



NEWSLETTER



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UNIFORM SHOP

Tuesday 2.45 – 3.15 p.m.
Friday 8.40 – 9.10 a.m.



Wednesday, March 15, 2017



FRIDAY, MARCH 31

LAST DAY TERM 1

2.30 P.M. FINISH

Optional Casual Clothes



(gold coin donation to RCH Good Friday Appeal)

Friday, March 17

National Ride to School Day

Monday, March 20

Scholastic Book Club Issue 2 orders and payment due

Monday, March 27

School Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

Prep – Grade 2 Cross Country

Tuesday, April 18

First day Term 2, 8.50 a.m.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Student Leadership

At our school assembly on Monday last week our federal Member of Parliament for the seat of Lalor, Joanne Ryan presented badges and certificates to our 2017 student leaders. The position of school captains, vice captains, flag monitors and Junior School Council representatives are amongst the most important roles that children in our school have and Ms Ryan congratulated each of them and encouraged them to pursue their goals as community leaders of the future.

Congratulations once again to each of these students, in particular our Junior School Council members who along with our school captains, represent the children from Grades 3 to 6:

Grade 3	Thalia Loades & R.J. Manihera
Grade 4	Tylah Dawson & Harry Cummins
Grade 5	Jacinta Letson & Riley Bostock

Whole School Assembly

Next Monday, March 20 our 2017 Prep students will join our whole school Monday assembly for the first time. We look forward to seeing them every week from now on. The teachers will walk the Prep children to assembly for a few weeks and from Monday, May 1 we will expect the children to come to the assembly area themselves by 8.45 a.m.

Our students sing two verses of our National Anthem at assembly each Monday and we have included the lyrics in this newsletter so that parents can assist their children at home to learn the words of Advance Australia Fair.

Civics and citizenship including respect for the flag and for the National Anthem is promoted very strongly in our school *in all year levels*.

Student Achievement

Last week the Australian Curriculum Assessment & Reporting Authority (ACARA) MySchool website was updated with the latest data for *every government and non-government school in Australia*. The site can be accessed by any member of the public from anywhere in the world and allows users to see some very detailed information about student achievement in each school.

The data that we focus on most is the growth of our individual students in reading, writing and numeracy and we were absolutely thrilled to see that in the 'student gain' section of MySchool, our student growth is *well above* similar students in similar schools and is extremely close to or above the 'all schools' national standard in reading, writing and numeracy. Parents can access the site at <https://www.myschool.edu.au/>

2018 Prep Enrolments

Next week enrolments for 2018 Prep students will be taken in government primary schools throughout Wyndham. If you or any of your friends or neighbours have a child who will be 5 years old before the end of April, 2018, the child is eligible to be enrolled in their closest neighbourhood school. We will accept 2018

Prep enrolments from within our neighbourhood area only. With a current enrolment of 793 students, we do not have room for those living outside our neighbourhood area and it is for this reason that all enrolments must be accompanied by either:

- Contract of sale/title document/rates notice (for home owners)
OR
- Rental agreement (for tenants)
OR
- Any *current* Centrelink related document e.g. health care card
OR
- A *current* document from the Australian Taxation Office
AND
- One other *current* piece of evidence such as driving licence or utilities bill.

School Photos

Last Thursday Academy Photography took our annual student and staff photos. Thank you very much for sending the children to school looking so neat and tidy in their school uniforms. The photographers have told us to expect a 'turn around' time of approximately 6 weeks for orders.

Grade 6 parents please also note that the photographers will return in the second half year to take the whole year level 'graduation photo' which parents will receive at the end of the year.

Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal



With this newsletter you have received a family donation envelope for this year's Good Friday Appeal. Please give as generously as possible and return your envelope to school by **Thursday, March 30**. Your donation will be acknowledged by receipt for your tax purposes. We aim to donate at least \$1,000 to this very worthy cause each year.

