



## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

We wish all a happy Father's Day. We hope that you find creative and unique ways to celebrate on Sunday.



We are all hoping for a positive message from the Premier on Sunday. Until we hear this announcement we can't plan for the future. We just need to be patient, we will get through this. Be kind to yourself, your family and your friends.

### Drink Bottles

Please ensure that your child brings a drink bottle to school each day. The bubble taps can't be used. Students can refill their bottles throughout the day.

### Parent/Teacher/Child Meetings

We would like to offer you and your child the opportunity to have a personal meeting with your child's teacher in Week 9 of this term.

We will provide times for all class teachers to meet online with parents and students on **Monday September 7<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday September 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday September 10<sup>th</sup> from 2.00pm – 5.20pm. Each meeting will be allocated 15 minutes.**

This meeting would involve your child, yourselves and your child's teacher and due to current restrictions will take place through your child's WebEx. It will be a chance to chat about how your child has been going during this period and their transition into what we hope will be onsite learning next term.

Bookings for these meeting are available through Xuno.

*Robyn*



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## Gratitude and Kindness

This week the students who attended school onsite created art to go on display at Oasis Aged Care in Irymple. The art will be displayed for the residents enjoyment.

Oasis Aged Care provided us with butterfly templates to decorate. Students in Prep to Grade 2 used texta, pencil and glitter to make beautiful butterflies. Some messages of support were written on the butterflies.

'Spoonville' is popping up all over the world. Characters are created by decorating wooden spoons. The spoons are then 'planted' in public areas for people to see. Our spoons are going to Oasis Aged Care.

Thinking of other's, showing gratitude for what we have and being kind helps our sense of wellbeing. Making something for someone else brings joy to both the giver and receiver. Our story can be found in today's Sunraysia Daily. A copy of the article is on the opposite page of the newsletter.



## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

### Prep G

Maddie Lewis

### Prep M

Patrick Mannes

### 1T

Elliott Loxton

### 1M

Noah Bennett

### 1C

Sawyer Gauci

### 2W

Katherine Van Reymersdael

### 2R

Sofia Mammone

### 2B

Allegra Giugno

### 3V

Shamus O'Farrell

Flynn Capp

### 3M

Mason Kuchel

### 4R

Elektra Zagar

### 4C

Julia Tabacco

Rory Lay

### 5A

Eleah Johns

### 5R

Ollie Cooper

### 6S

Harper Milsom

### 6H

Charlie Puleio

### Art

Evie Pender

### PE

Colby Geister

### Music

Holly Batchelor

## Happy Birthday

### SEPTEMBER

Maeli Kehl (1st)

Lily Collins (1st)

Giovanni Daniele (2nd)

Diesel Fallon (2nd)

Cale D'Ettorre (3rd)

Aydin Alic (3rd)

Cameron Brown (3rd)

Isabella McKinley (3rd)

Claudia Mammone (4th)







**LEFT:** Irymple South Primary School Grades 3-6 students with the spoons they decorated for Spoonville at Oasis Aged Care.



**BELOW:** Prep-Grade 2 students with the butterflies they drew.

# Spoonfuls of joy

By Lucy Bain

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IRYMPLE South Primary School has stirred up a fresh idea to help brighten up the days of aged-care residents.

Students working onsite this week made art for the residents of Oasis Aged Care, including decorating wooden spoons to create the aged-care home's own little "Spoonville".

Spoonvilles are popping up in parks, lawns and nature strips across the world, featuring

spoons decorated as characters of all kinds.

Art teacher Emma Lord found the Spoonville idea online and decided it would be a perfect way for students to bring joy to those hardest hit by the lockdown.

"We just thought we'd do something that wasn't about the kids – the kids were thinking of other people," Ms Lord said.

"It's important for the people who are in aged care, or anywhere where they're a bit more isolated, to know that other people are thinking of them, and not just

their family, but also for the kids to realise that there are other people out there who are struggling as much as they are."

Grade 3 to 6 students created spoon villagers, while students from Prep to Grade 2 decorated butterflies to adorn the indoor areas at Oasis Aged Care.

With most students studying at home due to coronavirus measures, Irymple South Primary School is focusing on wellbeing as they work towards the end of Term 3.

"For some of our kids, the

whole lockdown thing is affecting them in other ways," Ms Lord said.

"We're trying to do a bit more of a wellbeing week this week, talking about gratefulness and kindness. This fitted in with that."

Ms Lord hoped the children's art would bring a smile to the home's residents.

"It's just something for them to look at, something a bit brighter.

"We had a bit of a smile at some of the butterflies the kids had drawn and the spoons they created."

## VIRTUAL ZOO EXCURSION

On Wednesday the Grade 2 students participated in a virtual excursion at the Melbourne Zoo. There were a few technical difficulties but those who logged on enjoyed it. The students at school and at home participated. They learnt about the life cycles of animals: butterfly, Baw Baw frog and the wallaby. The students at school also enjoyed watching the 'live' streaming of animals provided by Zoos Victoria. The giraffes were the favourite.

<https://www.zoo.org.au/animals-at-home/>

