



WELCOME TO IRYMPLE SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL, 2021

A sincere welcome to all new and returning families. I look forward to a positive and exciting 2021. This newsletter contains all the important information about our school. Please refer to it throughout the year. Our weekly newsletter is a vital point of communication. Please read it each week. A copy is sent via XUNO, uploaded to our webpage and a link is posted on Facebook.

Staffing

I would like to officially introduce Mr Jamie Russell as our Assistant Principal. I look forward to working with Jamie and believe that his skills and expertise will allow our school to continue to excel in all areas of education.

I am also excited to announce Mrs Brooke Vadlja as our Learning Specialist. Brooke will use her years of experience to be part of the team that leads the staff to develop their teaching skills.



Welcome to New Staff

This year we welcome four graduate teachers to our school. Miss Laura Spagnolo, Miss Vivienne Parker, Miss Abbey Carpenter and Mr Spencer Douglas. We hope that they have a great start to their teaching career at ISPS.

Mrs Bonnie Lando has returned to work after taking maternity leave. We hope that she enjoys her return to work.

Welcome to our Prep Students

Our Preps have started their educational journey with great enthusiasm! They have had a great couple of days learning the letter 't', the number 4 and 5 and the word 'to'. They have met their Grade 6 buddies and had snack with them. The Preps will not be attending school on Wednesday during February. This will give them a chance to rest. The Preps first full week of school will commence on Monday 1st March



Welcome to New Students

This year we have some new students attending our school. We would like to welcome Archie Smith (1C), Mason Anderson (1M) and Susannah Chiswell (5A). We hope that they have a fantastic time at our school.



Be Your Best

Office: 50245345

Postal Address: P.O. Box 716, Irymple South 3498

Email: irymplesouth.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Web: www.irymplesouthps.vic.edu.au



School Photos

School Photos will be taken on *Tuesday 23rd February*. This year ordering will be online. NO order forms will be sent home. More information about how to order will be sent home soon.

Student Leadership

Our School Captains for 2020 are;

Eva Andronescu
Ollie Cooper
Annabelle Kennedy
Max Mannes

Our House Captains for 2021 are;

Dewry **Lucas Chiswell & Zoe Howard**
Campbell **Zoe Aldamiz & Alessio Mammone**
Newton **Pippa Anderson & Eadie Neagle**
McCracken **Max Bradshaw & Chase Russell**

Captains Badges

At the conclusion of 2020 our captains were announced for the 2021 year. Congratulations to those 12 students who were awarded these positions. Badges will be presented at assembly on Monday 1st February.

School Hours

9:00am	School Assembly (Mon & Fri)
9:00am – 10:50am	Session 1
10:50am - 11:05am	Snack to be eaten in classrooms
11:05am – 11:30am	Recess
11:30am – 1:20pm	Session 2
1:20pm – 1:35pm	Lunch to be eaten in classrooms
1:35pm – 2:10pm	Lunch
2:15pm – 3:15pm	Session 3
3.10pm	Bell for bus travellers
3.15pm	Dismissal

Term Dates 2021

Term 1	28th Jan - 1st April
Term 2	19th Apr - 25th June
Term 3	12th July - 17th Sept
Term 4	4th Oct - 17th Dec

Attendance

Regular school attendance is vital for your child's progress. All children need to attend school daily. The school teaching program starts promptly at **9:00am**, so we suggest that you make sure your child arrives about 20 minutes before this time to get themselves organised and have a chat with their friends. School finishes at 3:15pm, with bus travellers getting on their bus at 3:10pm. Please schedule any non-essential appointments outside these hours. We recommend that students are at school by 8:40am.

Late Arrivals & Early Departures

All parents / guardians must come via the office if they are dropping their child off after 9:00am, or if

they are picking their child up before 3.15pm. There is an iPad to sign students both in and out of school.

Absences

If your child is absent it is a requirement that a parent or guardian informs the school via Xuno, an email to the classroom teacher, message on SeeSaw or a phone call. If your child will be absent for an extended period please inform the class teacher or school before they leave.

