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UNIFORM SHOP

Tuesday

2.45 – 3.15 p.m.

Friday

8.40 – 9.10 a.m.



LIMIT
SOMETIMES
FOODS



STRIDE AND
RIDE

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Monday, February 25
Wednesday, February 27
Monday, March 4
Tuesday, March 5
Wednesday, March 6
Thursday, March 7
Monday, March 11
Monday, March 25
Monday, April 1
Friday, April 5
Tuesday, April 23

Preps commence full time (**3 p.m. finish**)
Sport Victoria Werribee District (SSVWD) Swimming Carnival
Year 4 iPad information session, 6 p.m.
School photos
Year 4 iPad information session, 3.15 p.m.
Years 3 – 6 Cross Country
Labour Day (Public Holiday)
School Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
Prep – Year 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 year levels will explain, teach, model and reinforce these skills throughout the term, beginning last week with:

- *Speak to adults (and everyone else) with respect* and
- *Treat others as YOU would like to be treated, in person and online.*

These are being followed up this week with:

- Take responsibility for your own actions, don't blame others and
- Be honest, don't tell lies.

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 term of office for parent representatives Andrew Tweedley, Matt Rasmussen, Neelima Tinnaluru and Kay Ravi 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 four positions. Nomination forms are available from our office and must be received by **4 p.m. on Thursday, February 28.**

Iramoo Girls in AFLW

This year we again have two of our ex-students playing in the AFLW competition. Naomi Ferris has played in each of the Western Bulldogs games and Aliesha Newman is playing for the Melbourne Demons again. Last year Naomi had a premiership medal at the end of the season and Aliesha won the AFLW Goal of the Year. Both girls have returned to Iramoo in the past two years to present our Year 6 students with their House Captain badges and hopefully inspire our children to aim high in all that they do.



Last Sunday Aliesha kicked three goals and was named as one of the best players on the ground in the AFLW match between Melbourne and Brisbane. She may well be in the running for AFLW Goal of the Year again this year.

Major Reconstruction Works on McGrath Road

Those of you who live close to our school would have been contacted last week by Wyndham Council and Negri Contractors about the major road works soon to begin at the front of our school.

The proposed road works will cause significant disruption to and redirection of the traffic around our school, beginning towards the end of March and lasting for approximately five months. During this time, we encourage as many families as possible to walk or cycle to school.

In addition to the road works, we are hoping to have the visitors car park at the front of our school resurfaced so that will be even more reason for families to walk or cycle to school.

Some of the information provided to local residents by Negri Contractors regarding McGrath Road reconstruction is printed below:

Dear Resident,

I am writing to advise that Negri Contractors will begin the McGrath Road Reconstruction Works from Honour Avenue to Ballan Road shortly. These works are expected to be completed by August 2019.

These works will require a permanent speed reduction to 40km/hr along McGrath Road for the safety of both road users as well as those involved in roadwork activities. The intention of the Traffic Management Plan is to shift all traffic (north and southbound) onto one side of the carriageway whilst the other side is under construction (and vice versa). Notice will be provided to all affected residents prior to this traffic strategy being implemented via VMS Boards and email.

Newsletter Advertising

From time to time private companies pay to advertise in our school newsletter or to have their promotional material circulated with our newsletter. Please be aware that our school does not endorse the companies who advertise with us and it is up to consumers to choose goods and services that best meet their needs.

A Boy for Mrs Altin



Last Thursday our 2018 Year 2 teacher Mrs Lisa Altin gave birth to a healthy baby boy. Malachi Joseph Altin was born on February 14 and weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces (3.475 kg).

Moira Findlay

CANTEEN ROSTER FOR WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2019

Monday	Rachael
Tuesday	Catherine, Shara
Wednesday	Lindsey, Kylie
Thursday	Mia, Rita
Friday	Joanne, Joyce, Rae

CANTEEN ROSTER FOR WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019

Monday	Rachael
Tuesday	Catherine, Shara
Wednesday	Lindsey, Kylie
Thursday	Mia, Rita
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.



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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.campastralia.com.au

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2019

What is a school council and what does it do?

Every government school in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within state-wide 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 co-opted 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. We have four vacancies for parent members this year.

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.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the 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.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. 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.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

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.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the Principal by 4 p.m. on Thursday, February 28.

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.



IRAMOO PRIMARY SCHOOL No. 5152

TOP 10 'NOT NEGOTIABLE' SOCIAL SKILLS

1. Treat others as YOU would like to be treated, in person and online.
2. Speak to adults (and everyone else) with respect.
3. Take responsibility for your own actions, don't blame others.
4. Be honest, don't tell lies.
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. Do not 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.

This policy was ratified by the Iramoo Primary School community in October, 2018

Review Date: October, 2021