Cross Country Grade 3 – 6

On Tuesday of last week our students from Grades 3 to 6 participated in our annual cross country run at Wyndham Vale Reserve. The results are:

12/13 Boys	Caleb Kennedy (1 st) Bol Mayom (2 nd) Andrew Brooks (3 rd)	12/13 Girls	Tara Cronin (1 st) Melaea Fonua (2 nd) Mikaylah Caracciolo (3 rd)
11 Boys	Tyler Evans Fayzan Abdul Sathar Jacques Knight	11 Girls	Jorja Boxshall Charli Warren Taylah Cousins
10 Boys	Cooper Visintin Josh McIntosh Connor Elliott-Damon	10 Girls	Tiah Olcorn Natalie Jerkovic Harmony Fonua
8/9 Boys	Boston Maxwell Cody Trezise Jett Lioni	8/9 Girls	Amber Driscoll Ariahna Buxton-Green Madi Boxshall

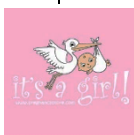
The students who came in the top 10 for each age group will now go on to represent Iramoo PS at the SSV – Werribee District cross country held at Presidents Park on **Wednesday, May 3**.

Cross Country Prep – Grade 2

The Iramoo Prep-2 Cross Country will be held on Monday, March 27 starting at approximately 1.35 p.m. weather permitting. The races will be held around the school oval and will be marshalled by the Grade 6 House Captains. Students are encouraged to wear a t-shirt in their house colours. Children will be notified of their house colours prior to the race. Please ensure that your child wears suitable footwear for running. Families are invited to come along to watch and support the students.

****Spectators are welcome to take photographs at our school events but must of course be respectful of their use on social or other media, not posting a photo of any child without permission from the child's parent.**

Two Baby Girls



- On Wednesday, March 1, teacher Mrs Jamee Montebruno and her husband welcomed baby Phoebe Ty into their family. Mr & Mrs Montebruno knew several months ago that Phoebe would require heart surgery as soon as she was born and the family is *enormously* grateful to have the wonderful staff and resources of the Royal Women's and Royal Children's hospitals there to ensure that baby Phoebe has the very best of care. After more than 10 hours of surgery, Phoebe's heart has been repaired, she is all stitched up and doing well.
- Congratulations to teacher Mrs Rebecca Barclay and her husband Corrie who welcomed baby Zoe Alexandra to their family last Sunday. Zoe weighed 8lb 2 oz and she and her mum and dad are all well, happy and relieved.

Maira Findlay





NATIONAL RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

Friday, March 17 is National Ride to School Day. This is a nationwide event that encourages all children to ride their bike to school to improve active travel participation. You can help by encouraging your child to join in by riding their bike to school, (items such as skateboards or scooters are not to be ridden on the day). All students taking part in the event will receive a sticker and a fruit cup for their effort. Please note that children in Grades Prep – 2 must be accompanied by an adult when riding.

ALISTER MURNANE, ACTIVE TRAVEL CO-ORDINATOR

CANTEEN ROSTER FOR WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY, MARACH 20, 2017

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



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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.

LITTLE RIVER COUNTRY FAIR – SUNDAY, MARCH 19 FROM 10 A.M. – 3 P.M.

Lots of fun activities including auctions, open air market, white elephant, all day BBQ (Little River Lions Club), Devonshire tea, animal farm and lots, lots more. To be held at the Little River Primary School, 21 Flinders Street, Little River.

WERRIBEE FIRE BRIGADE

Werribee Fire Brigade are seeking the support of parents to be involved on Friday, April 14 for the collection of donations for the Royal Children's Hospital, Good Friday Appeal. Lunch and other provisions will be provided for each collector. If you are interested in helping, please contact the Secretary at werribee.fs@cfa.vic.gov.au or petermaywest@bigpoond.com

Asthma Kids



Looking for a way to help your child understand more about their asthma or about a friend with asthma? Asthma Kids is an online, interactive tool to help primary school aged children understand what it's like to have asthma and what they can do to help. Check it out at www.asthmakids.org.au

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Prep to Grade 6

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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

OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM

**Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are young and free;
We've golden soil and wealth for toil;
Our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.**

**Beneath our radiant Southern Cross,
We'll toil with hearts and hands;
To make this commonwealth of ours
Renowned of all the lands;
For those who've come across the seas
We've boundless plains to share;
With courage let us all combine
To Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
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