Assembly

Each Monday and Friday whole school assemblies are held. Each week a different class is responsible for running the assembly. The national anthem is sung on Monday's assembly. Birthdays are celebrated on both days. 'Students of the Week' are presented with their certificates on Monday morning.

We will have our first assembly for 2021 on Monday. Parents are now allowed to attend our outside assemblies.

Students of the Week

Teachers recognise children who have made a special effort in class during the week by awarding them a 'Student of the Week' certificate. Each class teacher, specialist teacher and the principal give out an award each week. The 'Students of the Week' are announced in Friday's newsletter and awards are given out at Monday's assembly.

Specialist Programs

In 2021 we will have specialist programs, usually one hour per week, with specialist teachers in Visual Arts, P.E., Music and Science. The specialist programs provide students with the opportunity to explore and participate in creative and physical activities.

Lunchtime Programs

During lunchtime we provide both passive and active activities for all age groups throughout the year. These activities are run by staff and Grade 6 student leaders. Activities occur both inside and outside. The activities change each term and have included skipping, board games, Lego club, football and netball.

XUNO

We use Xuno as a communication tool for parents. Permission notes, Academic Reports, the Newsletter and Absences can all be done through Xuno. Please ensure that you are logged on! The school code is **2vyt1r**

SeeSaw

The SeeSaw app allows students to publish their work and show the learning that they have been doing. All curriculum areas will upload throughout the year as part of our ongoing assessment.

Newsletter

The newsletter is published weekly and distributed electronically on Friday through an email via Xuno. The newsletter provides all the information about our school and it is a vital point of call if you need to know anything. The newsletter is also uploaded to the website and a link posted on Facebook and Instagram'.

Social Media

The school community is kept up to date via Facebook. Our Facebook and Instagram pages are constantly updated and will have messages and alerts that are relevant at the time.

The website has links to our school policies, PDF copies of the newsletter and a list of upcoming events. www.iymplesouthps.vic.edu.au

Communication with the school

We value open lines of communication between home and school. If you have any issues, concerns or queries about your child, please do not hesitate to contact his/her teacher via Xuno or email. Feel free to pop in and make a time to discuss any matter.

Parental Involvement

We value and promote parental involvement in our school through a variety of different forums. Our newsletter, Facebook and Instagram pages, Xuno are vital mediums for advising parents of the workings of the school, upcoming events and for opportunities to offer your assistance.

Water Bottles

All children need to have a water bottle to use in the classroom and for outdoor lessons. Please don't freeze drink bottles or put cordial in them.

Healthy Lunch

It is important that children have healthy lunches and snacks at school. We encourage 'rubbish free' lunches to minimise the rubbish in our yard, promote sustainable practices and the waste of resources that are used to wrap food items. By using plastic containers you can help reduce the amount of rubbish brought to school.

Eating of Snack and Lunch

Snack is eaten in the classroom from 10:50am to 11:05am. Lunch is eaten inside between 1:20pm and 1:35pm.

Lunch Orders

The Iymple General Store will be supplying the school's lunch orders again this year. Lunch order days will be **WEDNESDAY** and **FRIDAY**. Lunch orders are now ordered through the Flexischools App. Download the app and create an account to order lunches.

Parent Payment 2021

School Council determines the school fees each year and approves the Parent Payment Policy as outlined by the Department of Education. At our recent School Council meeting it was determined that the parent payment cost for 2021 will be \$150. This cost covers all essential student learning items (for example: pens, pencils, iPad apps). Any extra non curriculum based programs (eg interschool sport) will incur a cost at the time of the event. Payment plans are available by direct depositing money into the following account with your child's name as the reference;

BSB: 063 520

Acc: 10104523

Camps Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) 2021

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please come in to the school office and ask for an application form.

You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page.

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office by the end of Term 1, Thursday 1st April.

Medication

If your child requires medication whilst they are at school, the medication needs to be taken to the office by the parent or guardian. The school can only administer medication if we receive it from an adult. Dosage and times need to be clearly labelled on the medication. Children should not have medication in their bag.

