

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 1 2024

Monday, February 19

- Preps commence full time
- Year 6 Info Meeting 5:30pm BER
- School Council Meeting 6:30pm

Wednesday, February 21

Classroom Helpers Training
9am-10am (session 3)

Thursday, February 22

SSVWD Swimming Carnival
(selected students)

Wednesday, February 28

Year 3 – 6 Senior Cross Country

Monday, March 4

Pupil Free Day

Tuesday, March 5

Year 4 – 6 Athletics Carnival
VU Track, Hoppers Crossing

Monday, March 11

Labour Day – Public Holiday

Wednesday, March 13-25

National Assessment Program
Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN)

Thursday, March 21

Prep - 2 Junior Cross Country

Friday, March 22

Year 6 Gala Day

Tue March 26 & Wed March 27

Whole School Photos

Thursday, March 28

Last day Term 1, 2024
2:30pm dismissal

Friday, March 29

Good Friday – Public Holiday

TERM 2 2024

Monday, April 15

First day Term 2 – 8:50am

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Raquel Tweedley

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 camp, excursions, sports etc. comment on their excellent manners and positive relationships. Our staff work very hard to maintain these positive skills.

The effect of this work is reflected in our excellent level of student attendance, which has been better than our network average.

Our school values are:

RELATIONSHIPS:

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

RELATIONSHIPS:

To be accountable for one's own actions. To know that your actions can affect 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 year levels will explain, teach, model and reinforce these skills throughout the term, beginning last week with:

- Treat others as YOU would like to be treated, in person and online.
- Speak to everyone in a positive and respectful manner.

These are being followed up this week with:

- Appreciate and accept individual differences and opinions.
- Take responsibility for your own actions, don't blame others.

Your assistance in reinforcing these skills at home will be greatly appreciated.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Wearing our full school uniform with pride is essential. Please ensure that your child/ren wears our full school uniform.

From next week parents and carers will receive notices of incorrect uniform items. Our school dress code is available on our website and is also attached.

Please note:

- Hair is to be of a 'natural colour' and for health reasons, hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back.
- Headbands, hair ties and hair accessories should be small and in school colours.
- Fingernails must be short and clean. No nail polish and false nails are to be worn.
- For safety/security reasons children must not wear jewellery at school, the only exceptions to this are wrist watches and small stud/sleeper earrings.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council term of office for parent representatives Mrs Lizzy Jacobs, Mr Chris Bowell, Mrs Candida Showler and Ms Amber Taylor expires this month and I would sincerely like to thank each of the representatives for their work and support of our school.

Nominations for our 2024 School Council vacancies were called for, Monday, February 12, 2024.

Nominations are invited for four parent positions. Nomination forms are available from our office and must be received by 4pm on Monday, February 19, 2024.

Parents on School Councils provide important viewpoints, have valuable skills and a range of experiences and knowledge that can help inform and shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a School Council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging. Attached is information for parents / carers about School Council.

ANNUAL PRIVACY REMINDER

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy.

Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website.

For more information about privacy, refer to: **Schools' Privacy Policy – information for parents.**

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FAMILIES IN WYNDHAM

Joining the Dots e-update has been rebranded to 'Families in Wyndham eNews'. The new Families in Wyndham eNews will commence in March 2024. It aims to keep you informed about free local programs, supports and activities for children [0-12 years] and families.

Information will include:

- Activities for Children [0-12 years old]
- Community Events for Families
- Supports and Services for children and parents / carers
- Learning Opportunities for children, parents / carers and services

Over the next couple of weeks, you will receive emails from Familiesinwyndham@wyndham.vic.gov.au providing information on how to subscribe to receive 'Families in Wyndham eNews', and how to submit articles.



SAFETY MANAGEMENT PLANS - COVID-19 safety

Ensuring that COVID-19 safety measures are in place in schools continues to be a priority, particularly considering reports that there is a current increase in cases. The Department of Education's COVID-19 Safety Management Plan applies to all schools and is implemented at Iramoo PS to ensure that controls to minimise risks are implemented.

Ventilation continues to be an important control. We have at least one air purifiers for every classroom/ learning space, and our devices are regularly maintained and utilised every day.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ADDISON BISHOP-WORN FOR HIS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS!

Addison began his journey at Iramoo Primary School in Prep and completed his Year 6 with remarkable dedication. As one of our School Captains, Addison showcased exceptional leadership qualities.

Addison's passion for baseball has been truly remarkable. His dedication to the sport has led to an incredible opportunity to represent Australia in the U18 National Junior Squad, competing in Florida, USA, in front of scouts and major baseball league organisations. This selection is a testament to Addison's talent, hard work, and commitment to his craft.

We are also thrilled to acknowledge Addison's younger brother, Cooper, who played in the U16 VIC team, bringing home the bronze medal. The Bishop-Worn family's achievements in the realm of baseball are truly commendable, and they have brought immense pride to our school community.

