



Friday, February 16
Monday, February 26
Wednesday, February 28
Friday, March 9
Thursday, March 8
Monday, March 12
Monday, March 19
Monday, March 26
Thursday, March 29
Tuesday, April 16

Book Club Issue 1 order and money due
Preps commence full time (**3 p.m. finish**)
Sport Victoria Werribee District (SSVWD) Swimming Carnival
Grades 3 – 6 Cross Country
School photos
Labour Day (Public Holiday)
School Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
Grade Prep – 2 Cross Country
Last day Term 1, **2.30 p.m. dismissal**
First day Term 2, 8.50 a.m. start

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Social Skills Program at Iramoo

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

The effect of this work is reflected in our excellent level of student attendance, which has been better than state average for over 10 years.

Our School Values are:

RESPECT:

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

RESPONSIBILITY:

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

- Behave safely and keep your feet and hands to yourself and
- Treat others as YOU would like to be treated, in person and online.

These are being followed up next week with:

- Use a person's name and make eye contact when speaking to them and
- Speak to adults (and everyone else) with respect.

Your assistance in reinforcing these skills at home will be greatly appreciated. If you would like an additional copy or a laminated copy of the 'Not Negotiables', please contact our office and we will be pleased to provide one.

School Council

The School Council two-year term of office for parent representatives Jasmine Allen, Melissa Gadsden and Tanya Hammer expires this month and I would sincerely like to thank each of them for their work and support of our school.

Nominations are now invited for these three positions. Nomination forms are available from our office and must be received by **4 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21.**

Emergency Contact via SMS

The Department of Education & Training has provided facilities for families to be contacted via SMS in case of an emergency. Please ensure that our office has at least one current mobile phone number for your family and please also notify our office staff if you wish to 'opt out' of the emergency SMS contact system.

Congratulations Girls

Last year we were very excited to follow the progress and achievement of two of our ex-Iramoo students playing in the AFL Women's league. Aliesha Newman (Melbourne Demons) and Stacey Barr (Fremantle Dockers) both did very well last year and are playing again this season. This year we have a third ex-Iramoo girl to follow in the AFLW, Naomi Ferres who is playing with the Western Bulldogs and acquitted herself very well in the first round this season.



Sweethearts Day



While many people are celebrating Valentines Day today families who have children with congenital/childhood heart disease are using the day to help raise awareness of the challenges faced by those who have children born with CHD.

We have a number of Iramoo families including two staff members who have been affected by CHD.

The 'simple facts' about congenital/childhood heart disease are:

- ♥ There is no cure
- ♥ Eight babies are born with a heart condition in Australia every day
- ♥ Congenital heart disease is the most common birth abnormality, affecting 1 in every 100 babies
- ♥ HeartKids provides life-long support for heart kids and their families
- ♥ Congenital heart disease is the leading cause of death of Australian babies
- ♥ **Thanks to medical advances, there are over 32,000 adults who have lived with a heart condition since childhood.**

Moira Findlay

ACTIVE TRAVEL

Tuesday, February 6 marked our first Active Travel Day for 2018. Active travel aims to promote healthy living amongst all members of our school community and will be held every Tuesday of this term. Iramoo students made a fantastic start with 243 walkers and 58 cyclists participating on the day. Mrs Lisa Altin (2LA) was awarded the most active junior grade in the school with 52% of students participating. Mr. Lishman's class (4AL) had 78% of students actively participating, which was an amazing effort. This year we will be awarding both junior and senior grades that have high participation in the Active Travel program. Keep up the active travel and remember if you live a long distance away and have to travel by car, 'part way is okay'.

ALISTER MURNANE, ACTIVE TRAVEL CO-ORDINATOR

CANTEEN ROSTER FOR WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2018

Monday	Rachael
Tuesday	Catherine, Mia
Wednesday	Lindsey
Thursday	Mandy, Rita
Friday	Joanne, Joyce, Tania



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Monday	Rachael
Tuesday	Catherine, Mia
Wednesday	Lindsey
Thursday	Mandy, Rita
Friday	Joanne, Joyce, Tania

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

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 key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

WHO IS ON THE SCHOOL COUNCIL?

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

- A mandated elected Parent category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
- A mandated elected DET employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional Community member category – members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. Department employees are not eligible to be Community members.

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 that can help 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 life skills and knowledge to the role. Councilors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

HOW CAN YOU BECOME INVOLVED?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term one 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 following the commencement of Term one each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

Department employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

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

REMEMBER

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the principal for further information.



IRAMOO PRIMARY SCHOOL No. 5152

TOP 10 'NOT NEGOTIABLE' SOCIAL SKILLS*

1. Take responsibility for your own actions, don't blame others.
2. Treat others as YOU would like to be treated, in person and online.
3. Be honest, don't tell lies.
4. Speak to adults (and everyone else) with respect.
5. Use a person's name and make eye contact when speaking to them.
6. Listen and do not interrupt when another person is speaking.
7. Where appropriate use 'Please', 'Thank you' and/or 'Excuse me'.
8. Don't take or touch people's property without permission, including online accounts and passwords.
9. Behave safely and keep your feet and hands to yourself.
10. No put downs - be positive or be quiet.

*As decided by the Iramoo community - December, 2014