Medical Action Plan

If your child suffers from asthma, anaphylaxis or allergy, we require an action plan that has been filled in and signed by your doctor. This needs to be brought to the school office before the start of the school year. Medical alerts are communicated with all staff and we take these very seriously.

Calico Bags

Each student will be receiving a calico money bag at the start of the year. We will use the calico bag instead of envelopes and plastic money bags as they are environmentally friendly. Each year the calico bags will be reused.

We hope that you find the calico bags useful. It would be a great idea to always keep the calico bag in the front section of your child's school bag.

Extreme Weather

An extreme weather timetable will be enforced when the predicted temperature is 38°C or above. This decision will be made by the Principal or Assistant Principal.

If the day is declared an extreme weather day the following will occur;

- Children will go outside as normal at recess
- Lunches will be eaten inside during the usual class time (1:20pm – 1:35pm)
- Children be able to go outside from 1:35pm – 1:50pm
- Children will have to remain under the sail shades during their time outside
- Children will remain in their classrooms for the remaining 20 minutes
- Children will undertake quiet activities in their classrooms
- Children will be reminded to drink water regularly during the day

Parking

Please park safely at all times and follow the signs regarding parking in Belar Avenue and 15th Street. Please observe speed signs at all times and observe the crossing area rules. Ensure that you don't park where the buses park and leave plenty of room around the crossing.

After School Care

Stepping Stones Children's Services run an After School Care Program every afternoon from 3:15pm to 6:00pm each day at Irymple Primary School. If you require a place in the After School Care program please contact;
Stepping Stones Children's Services Person in Charge - Outside School Hours Care
PH: 1300665699

Information Updates

Please keep us informed about any changes to phone numbers, emergency contacts and addresses. If any details change please email these to Penni Williams so that they can be updated.
williams.penni.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Bus

As of Monday students will need to pay on the bus. The bus fare is \$1.20. If possible, please provide exact money if your child catches the bus. If you are considering using the bus to get to school, visit the Buslink website (<http://buslink.com.au/your-bus>

service/mildura/) scroll down to the section 'Getting to and from school', select Irymple South Primary school and view the routes and times of the buses to and from school.

House Sports Shirts

If you would like to order a House Shirt for this year, now is the time to do it!

Please note these **can not be bought off the shelf in the store, they are purely an online order.**

Orders can be placed until Friday March 5th. Once



again, please be aware that these are **online orders only** and are the same sizing as the school polo shirts.

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Program at ISPS

At Irymple South we have implemented a 1:1 learning program where each students will have access to a digital device to complete learning tasks. The preferred model at Irymple South is based on Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) where students bring their own iPads which are either purchased or leased directly by families.

Next week, you will receive 2 forms for signing via XUNO

1. BYOD Standards for Personal iPad Care – this needs to be signed if your child is bringing their own iPad. As in previous years, students without their own device will have access to school owned devices, however they will remain at school.
2. Acceptable User Agreement – this needs to be signed by all parents as it is a commitment to using all technology at school in a safe and responsible way.

In 2021 we will be continuing our connection with MOSYLE School Manager as our management hub. This is the hub that distributes all the apps and allows our students safe access in a controlled environment.

Prep Parents – The Prep Teachers will be in direct communication regarding the connection to our MOSYLE Hub

Grade 1-6 Parents – Each of the children should already be signed up from 2020. Classroom teachers will be managing this.