As Addison prepares for this exciting journey to represent Australia on the international stage, we extend our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for success. Your dedication, perseverance, and sportsmanship are an inspiration to us all.

Go Addison, and go Team Australia!





TOP 10 'NOT NEGOTIABLE' SOCIAL SKILLS

1. Treat others as YOU would like to be treated, in person and online.
2. Speak to everyone in a positive and respectful manner.
3. Appreciate and accept individual differences and opinions.
4. Take responsibility for your own actions, don't blame others.
5. Be honest, don't tell lies.
6. Use a person's name when speaking to them.
7. Listen and do not interrupt when another person is speaking.
8. Use 'Please', 'Thank you', 'Excuse me' and 'Sorry' where appropriate.
9. Do not take or touch people's property without permission, including online accounts and passwords.
10. Behave safely and keep your hands and feet to yourself.

This policy was endorsed by Iramoo Primary School students, staff and school community, November 2023.



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 our school in the community.
- To ensure that all students are dressed safely and appropriately for school.

Implementation:

- **School uniform is compulsory.**
- The Student 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 our school uniform shop.
- The Iramoo Primary School Uniform Order Form includes the full list of items available and can be found on our school website: <https://www.iramooops.vic.edu.au/page/18/Uniform>.
- School logo displayed on polo shirts and windcheaters/bomber jackets without hoods 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 be purchased from our uniform shop.
- Information about our uniform and ordering can be found on our school website: <http://www.iramooops.vic.edu.au/>.
- The 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, navy 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 the inter-school sports competition is royal blue shorts and polo shirt unless otherwise stated; e.g. football jumpers.

- Netball skirts or skorts 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 are permitted.
- Exemption from uniform is available for 'special occasions'; e.g. dress up days, casual clothes days, camp etc. (Open toe shoes are **not** acceptable)
- Children must wear a broad brimmed, legionnaire or bucket style hat when outdoors during the sunsmart months from mid-August until the end of April.
- Hair is to be of a 'natural colour' and for health reasons, hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back.
- Headbands, hair ties and hair accessories should be small and in school colours.
- Fingernails must be short and clean. No nail polish and/or false nails are to be worn.
- 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/Carers 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.

Appendix A

Fact sheet 1: school council elections – information for parents

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the broad direction of a school, in accordance with Ministerial Order 1280 Constitution of Government School Councils, and the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*. In doing this, a school council may directly influence the quality of education for students.

Who is on the school council?

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

- **A mandated elected parent member category** – members of this category generally comprise more than one third of the council's total membership. Department employees can be parent members at their child's school providing that they are not engaged in work at the school.
- **A mandated elected school employee member category** – members of this category make up no more than one-third of membership. 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 experience. Department employees are not eligible to be community members.
- A small number of school councils have nominee members.

For all schools with a Year 7 and above cohort, there is an additional category of membership:

- **A mandated elected student member category, two positions.**

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.

Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills and a range of experiences and knowledge that can help inform and shape the direction of the school.

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

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

Each member brings their own valuable skills and knowledge to the role, however, in order to successfully perform their duties, councillors may need to gain some new skills and knowledge.

It is important to have an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

Code of conduct for school councillors

School councils in Victoria are public entities as defined by the *Public Administration Act 2004*.

School councillors must comply with the Code of Conduct for Directors of Victorian Public Entities issued by the Victorian Public Sector Commission. The Code of Conduct is based on the Victorian public sector values and requires councillors to:

- **act with honesty and integrity** – be truthful, open and clear about their motives and declare any real, potential or perceived conflict of interest and duty
- **act in good faith in the best interests of the school** – work cooperatively with other councillors and the school community, be reasonable, and make all decisions with the best interests of students foremost in their minds
- **act fairly and impartially** – consider all relevant facts of an issue before making a decision, seek to have a balanced view, never give special treatment to a person or group and never act from self-interest

- **use information appropriately** – respect confidentiality and use information for the purpose for which it was made available
- **exercise due care, diligence and skill** – accept responsibility for decisions and do what is best for the school
- **use the position appropriately** – not use the position as a councillor to gain an advantage
- **act in a financially responsible manner** – observe all the above principles when making financial decisions
- **comply with relevant legislation and policies** – know what legislation and policies are relevant for which decisions and obey the law
- **demonstrate leadership and stewardship** – set a good example, encourage a culture of accountability, manage risks effectively, exercise care and responsibility to keep the school strong and sustainable.

Indemnity for school council members

School councillors are indemnified against any liability in respect of any loss or damage suffered by the council or any other person in respect of anything necessarily or reasonably done, or omitted to be done by the councillor in good faith in:

- a. the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a councillor, or
- b. the reasonable belief that the act or omission was in the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a council.

In other words, school councillors are not legally liable for any loss or damage suffered by council or others as a result of reasonable actions taken in good faith.

How can you become involved?

