



# NEWSLETTER



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## UNIFORM SHOP

Tuesday

2.45 – 3.15 p.m.

Friday

8.40 – 9.10 a.m.

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

**PUPIL FREE DAY  
FRIDAY, MARCH 10**



Monday, February 27  
Wednesday, March 1  
Tuesday, March 7  
Thursday, March 9  
**Friday, March 10**  
**Monday, March 13**  
Monday, March 20  
Monday, March 27  
Friday, March 31  
Tuesday, April 18

Preps commence full time (**3 p.m. finish**)  
Sport Victoria Werribee District (SSVWD) Swimming Carnival  
Grades 3 – 6 Cross Country  
School photos  
**Pupil Free Day**  
**Labour Day (Public Holiday)**  
School Council Meeting, 7 p.m.  
Grade Prep – 2 Cross Country  
Last day Term 1, 2.30 p.m. dismissal  
First day Term 2, 8.50 a.m. start

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### Social Skills Program at Iramoo

This year we will continue to be very proactive in the teaching and promotion of appropriate social skills at all year levels in our school. Most people who visit our school or come into contact with our students on camps, excursions, sports etc. comment on their excellent manners and positive relationships and our staff work very hard to maintain these positive social skills.

The effect of this work is reflected in our excellent level of student attendance which has been better than state average for almost 10 years.

Our School Values are:

#### RESPECT:

*To treat ourselves, others and belongings with consideration. To appreciate individual differences and opinions.*

#### RESPONSIBILITY:

*To be accountable for one's own actions. To know that your actions can effect yourself and others.*

#### RELATIONSHIPS:

*To 'get along' with other people in a variety of situations.*

In keeping with these values, our school community has developed a list of the *absolute minimum* standards of behaviour accepted at Iramoo. This list is known as our 'Top 10 Not Negotiable Social Skills' and we have included a copy of the list in this newsletter for you to display and reinforce at home.

Teachers in all grade levels will explain, teach, model and reinforce these skills throughout the term, beginning this week with:

- Behave safely and keep your feet and hands to yourself and
- Treat others as YOU would like to be treated, in person and online.

These are being followed up next week with:

- Use a person's name and make eye contact when speaking to them and
- Speak to adults (and everyone else) with respect.

Your assistance in reinforcing these skills at home will be greatly appreciated. If you would like an additional copy or a laminated copy of the 'Not Negotiables', please contact our office and we will be pleased to provide one.

#### School Council

The School Council two year term of office for parent representatives Mr Chris Bowen, Mrs Cath Furphy, Mr Andrew Tweedley and Mr Nathan Trembath expires this week and I would sincerely like to thank each of them for their work and support of our school.

Nominations are now invited for these four positions. Nomination forms are available from our office and must be received by **4 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22.**

## Student Leadership

Our Grade 6 students have elected their house captains and vice captains for 2017. Congratulations to:

### House Captains

Lily Unstead, Destini Elliot-Damon (Red – Hughes)  
Fayzan Abdul Sathaar, Joleen Alhadweh (Blue – Freeman)  
Gabby Vakaloloma, Daniel Brnada (Green – Lewis)  
Zander Jolley, Claire Marshall (Yellow – Gaze)

### Vice House Captains

Noah Finocchiaro, Edina Ahmeti, Tyler Evans, Kashish Sharma,  
Emily Zammit, Aicha El Habti Ehdiouid, Grace Sebzda, Zac Willet

Congratulations also to:

### Flag Monitors

Levanah Solomona, Christina Pantelidis,  
Matthew Wilkinson-Barrons, Addison Bishop-Worn, Jessica Wood

## Emergency Contact via SMS

The Department of Education & Training has provided facilities for families to be contacted via SMS in case of an emergency. Please ensure that our office has at least one current mobile phone number for your family and please also notify our office staff if you wish to 'opt out' of the emergency SMS contact system.

## Congratulations Girls

Our staff have been very excited to follow the progress and achievement of two of our ex-Iramoo students currently playing in the AFL Women's league. Keep your eye on Aliesha Newman (Melbourne Demons) and Stacey Barr (Fremantle Dockers).



## Twitter



Our school has a Twitter account that is used for news and reminders about school activities. Parent followers have particularly appreciated having photo updates of school camps, excursions and special activities. You can become a follower @IramooPS

## Seeing Eye Dogs Australia (SEDA) Update



• On Friday, February 3 we took 'delivery' of Seeing Eye dog puppy number four – a very beautiful 8 week old black Labrador called Jessie. She has enjoyed her time at school so far, mostly sleeping, playing and being cuddled by everyone who sees her. When Jessie is a bit bigger she will go out into the yard from time to time, with her special Seeing Eye Dog coat on.