Staff 2021

Our current staffing is as follows:

Principal	Ms Robyn Brooks	(Robyn.Brooks@education.vic.gov.au)
Assistant Principal	Mr Jamie Russell	(Jamie.Russell@education.vic.gov.au)
Learning Specialist	Mrs Brooke Vadlja	(Brooke.Vadlja@education.vic.gov.au)

Our classroom teaching staff for 2021 are:

Prep G	Mrs Eryn Gee	Room 5	(Eryn.Gee@education.vic.gov.au)
Prep S	Miss Laura Spagnolo	Room 6	(Laura.Spagnolo@education.vic.gov.au)
Prep M	Mrs Aleisha Milne	Room 7	(Aleisha.Milne@education.vic.gov.au)
1C	Mrs Kate Cardew	Room 3	(Kate.Cardew@education.vic.gov.au)
1M	Mrs Katelyn Matthews	Room 4	(Katelyn.Matthews@education.vic.gov.au)
2W	Mrs Tammy Warn	Room 15	(Tammy.Warn@education.vic.gov.au)
2S	Mrs Paige Stephens	Room 16	(Paige.Stephens@education.vic.gov.au)
2B	Mrs Karina Bozzi	Room 17	(Karina.Bozzi@education.vic.gov.au)
3V	Mrs Brooke Vadlja	Room 12	(Brooke.Vadlja@education.vic.gov.au)
3P	Miss Vivienne Parker	Room 13	(Vivienne.Parker@education.vic.gov.au)
3T	Miss Monique Theunissen	Room 14	(Monique.Theunissen@education.vic.gov.au)
4R	Miss Shanae Rose	Room 1	(Shanae.Rose@education.vic.gov.au)
4C	Mrs Carmel Casale	Room 2	(Carmela.Casale@education.vic.gov.au)
5A	Mr Shannon Allen	Room 8	(Shannon.Allen@education.vic.gov.au)
5R	Miss Abbey Carpenter	Room 9	(Abbey.Carpenter@education.vic.gov.au)
6S	Mr Tim Smith	Room 10	(Tim.Smith@education.vic.gov.au)
6H	Miss Lauren Hepworth	Room 11	(Lauren.Hepworth@education.vic.gov.au)

Our part time teaching staff will provide a variety of support and specialist programs. Our specialist and support teachers in 2021 are:

Mrs Sharon Branson	P.E.	(Sharon.Branson@education.vic.gov.au)
Mr Spencer Douglas	Science	
Mrs Renee Giddings	Classroom Support	(Renee.Giddings@education.vic.gov.au)
Mrs Bonnie Lando	Classroom Support	(Bonnie.Lando@education.vic.gov.au)
Mrs Emma Lord	Art	(Emma.Lord@education.vic.gov.au)
Mrs Nadine McWilliams	Music	(Nadine.McWilliams@education.vic.gov.au)
Mrs Stacey McDermott	Prep	(Stacey.McDermott@education.vic.gov.au)

Our Education Support staff for 2021 are:

Ms Sharon Welsh	Business Manager	(Sharon.Welsh@education.vic.gov.au)
Ms Penni Williams	Admin/Support	(Penni.Williams@education.vic.gov.au)
Mrs Kerri Retallick	Classroom Support	(Kerri.Retallick@education.vic.gov.au)
Ms Olivia Ferguson	Classroom Support	(Olivia.Ferguson@education.vic.gov.au)

School email address: irymplesouth.ps@education.vic.gov.au

ISPS UNIFORM

Our school uniform is available from Laser Signs and Print. They are located at 3A Andriske Court Mildura. The shop will also be open on the first Saturday of each month from 9:00am –12:00pm. Uniforms can be purchased online. Follow the directions below:

- www.lasersp.com.au
- Online Store
- Schools
- Irymple South Primary

Our uniform consists of;

Boys

- Shoes: black and enclosed –must be safe and supportive for active play
- Socks: grey or white
- Bottoms: grey school shorts or long pants (eg. cargo pants)
- Shirt: grey/green short sleeved polo, grey/green long sleeved polo
- Jumper: green polar fleece
- Jacket: green spray jacket

Girls

- Shoes: black and enclosed –must be safe and supportive for active play
- Socks: grey or white
- Bottoms: grey pants, grey school shorts or skorts with grey tights
- Shirt: grey/green short sleeved polo, grey/green long sleeved polo
- Dress: grey checked cotton dress
- Jumper: green polar fleece
- Jacket: green spray jacket
- Hair accessories: must be green in colour (eg. green ribbon)

Hat

- Bucket hat (in accordance with ISPS Sun-Smart policy)

School Bag

- Green with printed school logo

It is expected that all students make every effort to wear full school uniform every day.

