



# NEWSLETTER



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## PUPIL FREE DAY THURSDAY, JUNE 25

Wednesday, June 24

Thursday, June 25

Friday, June 26

Monday, July 13

Monday, July 20

Reports being sent home

**Pupil Free Day - Parent/Teacher Interviews**

**Last day Term 2, 2.30 p.m. finish**

First day Term 3, 8.50 a.m. start

School Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### All Back Together



Last week our students from Years 3 – 6 all returned to school. This transition was very smooth and positive. I would like to congratulate all of our students for being so responsible and resilient as they transition into new daily routines. An education system change this big doesn't happen without the dedication and impressive efforts of all of our families and staff working together.

#### School Arrival & Departure

Our students have adapted very well to our procedures of school arrival and departure. To ensure the safety of everyone, we are now asking all children who ride their bikes to school, to walk their bikes when they are using the footpaths that are along the school fence lines.

It is important that any child riding to school is wearing a helmet. Some of the crossings have not had crossing supervisors due to limited staff.

We continue to stress the importance of social distancing before and after school. We are asking all adults to move away from the school gates as soon as their child has either entered or left the school grounds.

#### Good Hygiene

Our students and staff will continue to be very diligent with washing hands regularly throughout the day with soap and water. Where soap and water are not readily available, hand sanitiser is provided.



**Parents/carers are encouraged to provide their children with hand towels to dry their own hands after washing them.**

Students are not to be sent to school if they are feeling unwell or presenting with flu like symptoms; i.e. fever, cough, sore throat, etc.

If students present with these symptoms at school, they will be isolated from other children and the parent/carer will be asked to make arrangements to collect them and seek medical advice.

#### Reporting on Student Progress

Next **Wednesday, June 24** every child will receive an individual report on his/her progress during Term 1 and for their engagement in remote and flexible learning during Term 2.

- These reports will look slightly different this year due to the unforeseen circumstances we have all had to adjust to.  
In addition to the hard copy report provided for each child, parents will be able to view their child's report online using their COMPASS login.
- Your child's own evaluation of his/her progress is also included as part of the report.
- In your child's report you will also be provided with details of his/her attendance for Term 1. The average number of days absent per student in Victorian government primary schools is currently approximately 14 per year. Our aim is that each Iramoo child will have fewer than 10 days absence for the full year.

#### Parent/Teacher Phone Interviews

Another very important part of our student reporting process is our mid-year Parent/teacher interviews that are held to discuss each child's progress in the first half year and to make plans for further improvements during Terms 3 and 4.

This year, due to current circumstances, our teachers will be conducting these interviews via phone calls on **Thursday, June 25**.



If you have not made an appointment for your child(ren) please do so as soon as possible as the available time slots are becoming fewer. The bookings close tomorrow, **Thursday, June 18**. Any parent requiring assistance to book their parent/teacher interview can contact our office between 8.30 and 9 a.m. and one of our IT staff will be pleased to assist.

### **Congratulations Ms Findlay**



We would like to publicly congratulate our former Principal, Ms Moira Findlay on being awarded a Public Service Medal as part of this year's Queen's Birthday Honours, for her outstanding public service to education in Victoria.

In her various roles as a teacher, Principal and community leader, she has had a positive impact on the lives of countless students, their families and their communities.

This is a wonderful recognition of her contribution to the lives of so many children and to Victoria's public education system.

### **Thank you from our canteen**

Thank you to our families who took advantage of our canteen clearance sale.

We have **sold out** of Buttered Popcorn, Salt & Vinegar Popcorn and Cheese Popcorn.

There is **limited stock** of Chocolate and Strawberry Milk and the Chicken flavoured Noodle Snacks.

We are currently in the process of setting up online canteen lunch orders via COMPASS.

At this stage our canteen **will not** be open for over the counter sales at recess.

All going to plan, from Term 3 families will be able to order and pay for children's lunches online. We will provide the paper bags that the children's lunches will be delivered in. Further information and updates will be sent home shortly.



*Raquel Tweedley*

### **VISUAL ARTS NEWS**

To uphold safe hygiene practices in the Art room students will not be able to use the shared art smocks until further notice. All families are asked to ensure their child/ren have a **named** smock at school by the end of Term 2.



If your child believes their smock may have been left in the Art room, they are encouraged to find it in their next lesson, take it home and wash it before returning it to school. Please do not feel the need to purchase a brand new smock, an old oversized shirt will do the job. Thank you in advance!

**MRS ELEVATO, MRS CHAMBERS & MRS FARANDA**

### **CASUAL DRESS DAY – FRIDAY, JUNE 26**

Our year so far has been very different from usual and because of this, we have postponed our annual school Roll-A-Thon.

The good news however is that we will still be having a Casual Dress Day to raise money for future school improvements.

Please remember we are allowed to choose what we wear and how we style our hair. We must wear safe and appropriate shoes (no open toed shoes, sandals or thongs).

If you choose to dress in casual clothes please bring a gold coin donation.



**AVA HARRIS, SCHOOL CAPTAIN**

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

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

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



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

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

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