



NEWSLETTER

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UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Tuesday 2.45 – 3.15 p.m.

Friday 8.40 – 9.10 a.m.

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

SCHOOL HOURS - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2019 8.30 A.M. – 12.30 P.M.

UNIFORM SHOP ADDITIONAL OPENING HOURS 2020

Tuesday, January 28 9 – 10 a.m.

Wednesday, January 29 2 – 3 p.m.

Friday, January 31 8:40 – 9:30 a.m.

DATES

Thursday, December 19

Christmas Raffle Draw

No more canteen lunch orders after TODAY

Friday, December 20

Last day Term 4, 8:30 a.m. start – 12:30 p.m. finish

Optional casual clothes, gold coin donation to Helping Hands

2020

Tuesday, January 28

First day for staff (pupil free day)

Wednesday, January 29

Pupil Free Day

Thursday, January 30

First day Term 1 for Years 1 – 6, 8:50 a.m. start

Friday, January 31

First day for Preps



THE IRAMOO COMMUNITY EXTENDS ITS HELPING HANDS

Please bring your donations to the office before

9.00 a.m. Friday, December 20, 2019

A FINAL WORD FROM MS FINDLAY

It is with very mixed emotions that I find myself writing my last ever school newsletter.

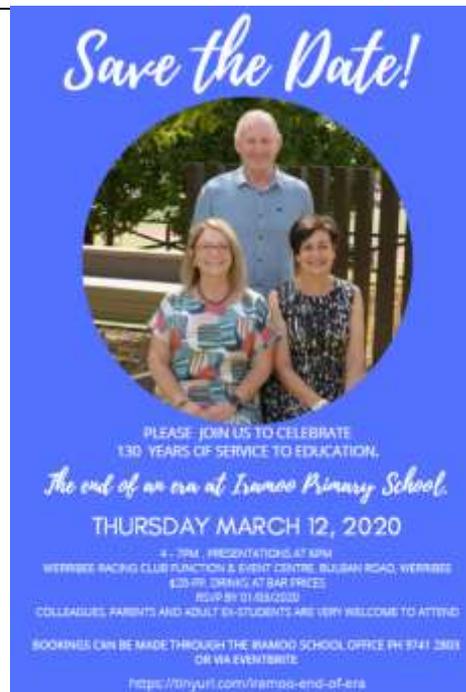
I have worked for the Department of Education since 1975 and taught at North Balwyn, Ripponlea, Altona Meadows and Glen Devon primary schools mostly in Years 5 & 6 but also in junior classes, several years in physical education and most recently as a literacy specialist. I came to Iramoo as Assistant Principal in 1993 and was very fortunate to be appointed Principal in 1998.

Twenty seven years at the same school is a very long time but I can honestly say that I have never been bored or felt the need for a change of schools as the Principal role and the school itself have changed so much – only the school address is the same.

I can also honestly say that I have never regretted my decision to become Principal of Iramoo and to stay on even though I have been offered many other jobs, especially in recent years when experienced Principals are so difficult to come by.

Iramoo PS is a very special place. It has stood strong and bold at the centre of the Wyndham Vale community for over 42 years and I feel very proud to have helped it grow from strength to strength. Iramoo is very much a school of choice in the City of Wyndham and we can all be very proud of that.

During our time at Iramoo Ms Cascone, Mr Burrell and I have worked with some wonderful staff, students and families and we would be very happy to see as many as possible of you/them at our retirement function on March 12.



Thank you very much to all of the people I have worked with at Iramoo, many of whom I am very proud to call my friends. I also thank all of the parents who have trusted me to provide the best possible education for their children. It has always been my philosophy that Iramoo children leave any disadvantage they have at the gate and together my staff and I have created an environment where all children can thrive.

A good education is something that will stay with a person for ever and I strongly believe that this is what can help give our children choices in life.

I am proud to be leaving Iramoo PS in excellent shape in every way and also in very capable hands. Our school leadership team is second to none and will now be very capably lead by Mrs Raquel Tweedley in the capacity of Acting Principal until the permanent appointment is made next term.

It has been a privilege.

Thank you and goodbye.

MOIRA FINDLAY

A FINAL WORD FROM MS CASCONE

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the staff, children and all of the families who have been and are still part of Iramoo Primary School. Thank you for allowing me to be part of this community for over 25 years. I leave my teaching career with some wonderful memories of my time at Iramoo. It has been so rewarding to see how much our school has grown and changed over the years. Iramoo has become one of the most sought after schools in Wyndham. We are so fortunate to have such a well-resourced school with committed teachers, beautiful play spaces and surroundings for our children to enjoy.

In my role as Assistant Principal responsible for wellbeing, I hope that I have been able to support students and families who have from time to time needed assistance. I am always so proud of hearing about all the students who have left Iramoo and have had successful Secondary College experiences and careers.