House Shirts

House shirts can be worn on whole school sports days and on other days nominated throughout the year. House shirts can only be ordered at specific times throughout the year. Our current order closes on Friday 5th March.

Hats

All children are required to wear school bucket hats in the school yard at all times from September 1st through to April 30th. If a student does not have a hat they must sit under the shade outside their class door or sit in the Assembly Area. Our school actively supports Sunsmart policies. School hats are available to purchase at the office.

Stuck on You Labels

Please ensure that you name all items that come to school. We receive 20% from all sales of 'Stuck on You' labels. Use the code IRYMPLESOUTHPS at checkout.



FUNDRAISE
for us with
stuckonyou

WE ARE RAISING FUNDS FOR
Irymple South PS

HOW TO ORDER

- 1 Go to www.stuckonyou.com.au
- 2 Place your order
- 3 Enter fundraising code at the checkout for the commission to be sent to the fundraiser

OUR FUNDRAISING CODE
IRYMPLESOUTHPS

Any questions? Please call 1800 645 849
Shop online www.stuckonyou.com.au

100% GUARANTEED QUALITY

stuckonyou

Happy Birthday

JANUARY

Macey Currie (1st)
 Kobie Parker (3rd)
 Pippa Anderson (3rd)
 Nardia Sirgunas (4th)
 Cassie Van Schaik (4th)
 Max Mannes (5th)
 Ahvius Johnson (6th)
 Elektra Zagar (6th)
 Orlando Memery (10th)
 Jamie Russell (11th)
 Israel Milne (13th)
 Joel Garlick (13th)

Ivanna Pardo (14th)
 Meadow Wright (14th)
 Anthony Warne (15th)
 Sebastian Topp (16th)
 Xavier Topp (16th)
 Jimmy Milsom (17th)
 Evie Piscioneri (19th)
 Ruby Hensgen (20th)
 Lorenzo Campisi (20th)
 Kate Cardew (22nd)
 Kylah Sutton (23rd)
 Chase Russell (23rd)
 Emily Hocking (25th)
 Freya Livingston (26th)

Kerri Retallick (27th)
 Winnie Anderson (29th)
 Levi Geister (29th)
 Bronte Dayman (29th)
 Noah Carn (30th)
 Lara McKinley (30th)
 Monique Theunissen (31st)



CALENDAR 2021, Term 1

Week	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
FEBRUARY	1	2	3 Prep Rest Day	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10 Prep Rest Day	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17 Prep Rest Day	18	19	20	21
	22	23 School Photos	24 Prep Rest Day	25	26	27	28
MARCH	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8 Labour Day Public Holiday	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30	31	1 End of Term 1	2 Good Friday	3	4 Easter Sunday

2021 DATES

Term Dates 2021

Term 1 28th Jan - 1st April
 Term 2 19th Apr - 25th June
 Term 3 12th July - 17th Sept
 Term 4 4th Oct - 17th Dec

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2021

Australia Day - Tuesday 26th January

Labour Day - Monday 8th March

Good Friday - Friday April 2nd

Easter Monday - Monday April 5th

Anzac Day - Sunday 25th April

Queen's Birthday - Monday 14th June

Cup Day - Tuesday 2nd November

School Photos

School Photos will be taken on *Tuesday 23rd February*.

PRIVACY COLLECTION STATEMENT – Primary Schools

Information for parents and carers

During the ordinary course of your child's attendance at our school, school staff will collect your child's personal and health information when necessary to educate your child, or to support your child's social and emotional wellbeing or health in the school context. Such information will also be collected when required to fulfil a legal obligation, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law. If that information is not collected, the school may be unable to provide optimal education or support to your child, or fulfil those legal obligations.

