



NEWSLETTER



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UNIFORM SHOP

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



Wednesday, March 18, 2020

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

LAST DAY TERM 1

2.30 P.M. FINISH

Optional Casual Clothes



(gold coin donation to RCH Good Friday Appeal)

Monday, March 23

Friday, March 27

Tuesday, April 14

Extraordinary School Meeting, 7 p.m.

Last day Term 1, 2.30 p.m. finish

First day Term 2, 8.50 a.m. start

FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

During this time of community concern, we would like to reassure you that we are closely monitoring protocols and updates from the Federal and State Governments via the Department of Education and Training regarding COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

We are obviously committed to the health and wellbeing of everyone in our school community and will continue to send out notifications with updates for families, as Victoria's situation is changing daily.

There are currently no confirmed cases of Coronavirus infection within our Iramoo PS community and therefore our school will remain open. We will only close the school on the advice from Victoria's Chief Health Officer, DHHS and the Department of Education.

At this time, the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee's advice is *"that pre-emptive school closures are not likely to be proportionate or effective as a public health intervention to prevent community transmission of COVID-19"*.

Everyone can protect against infections with good hygiene practices:

- Cover your mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing with a tissue or cough into your elbow.
- Dispose of the tissue into a bin and then wash your hands afterwards.
- Wash your hands regularly and before eating, using soap and running water for 20 seconds, drying hands thoroughly using paper towel or hand dryers.

At this point in time while our school remains open, if families decide to keep children at home we encourage them to:

- read
- write stories, poems, reports
- keep a journal
- access Reading Eggs & Matific
- access Google Classroom (Years 4 -6)

The Commonwealth Government has announced *"that mass gatherings of more than 500 people are now prohibited which applies to any school event that involves attendance by community members who are not students or staff"*. This includes school assemblies and sporting events.

The following Iramoo Primary School events have been **postponed** or **cancelled**:

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| • Robotics – Thursday, March 19 | cancelled |
| • Junior School Council Forum – Friday, March 20 | cancelled |
| • Year 6 Summer Sports – Friday, March 20 | cancelled |
| • P – 2 Cross Country – Monday, March 23 | postponed |
| • WMR Championships Swimming Carnival – Tuesday, March 24 | cancelled |
| • Year 2 & 4 Swimming program – Tuesday, April 14 – 23 | postponed |
| • Prep, Year 1 & Year 2 Bravehearts incursion – April 21 | postponed |

Student Achievements

Last Thursday, March 12, 19 of our finest swimmers represented Iramoo PS at the SSVWD Swimming Carnival. All of our children swam very well and nine of them were eligible to advance to the next level of the competition.

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 orders early in Term 2.

Year 6 parents, please note that the photographers will return on **Wednesday, October 7, 2020** to take the whole year level 'graduation' photo, which parents will receive at the end of the year.

2021 Prep Enrolments

We currently have 11 students enrolled for 2021 Prep. If you, your friends or neighbours have children who will be 5 years old before the end of April, 2021, please encourage them to enrol at their local neighbourhood school as soon as possible.

Tours of our school for prospective families are conducted on alternate Wednesday afternoons at 2 p.m. throughout Terms 2 and Term 3 commencing **Wednesday, April 15.**

Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal

We will be receiving family donation envelopes for this year's Good Friday Appeal very soon and will send them home as soon as we receive them. Your donation will be acknowledged by receipt for your tax purposes. We aim to donate at least \$1,000 to this very worthy cause. Please return your envelope with your donation as soon as possible once your family has received it so we can register our donations to the RCH Hospital Appeal before we break up for Term 1.

Raquel Tweedley



CANTEEN NEWS

- **Red liquorice straws** will be an 'over the counter' sale item as an end of term treat next **Tuesday, March 24 ONLY** due to stock shortage. They are **20 cents each.**
- Please be aware that we are running out of stock in the canteen so when ordering your child's lunch order from now until the end of this term, please make two choices.
- We still have change waiting to be picked up from our school office so please check to see if your child(ren)'s change is there.
- Thank you to all of our volunteers who have helped this term, without you we wouldn't be able to operate our canteen.

LISA STUMPO, CANTEEN MANAGER

CANTEEN ROSTER FOR WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2020

Monday	Rachael
Tuesday	Sharra
Wednesday	Vicky
Thursday	Mia, Jess
Friday	Joanne, Joyce, Rae



CANTEEN ROSTER FOR WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2020

Monday	Public Holiday
Tuesday	Sharra
Wednesday	Vicky
Thursday	Mia, Jess
Friday	Joanne, Joyce, Rae

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.



'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, 0434 610 133 or

☎ 1300 105 343 or www.campaustralia.com.au

Five online safety messages for parents and carers of primary school students



Read the five image-sharing tips that parents can use to help ensure their children grow with the knowledge that will keep them safe now and into the future.

Show your children what respect looks like:

- If you want to take pictures or videos of your children, ask them if it's OK first.
- Explain why you want to do it – e.g. "I'm so proud of you riding your first scooter, I want to take a video and send it to Grandpa".
- Let your children pick the pictures or videos they like best.
- Don't post or share videos or pictures of your children if they don't want you to.
- If your children ask you to take down their pictures or videos, take them down – even if they originally agreed it was OK to post them.

Protect your children's privacy:

- Share pictures and videos of your children only with people you know and trust – e.g. via email, text or closed family messaging channels.
- Avoid posting photos or videos that might identify where your child lives or goes to school.
- Remember that pictures and videos posted online may never disappear completely, even if you delete them, as they may have been copied or shared by other people.

Talk with your children about what's safe and respectful and what's not:

- Explain that we must always get the other person's permission before we take their picture or share it with others.
- Praise your children for doing the right thing – e.g. "I was very pleased that you stopped and asked Layla's permission before you took her photo".
- Be clear about which images are safe to share, and which are not – e.g. "It's OK to share pictures of our new kitten, but I don't want you to share any pictures of yourself without asking me first".
- Explain that if your child sends a picture or video to one person, other people might end up seeing it.
- Explain that children shouldn't share pictures or videos of people with their clothes off or people kissing each other and that they should tell you at once if anyone sends them a picture like this.

- Caution your children to tell you at once if someone asks them to send a picture that makes them uncomfortable, if someone they haven't met in real life asks for their picture, or if someone asks them to take a picture and keep it a secret.
- Encourage your children to keep talking to you about what they're doing online, what pictures they are seeing and sharing, and how it makes them feel.

Encourage empathy for others:

- Explain that we must always think about the other person before we take and share their picture.
- Encourage your children to think about how pictures and videos affect other people – e.g. 'How would you feel if someone posted an embarrassing video of you on YouTube?'
- Explain that we should never share pictures or videos that make someone else feel sad, embarrassed, angry or scared. If someone is upset about us taking a picture or video of them, we delete it and say sorry.

Think about what behaviour you're modelling:

- Do your children hear you making comments about how other people look in their posts or videos? Are your comments nice or derogatory?
- Do your children see you taking funny photos or videos of other people as a joke? Do you check that the other person feels OK about it and respect their wishes if they tell you not to?

Parents/carers can access further e-safe information and tips and build their skills and knowledge about online safety by googling: [Dolly's Dream Parent Hub](#), [Raising Children Network](#) and the [Office of the eSafety Commissioner](#).

Source: Alannah & Madeline Foundation