I would like to say a 'big thank you' particularly to the families that I have worked closely with me during some challenging times. Your support has been greatly appreciated.

I am sure that our school will continue to succeed in all areas of education because we leave the school in the hands of educational leaders and staff who are professional and dedicated to doing the very best for every child. I will miss the Iramoo staff and children but I am looking forward to having extra time to spend with my family and the freedom of travelling when I wish to.

And as you have heard so many times... 'once and Iramoo kid always an Iramoo kid' and this includes staff.

NELLA CASCONE

A FINAL WORD FROM MR BURRELL

I arrived at Iramoo Primary school at the beginning of 1991, before some of our current teachers were born. During my 28 years at our school, I have taught most year levels and for the past 20 years have been an Assistant Principal with responsibilities ranging from student welfare to resources and accountability. The roles have been both challenging and rewarding. I have particularly enjoyed working with our leadership team to develop a culture of continual improvement where decisions are always made in the best interests of the children and their families.

For the most part parents have been supportive of our work and I appreciate the encouragement I have received over the years, in particular from parent members of our school council who have been supportive and trusting of the numerous changes that have taken place.

It is very unusual for a school to have a leadership team whose members have worked together for the best part of 20 years. I would like to acknowledge and thank the school leaders who I have worked with at Iramoo, in particular my fellow retirees Moira and Nella. Moira and I have worked in the same office for the whole of

that time. How she put up with me for so long I will never know but I have found her to be the most effective and dedicated Principal I have worked with. I have learnt a lot from her and appreciate her friendship. She will be sorely missed. Nella has also been amazingly effective in her student welfare role. The work she has done to support individual students and their families has been both extraordinary and very challenging, I admire her resilience and dedication. Nella is also one of a kind and will be missed by me and the many families she has supported over many years.

I have spent nearly 41 years as a teacher and member of the principal class working for the Department of Education & Training. The most rewarding part of my work has been to hear of the successes of past students I have taught. I will miss that most of all. Iramoo has been a big part of my life but it is now time for me to move on to the next stage enjoying my grandchildren, renovating my house and travelling to parts unknown.

RAY BURRELL

'Helping Hands' Casual Clothes Day

In order to collect even more donations for our Iramoo Helping Hands Christmas Appeal, children are invited to come to school out of uniform on **FRIDAY** (perhaps wear 'Christmas' clothes?) and donate a gold coin or a *new, unwrapped* toy or one (or more) non-perishable grocery items.

All of these donations will go to assist local Wyndham families in need and we thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity to our appeal once again this year.

Staffing

At this time of the year we always have to say farewell to some of our staff members, luckily many of these farewells are only temporary:

- Year 2 teacher Mrs Erica Clark and Year 4 teacher Ms Cynthia Giuffrida will begin family leave in January and we wish them both all the very best as they each prepare for the birth of their first child.
- Ms Tamara King and Ms Lauren Ewen have obtained temporary twelve month transfers to Bellbridge PS.
- Mrs Christie Griffiths has obtained a twelve month transfer to Myrningo PS which is very much closer to her home.
- Mrs Nicole Kidd will also be working at Bellbridge PS in 2020.
- We have only two new teachers joining our staff in 2020. They are Ms Stacie McLean and Ms Jennifer Diaz.

A full list of our 2020 staffing is included in this newsletter.

2020 Planning

You are invited to meet your child's new teacher on the afternoon/evening of **Monday, February 10, 2020**.

This is to enable any parent who has particular information that may be of benefit for the teacher to know, to make an appointment and pass this information on.

Please note that *we do not expect every* parent to avail themselves of this option, only those whose children may have concerns such as medication/medical, social or emotional problems. Parents should not assume that because they provided the information to their child's 2019 teacher, that the 2020 teacher will automatically receive the same information. Please do not leave important issues such as this to chance, *make sure* your child's teacher knows any significant matters that may help him/her to assist your child – *tell* the teacher yourself.

Further details of these February 10 parent/teacher information sharing appointments will be provided when your child starts school next year but *please put the date in your diary now*.

Christmas Raffle

A very big thank you to everyone who has bought and sold tickets in our CHRISTMAS RAFFLE this year and a big thank you to the parents who organised the prizes and tickets. The raffle will be drawn tomorrow and winners notified by telephone.



Carols on the Green

Although the weather wasn't ideal, our school community enjoyed a lovely evening last Friday. Our choirs, Spanish dancers and school rock band led the singers and festivities and the large crowd of families and friends really enjoyed the performances.

Thank you very much to all of the children who participated. A very special thanks to the 85 Iramoo staff who attended and organised our sausage sizzle and family games as well as providing supervision, technical support and all of the setting up and packing away of the BBQ and equipment. Thank you also to the families who donated soft drinks to go with our sausage sizzle.

