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LIMIT
'SOMETIMES'
FOODS



STRIDE AND
RIDE

UNIFORM SHOP

Tuesday

2.45 – 3.15 p.m.

Friday

8.40 – 9.10 a.m.



Wednesday, February 6, 2019



2019

Monday, February 11

Wednesday, February 13

Monday, February 18

Monday, February 25

Wednesday, February 27

Tuesday, March 5

Thursday, March 7

Monday, March 11

Monday, April 1

Friday, April 5

Tuesday, April 23

Parent/Teacher Information Sharing 3.15 – 6 p.m.

Student School Banking program commences

School Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

Preps commence full time (3 p.m. finish)

SSVWD Swimming Carnival

School photos

Year 3 – 6 Cross Country

Labour Day (Public Holiday)

Prep – Year 2 Cross Country

Last day Term 1, **2.30 p.m. finish**

First day Term 2, 8.50 a.m. start

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the 2019 School Year



Welcome back to all families and a very special welcome to our new students and their families – you are now part of our Red and Blue Family. We currently have approximately 760 students in 32 classes so the average class size is approximately 24 students per grade. I am very pleased to report that all of our children seemed to have settled very well indeed and I thank staff for their efforts in preparing so thoroughly for the commencement of the school year. My particular thanks to our maintenance man Mr Steve Rush for preparing the buildings and grounds so well for our

staff and students' return.

As usual, during the holidays, we have had our landscapers and the company responsible for the ongoing maintenance of our adventure play equipment being very busy ensuring that our school grounds are maintained to the usual high standard of appearance and safety. Some of this work is partly paid for by our various school fundraising events held each year and it is great to see this money being put to good use for our school community. Special thanks to all of those families who helped to make our Christmas raffle so successful at the end of last year. Thanks to the parent volunteer organisers, to all of those who bought or sold tickets and to the generous local businesses who donated so many of the prizes. The raffle raised a total of approximately \$4,300.

Pupil Free Days

Each Victorian government school is entitled to four pupil free days per year. The first one for every school this year was Tuesday, January 29 and the other three are determined by the school. This year we had our second pupil free day on Wednesday, January 30 and the remaining two for 2019 will be: **Thursday, June 27** and **Monday, November 4**

Our Canteen Needs Your Help

We are one of the very few schools still operating our own canteen providing lunches and snacks for our children five days per week. Our canteen also provides the very valuable service of managing our 'Kids & Fruit' program, providing a high quality piece of fruit for every child every day.

Our canteen is always in need of volunteer helpers.

If you can spare a few hours one day per week or even one day per fortnight *please* contact our school office or Lisa Stumpo in our canteen. No experience, special skills or training is required as the paid manager is a qualified chef and holds all required food-handling certificates.



Parent/Teacher Information Exchange

A reminder that our teaching staff will be available on **Monday, February 11** from **3.15 – 6.00 p.m.** to meet with parents who would like to pass on information to their child's teacher that may help the teacher better understand and cater for their child(ren).

If you would like to make an appointment with any one of our 'specialist' teachers who teach The Arts, Physical Education, Science or Digital Technology, please contact the school on ☎ 9741 2803 so that an appointment time can be arranged.

In addition to the parent/teacher interviews offered twice per year, Iramoo parents also receive a *year level newsletter* for each child during the first full fortnight of each term. These newsletters contain specific information about the curriculum covered each term and any special events or activities applicable to each year level. Please look for these informative newsletters at the beginning of each term as they also contain information about how you can help and support your child's learning.

Extreme Weather

Please note that *children are never sent home early from school* without parent permission or without being collected/signed out by an authorised adult.



When weather is extreme, we modify our activities at school but classes are not dismissed before 3 p.m. If the weather is very hot as it often is in February, some parents may wish to collect their child(ren) from school early. On the very hot days, 12.30 p.m. is an ideal time to collect children so that they can be signed out from the office before they go out to play. Please note that all of our classrooms are air-conditioned.



Student Leadership

Our students are offered a number of opportunities each year to take up positions of leadership within the school, the most significant of these being School Captains. Congratulations to Alice Di and Zak Finocchiaro on their appointments to School Captains and to Krish Kotian and Michael Alhadweh who will be our Vice Captains. In the coming weeks our Grade 6 students will decide on our 2019 House Captains.

Congratulations also to the following students who have been appointed to our 2019 Junior School Council: Mason Eichler and Elisha Cronin – Year 3, Oliver Zilm and Lily Dryburgh - Year 4, Thomas Wah and Vaidehi Vachhani – Year 5.

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) is again available to families with a current health care/concession card and will provide \$125 per child per annum (\$225 for secondary students). The CSEF will automatically be directed to the school and can be used for student activities such as camps, sport, excursions and visitors to the school such as our annual Performing Arts production. Unlike its predecessor, the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA), the CSEF cannot be used for uniforms, books, computers, school photos etc.

If you hold a current health care/concession card, you have access to the CSEF from the first day of this term. Please ensure that we have a copy of your card **as soon as possible** as applications will be processed from our office. Information from the Department of Education & Training regarding the CSEF is available at www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Personal Goods Brought to School

All Principals are asked by the Department of Education & Training to annually remind parents, students and staff that private property brought to school is not insured and that DET accepts no responsibility for loss or damage.

Please note that students must not bring their own electronic games, 'gadgets', computers/tablets, cameras or mobile phones to school.

Student Accident Insurance

Principals have also been asked to remind parents that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for their own children and this includes transport costs.

The Department is aware of a number of insurers including JUA Underwriting Agency Pty Ltd, EBM Insurance Brokers Pty Ltd and JLT Pty Ltd who provide accident insurance policies for students. These policies provide cover for a reasonably low cost for students who are injured in accidents. Other insurers may also do so.

Kids & Fruit

Our Kids & Fruit program will resume for students in Years 1 to 6 on Monday, February 11. The cost remains unchanged at 30 cents per day / \$1.50 per week / \$15 per term. Prep students will be included in this program from the beginning of Term 2.



The Passing of Mr Alan Crilly

Early in January, I received a telephone call from Mrs Margaret Crilly to tell me that her husband Alan who had been Principal of Iramoo from 1992 until 1997 very sadly passed away on January 3. Mr Crilly is remembered very fondly by some of our long-serving staff and by many members of our wider school community. We have extended our sincere sympathy to the Crilly family.

Moira Findlay

COMMUNITY NOTICES



'we make kids smile'

Iramoo BEFORE School Care / AFTER School Care Program

Hours are 7 - 8.45 a.m. and 3 - 6 p.m.

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