- Last week we were contacted by the SEDA trainer who is currently working with our 2016 puppy Wyann. The news was very positive and the trainer reported "Wyann is settling in well; a lovely dog with excellent obedience training. Not perfect but very 'trainable' and responsive to the handler".

**Moira Findlay**

## PERFORMING ARTS

This year the A'Cappella group will be replaced by a school rock group. The group will consist of at least one of each of the following: a guitarist, bass guitarist, drummer, keyboard player and vocalist. We aim for the band to play the national anthem at our morning assembly, a number of songs at our Christmas Carols as well as other festivals, events or assemblies. I am looking for any student who is able to play any of the instruments listed above (or any other instrument) or who can sing well. Any student from Grade 1 to 6 is eligible to audition. If you think your child has the ability to be part of the group, please encourage him/her to audition in the Performing Arts room at lunchtime during the next 2 weeks or audition in front of their class during their Performing Arts lessons.



**GREG PACKHAM, PERFORMING ARTS TEACHER**

## ACTIVE TRAVEL

Tuesday, February 7 marked our first Active Travel Day for 2017. Active travel aims to promote healthy living amongst all members of our school community and will be held every Tuesday of this term. Iramoo students made a fantastic start with 216 walkers and 74 cyclists participating on the day. The most active class in the school was 6DW with 65% of the class either walking or riding to school. Each week two students will be drawn from our lucky barrel to receive an active travel prize and the first winners of the 2017 were Connor Elliot-Damon (4CP) and Sebastian Downey (5LA). Keep up the active travel and remember if you travel by car, 'part way is okay'.

**ALISTER MURNANE, ACTIVE TRAVEL CO-ORDINATOR**

## CANTEEN ROSTER FOR WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2017

Monday	Rachael, Allison
Tuesday	Catherine, Sifa
Wednesday	Rae, Mia
Thursday	Lindsey, Alma
Friday	Joanne, Joyce, Tania, Chantelle



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### To the Community of Iramoo Primary School

Thank you for your generous gift at Christmas 2016 of the presents under your Helping Hands Christmas Tree and the cheque from your casual clothes day gold coin donations.

These wonderful gifts were given to many families who were so blessed knowing they could never have afforded these gifts for their children themselves.

*Wyndham City Church*

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

#### WYNDHAMVALE PHARMACY, 127 BALLAN ROAD, WYNDHAMVALE ☎ 9742 4111

Generous contributors to Iramoo Primary School student health/welfare. Please support this local business whenever you have the need for a pharmacy and don't forget to mention that you are from Iramoo Primary School.

#### MANOR LAKES FUN RUN/WALK – SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2017

To be held at Chirside Park, Werribee. Walk distances 4 & 8km, run distances 5 & 10km. For more information or to register go to [www.wyndhamfunrun.org](http://www.wyndhamfunrun.org)

**FREE JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE CLINIC - WERRIBEE BEARS RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB**, Haines Drive, Wyndham Vale. Free clinic for children 5 - 10yrs old to try rugby league! Wednesdays, March 8, 15 and 22 at 5:30 p.m.



Please contact Tiahnee on ☎ 0410 273 697 or message the Werribee Bears Facebook page if you have any questions.

#### WERRIBEE HOCKEY CLUB – HOCKEY PLAYERS WANTED



Werribee Hockey Club is seeking players for season 2017. We have teams for juniors, seniors and masters and are located at Presidents Park. For more information email [info.werribeehc@gmail.com](mailto:info.werribeehc@gmail.com) or check out our website at [www.werribeehockeyclub.com.au](http://www.werribeehockeyclub.com.au) or find us on Facebook!



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#### **Instrumental Lessons Now Available**

Enrol online @ [genesismusicschool.com.au](http://genesismusicschool.com.au)



#### **Did you know that Music :**

Develops mind, hand & eye co ordination  
Enhances listening skills  
Improves self esteem  
**Is fun!**

*5% Discount to Parents wishing to enrol more than 1 child.*

Enrolment forms are available from the School Office or contact Genesis Music School direct on 0421 426 674.



Scan QR code to go direct to website.