For example, health information may be collected through the school nurse, primary welfare officer or wellbeing staff member. If your child is referred to a specific health service at school, such as a Student Support Services officer, the required consent will be obtained. Our school also collects information provided by parents and carers through the School Entrance Health Questionnaire (SEHQ) and the Early Childhood Intervention Service (ECIS) Transition Form.

Our school may use online tools, such as apps and other software, to effectively collect and manage information about your child for teaching and learning purposes, parent communication and engagement; student administration; and school management purposes. When our school uses these online tools, we take steps to ensure that your child's information is secure. If you have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact us.

School staff will only share your child's personal or health information with other staff who need to know to enable the school to educate or support your child, or fulfil a legal obligation.

When our students transfer to another Victorian government school, personal and health information about that student will be transferred to that next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of our students and assists that next school to provide optimal education and support to students.

In some limited circumstances, information may be disclosed outside of the school (and outside of the Department of Education and Training). The school will seek your consent for such disclosures unless the disclosure is allowed or mandated by law.

Our school values the privacy of every person. When collecting and managing personal and health information, all school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law. For more information about privacy including about how to access personal and health information held by the school about you or your child, see our school's privacy policy: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx>

Throughout this notice, 'staff' includes principals, teachers, Student Support Service officers, youth workers, social workers, nurses and any other allied health practitioners and all other staff at our school. This includes employees, agents and service providers (contractors) of the Department, whether paid or unpaid.

HOOKIN2 HOCKEY

HOOKIN2HOCKEY IS A BEGINNERS PROGRAM FULL OF FUN AND GAMES!

CLUB: Sunraysia Hockey Association

HIN2H CENTRE: Eleventh Street, Gate C Old Aerodrome ovals, Mildura, VIC, 3500

PROGRAM 1: Wednesday, 17 February 2021, 6:00:00 PM

PROGRAM 2: Saturday, 20 February 2021, 9:00:00 AM

CONTACT NAME: Jane Finch

CONTACT NUMBER: 0429 143 332

CONTACT EMAIL: sunraysiahockey.junior@gmail.com

PRICE: \$60



FIRST SESSION IS FREE! CALL OR EMAIL FOR DETAILS! ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED

**TO REGISTER GO TO
HOOKIN2HOCKEY.COM.AU**

Victorian Chief Health Officer message to Victorian schools and their communities

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back the Victorian school community in 2021.

Following an incredible effort by students, staff, teachers, parents and carers last year, Victorian schools are well placed to safely commence the new school year. Schools will return to a largely normal program of activities, including welcoming parents and other vital members of the school community back into their grounds.

Throughout the pandemic, Victorian schools have rapidly adapted and successfully implemented measures to reduce the risk of coronavirus (COVID-19) transmission in school environments. By embedding COVIDSafe principles in all its operations and reinforcing good behaviours throughout 2020, schools have created safe spaces, and are in a strong position to quickly respond to any coronavirus (COVID-19) risks that may emerge.

Given the current very low risk of coronavirus (COVID-19) transmission in the community, continued high rates of testing, wastewater monitoring, and continued observance of health and safety measures in schools; those with medical vulnerabilities or their carers can feel reassured that they can safely return to working and learning on site.

While we have seen outbreaks emerge over the summer break, we have also witnessed our capacity to respond quickly to limit the impact of these outbreaks. Should community cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) increase again, I am confident that with COVIDSafe plans in place, alongside our ability to quickly identify and respond to cases – schools remain safe places for all staff and students. I also continue to be reassured by evidence that children are less impacted by the virus and are less likely to develop severe illness.

It is crucial, however, for everyone to remain vigilant – to stay home when unwell, get tested, perform regular hand hygiene, wear a mask when required and maintain physical distancing from others when practical. Schools should consider how they can continue to pursue strategies that contribute to reduced transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Schools and parents continue to have an important role to promote and ensure testing when a child or staff member has any symptoms, no matter how mild, and then stay home. Getting tested and staying home until results are known, remains critical to limiting community transmission.

Adj Clin Prof Brett Sutton

Victorian Chief Health Officer