘Pinchapoo’. The charity helps those in
need, such as the homeless with the
toiletries we may receive free, when
staying in a motel or hotel. For more
information visit the website

If you are travelling in the holidays, please
give us a hand by ‘pinching’ the
shampoo, conditioner, soap and other
free toiletries from your hotel.

All items need to be unused and can be
sent to 4V in room 11 after the break.

Thanks for your help Grade 4
Environmental News

Front Garden
Thank you to our gardening group who met again today to discuss the proposed plans and organisation for the refurbishment of the school front garden area. We need donations of pots to use for propagation of our recycled plants and any unwanted rustic products ie old bikes, trikes, wagon wheels, boots, tea pots etc. that can be used in our garden areas.

Active April
It was great to walk around the school and see so many active and happy children in a playground this morning. Many students and family members were walking/running the cross country course at Morning Moves. The down ball courts were filled with teams of players enthusiastically playing down ball. The ovals were busy with football and soccer games; there were children playing chasey and lots of children on the playground. We are encouraging everyone to adopt an active lifestyle. If you are not already, why not start now – Register your family for Active April – So easy and so healthy and so much fun!!

Vegie Gardens
Preps and Year 1 planted up some of our vegie gardens this morning. They learnt about different vegetables and how they grow from a seed to a seedling. It will be exciting to come back after the holidays and see how much they have grown and look forward to cooking and eating their produce.
Irymple 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.
- 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 22nd at 10:45am
Where: School assembly area

We hope you can join us

ART HOLIDAY DRAWING CHALLENGE

Due to popular demand (thanks 4V!) here is another Art Challenge for the Easter holidays. You can do just one of the following challenges or all of them! Bring your completed art works to school at the beginning of next term.

Use your imagination, be messy, make mistakes, take risks and be creative!

_Mrs Lord_

- Design a useful machine
- Draw a furry animal
- Design an amazing roller coaster
- Draw a crazy garden
- Draw something with wings
- Design your dream car
- Design an outfit for a superhero
- Draw an ugly monster
- Draw a giant castle
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**Red Cliff Junior Tennis Coaching in the school holidays.**

All children are encouraged to join in our morning of Junior Tennis Development on Tuesday 5th April 2016.

**HOT SHOTS @$10 per child** - 8am to 10am - Suitable for children that would like to learn the basics of tennis. Racquets available. We will be using modified nets & balls. **Hot Shots tennis will be offered weekly in term 2 Tuesday's 8-10am. Please contact Lisa (Number below to make a booking/enquiry)**

Beginner Group @$12 - 10am-11.30am - Suitable for children who already know the basics of tennis and wish to further develop their skills. 1 hour coaching, 1/2 hour round robin tennis.

Intermediate/Advanced @ $15 - 11am-1pm - Suitable for children that have good general tennis skills, wanting to build their knowledge of the game. 1 hour coaching, 1 hour round robin tennis.

All bookings/enquiries: Community Play Coordinator, Lisa Hill 0400 726 824 nick_lisa@bigpond.com

Everyone Welcome!!!