Many ex-Iramoo students and families attended to join in the spirit of 'Merry Christmas and Goodbye'. Ms Cascone, Mr Burrell and I very much enjoyed seeing so many familiar faces and were very touched by the lovely farewell song that was dedicated to our time at Iramoo.

Thank You

As our 2019 school year draws to a close, I would once again like to thank *all members of our school community* – students, staff and parents for their support and hard work throughout the year.

I wish all of our exiting Year 6 students all the very best in their transition to secondary college, with a very special 'farewell' to those families whose youngest child is now in Year 6. Although your family may no longer have a child enrolled at Iramoo, you will always remain part of our very special 'Red and Blue Family'. I wish all of our families a happy festive season and request your support in being good neighbours to our school and reporting any potential unsafe or destructive behaviour in our school grounds during the vacation period. Please *do not hesitate* to **call the police on ☎ 000** and the Department of Education and Training Office of Emergency Management on ☎ **9589 6266**.

Moira Findlay

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SCHOOL ORGANISATION – JANUARY, 2020

Acting Principal

Raquel Tweedley

Assistant Principals

Curriculum & Assessment
Accountability & Resources
Welfare & Wellbeing

Patricia Viscusa

Simon Little

Karyn Henwood

Hasan Muhammad

Janet Wyatt

Sandra Cameron

Gail Dawson

Sue Gannon

I.T. Manager

Business Manager

Clerical Assistants

Library Technician

Specialist and Support Teachers

Info. & Communication Tech.

Diversity & Inclusion

Learning Specialist (Numeracy/Acting)

Learning Specialist (Literacy)

Learning Specialist (Year 5 & 6)

Learning Specialist (Year 3 & 4)

Learning Specialist (Prep – 2)

Numeracy Intervention Co-ordinator

Numeracy Intervention & Literacy Intervention

Numeracy Intervention & Literacy Intervention

Numeracy Intervention & Literacy Intervention

Literacy Intervention Co-ordinator

Literacy Intervention & ICT

Literacy Intervention & ICT

Literacy Intervention & ICT

ICT

ICT

Performing Arts

Performing Arts

Visual Arts

Visual Arts

Visual Arts

Phys. Ed.

Phys. Ed.

Science

Spanish Language

Peter Mills

Samantha Thornton

Jodie Cartwright (0.6)

Kristen Boyd

Graham Byworth

Shane Lambert

Alisha Jessop

Dijana Pateras (0.5)

Alicia McPherson (0.4)

Simon Dundas (0.5)

Vanessa Aquilina (0.4)

Stephanie Binnion (0.7)

Enza Posterino

Cara Fonua (0.4)

Emma Bright (0.4)

Rebecca Barclay (0.4)

Lisa Altin (0.4)

Michelle Antonio

Greg Packham (0.4)

Samantha Elevato (0.4)

Charlotte Chambers (0.4)

Sarah Faranda (0.6)

Brad Hodges

Jamee Montebruno (0.4)

Keryn Lowe (0.4)

Stephanie Arenas (0.4)

Education Support Staff:

Debbie Batty
Kelli Bishop-Worn
Suzan Crittenden
Christine Knight
Helen McKinnon
Leanne Maxwell
Michele Moore
Kari Olcorn
Linda Stojcevski
Noreen Huajairakeeree (M.E.A.)
Deb Webb (First Aid)
Georgia Sunjo
Lauren Kerlin
TBA
TBA
Mathew Deeming (0.6)
Shane Hamilton
Luke Compston, Jerry Nguyen
Steve Rush
Lisa Stumpo, Helen Hill

Speech Pathologist

Psychologist

Occupational Therapist

School Chaplain / Welfare Worker

Attendance Officer

I.C.T. Support

Maintenance

Canteen

PREP

0JZ **Jordan Zukan**
0TC *Tenille Cisternas*
0CA Christopher Arnold
0MM Mitchell Miller
0SK Simon King

YEAR 1

1ME **Laura Meehan**
1AN *An Nguyen*
1AO Anika O'Callaghan
1JH Jessica Hutchison
1ST Sharni Tromp

YEAR 2

2AJ **Amy James**
2AM *Alister Murnane*
2MD Michelle Dorais
2RH Rebecca Heenan
2TC Tamika Cameron

YEAR 3

3CC **Caitlin Clancy**
3DE *Deanne Elliott*
3AB Alistair Burrell
3SM Stacie McLean

YEAR 4

4LM **Liesel McGregor**
4AL *Andrew Lishman*
4IS Ian Stokes
4ND Nellie Driscoll

YEAR 5

5CP **Cheryl Pantelidis**
5AA *April Anapliotis*
5DS Deb Sharrock
5JD Jennifer Diaz

YEAR 6

6AP **Ashley Patterson**
6MD *Mark Downie*
6BL Jasmine Blas
6KA Katelyn Ardley
6BE Kirby Bebend

Bold type indicates school leadership position, *italics* indicates assistant leader