**'we make kids smile'**

**Iramoo BEFORE School Care / AFTER School Care Program**

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

For more information contact Fran on ☎ 9731 0554,

☎ 1300 105 343 or [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)

## SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2017

### *What is a school council and what does it do?*

Every government school in Victoria has a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within state-wide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

### *Who is on the school council?*

For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- **A mandated elected Parent category** – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education & Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not employed at the school.
- **A mandated elected DET employee category** – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- **An optional Community member category** – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members. Iramoo has one member in this category.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections. We have three vacancies for parent members this year.

### *Why is Parent membership so important?*

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

### *How can you become involved?*

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider:

- Standing for election as a member of the school council.
- Encouraging another person to stand for election.

### *Do I need special experience to be on school council?*

**No.** What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

### *What do you need to do to stand for elections?*

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the Principal by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations are closed.

### *Remember*

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do.
- Consider standing for election to council this year.
- Be sure to vote if there is an election.

## STUDENT DRESS CODE

### Rationale:

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to provide a sense of belonging and pride of association in students of Iramoo Primary School. The Dress Code promotes the safety and security of students by allowing for the ready identification of students as belonging to our school. Equality is fostered by a Dress Code common to all.

### Aims:

- To promote equality among all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.
- To ensure all students are dressed safely and appropriately for school.

### Implementation:

- **School uniform is compulsory.**
- The School Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when on school excursions.
- **School uniform colours are royal blue and most items can be purchased from the school uniform shop.**
- The Iramoo Primary School Uniform Order Form gives the full list of items available, all of which are 'unisex' and can be worn by both boys and girls.
- School logo displayed on polo shirts and windcheaters / bomber jackets is preferred.
- The school summer dress has royal blue and red checks on a white background with a white collar and cuffs. It has an adjustable belt at the back, white buttons down the front and is A-line in style. It can only be purchased at Rushford's in Watton Arcade, Werribee.
- Preferred colour for socks is white or blue.
- The winter tunic / skirt is royal blue and red tartan on a navy background. The skirt has two pleats in the front and two in the back and the 'bib' is detachable.
- Tights and skivvies may be worn with the winter tunic and must either be white or royal blue.
- Long sleeve tops must not be worn under polo shirts.
- Tights or leggings must not be worn with a summer dress.
- Trousers / pants worn with windcheaters or polo shirts must be royal blue in colour. Denim is **not** acceptable.
- Uniform for interschool sports competition is royal blue shorts / sports briefs / red netball skirts and royal blue polo shirt unless otherwise stated e.g. football jumpers are provided.
- Netball skirts are for inter-school sports only and not acceptable uniform for regular school wear.
- Shoes must be comfortable, practical and appropriate to the weather. No thongs or open toe sandals.
- Exemption from uniform is available for 'special occasions' e.g. dress up days, casual clothes days, camp etc. (Open toed shoes are not acceptable)
- Children must wear broad brimmed or legionnaires hats when outdoors during Terms 1 and 4. This is *strictly enforced* during the summer months.
- Hair is to be of a 'natural colour' and, for health as well as appearance reasons, hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back.
- Headbands, hair ties and hair accessories and should be small and in school colours.
- Fingernails must be short, clean and natural colour.
- For safety/security reasons children must not wear jewellery at school, the only exceptions to this are wrist watches and small stud/sleeper earrings.
- Only students in uniform will be permitted to represent the school e.g. excursions, choir, sport etc.
- Variations or additions to this Dress Code may be permitted for exceptional reasons but only with the *prior* permission of the Principal.
- A note and a copy of the policy will be sent home with students who do not adhere to the Student Dress Code.
- Parents seeking variation to the Student Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, or health condition must contact the school Principal.

### Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year review cycle.



IRAMOO PRIMARY SCHOOL No. 5152

## **TOP 10 'NOT NEGOTIABLE' SOCIAL SKILLS\***

1. Take responsibility for your own actions, don't blame others.
2. Treat others as YOU would like to be treated, in person and online.
3. Be honest, don't tell lies.
4. Speak to adults (and everyone else) with respect.
5. Use a person's name and make eye contact when speaking to them.
6. Listen and do not interrupt when another person is speaking.
7. Where appropriate use 'Please', 'Thank you' and/or 'Excuse me'.
8. Don't take or touch people's property without permission, including online accounts and passwords.
9. Behave safely and keep your feet and hands to yourself.
10. No put downs - be positive or be quiet.

\*As decided by the Iramoo community - December, 2014