By participating in, and voting in the school council 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 consider:

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations in Term 1 of each year. Council elections must be completed by 31 March, unless varied by the Minister for Education.

If you stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or, you can nominate yourself in the parent member category. You can only be nominated by another member of the same category that you are eligible for (e.g. a member of the parent electorate may only nominate another parent of that electorate).

Department employees with a child enrolled at a school where they are not engaged in work, are eligible to nominate for parent membership at that school.

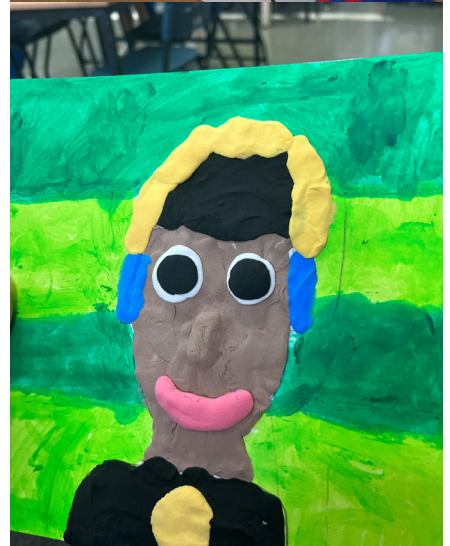
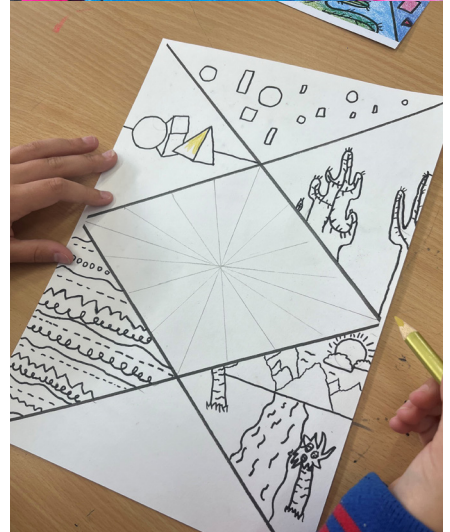
Return your completed nomination form to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt via post, email or by hand delivery.

Generally, if there are more nominations than vacancies a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

- Consider standing for election to school council.
- Ask the principal for instructions if you are not sure what to do.
- Be sure to vote if the election goes to ballot.
- Contact the principal if you are unsure about what is required at any stage of the election process.

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**THE ROBERTSON
BROTHERS:
60'S VARIETY TV SHOW**
Wed 6 March, 7pm
Wyndham Cultural Centre

**MELBOURNE SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA:
MARVELLOUS MOZART**
Fri 8 March, 7.30pm
Wyndham Cultural Centre



MARCH

**THE SMEDS AND THE
SMOOS - PYJAMA PARTY**
Thurs 14 March, 6pm
Wyndham Cultural Centre





**THE SMEDS AND THE
SMOOS**
Fri 15 March,
10am and 12pm
Wyndham Cultural Centre

**QUEEN ROCKS: THE
DEFINITIVE TRIBUTE**
Sat 16 March, 8pm
Wyndham Cultural Centre

**URZILA CARLSON
- JUST JOKES**
Sun 24 March, 7pm
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APRIL

EMMA DONOVAN

Sat 6 April, 8pm
Wyndham Cultural Centre



SNOWY AND THE SEVEN COOL DUDES

Mon 8 April, 10am
Wyndham Cultural Centre



CHILDREN ARE STINKY

Fri 12 April, 11am and 1pm
Wyndham Cultural Centre



WOMPA

Sun 21 April, 2pm
Wyndham Cultural Centre

UMBILICAL BROTHERS – THE DISTRACTION

Wed 17 April, 8pm
Wyndham Cultural Centre



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for more
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JULY



THE LISTIES: MAKE SOME NOISE

Mon 8 July, 11am and 1.30pm
Encore Events Centre

SEP

THE ULTIMATE ELVIS DINNER SHOW

Sat 14 Sept, 6.30pm
Encore Events Centre



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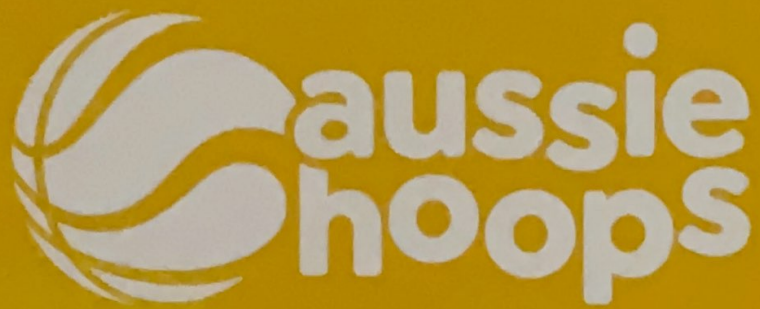
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