



NEWSLETTER



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UNIFORM SHOP

Tuesday

Friday

2.45 – 3.15 p.m.

8.40 – 9.10 a.m.



Wednesday, May 2, 2018



STOP PRESS



Yesterday, 75 of our strongest long distance runners represented our school at the Werribee District Cross Country at Presidents Park.

Our students performed very well indeed with many placing in the top 20 for each age group. Iramoo took the championship honours!

A number of our students have qualified to represent the Werribee District in the Wyndham/Hobsons Bay finals on Wednesday, May 30.

We are very proud of all our students for representing our school in a respectful manner and also for being the overall winners.

It has been 10 years since Iramoo Primary School has won this level of Cross Country.

All of the training and effort has certainly contributed to this amazing result.

A big thank you to Mr Hodges for coaching and training our team.

We would also like to thank the families and friends who came along and supported our school.



Friday, May 4

Friday, May 11

Monday, May 14 – Friday, May 18

Tuesday, May 15 – Thursday, May 17

Scholastic Book Club Issue 3 order and payment due

Mother's Day Stall

Grade 6 Camp to 'The Briars', Mt Martha

NAPLAN testing, Grade 3 & Grade 5 students

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Staffing Update

- This week and next week, Assistant Principal Ms Patricia Viscusa and I will be based at Moonee Ponds West Primary School. The MPWPS Principal has gone on personal leave unexpectedly and the school needs leadership support whilst an interim principal is recruited by the Department of Education & Training. Ms Viscusa, Jessie and I will return to Iramoo on Monday, May 14.
- On Tuesday next week we welcome Visual Arts teacher Mrs Samantha Elevato back to our school to teach art classes on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Elevato has been on family leave.

The National Assessment Program, Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

On May 15, 16 & 17 Grade 3 and Grade 5 students in all primary schools in Australia will be participating in the annual NAPLAN tests. The areas tested are Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation), Persuasive or Narrative Writing, Reading Comprehension and Mathematics. The results of the tests provide valuable information for parent/guardians and teachers about individual children's performance in Literacy and Numeracy. Later in the year, parents will receive a detailed report describing their own child's particular skills in the areas that have been tested by NAPLAN. The report will also illustrate how each child has performed in relation to national benchmark standards. Grade 5 parents will have the benefit of seeing how much

progress their child has made since he/she completed the Grade 3 NAPLAN tests. Additional information will be provided for parents of Grade 3 and Grade 5 students.

This year our school is part of the NAPLAN *online* pilot project so all of our students' assessments *except Grade 3 Writing* will be done on computers.

Uniform

- Staff have noticed that we have a number of children wearing zip up 'hoodies' at school. I would like to remind parents that these are not part of our school uniform and are not permitted to be worn in class *even if they are royal blue*.
If your child has been wearing one of these zip up hoodies please replace it as soon as possible with a uniform item in keeping with our student dress code which has been included in this newsletter for your information. Our staff will give students a 'grace period' of two weeks from now after which time children in zip up hoodies will be considered out of uniform. If this presents any financial hardship for your family, please do not hesitate to contact student wellbeing co-ordinator Mrs Karyn Henwood.
- We have been informed that the Prep Uniform Support Package introduced in 2016 will again be available for every Prep government school student who is a recipient of the Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund. Eligible Prep families have received information and order forms so that they can specify sizes etc. If you have received a form and not yet returned it, please complete and return the form by 3 p.m. tomorrow.

Thank you very much to our office staff and our uniform shop *volunteers* for their assistance with this program for the benefit of our children.

Student Attendance & Punctuality

- Our attendance officer Mr Shane Hamilton and Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator Mrs Karyn Henwood monitor our student attendance very carefully. Our aim is for each student to have fewer than 10 days of absence for the full year and a large number of our students have perfect attendance, *some for several years in succession*. Please ensure that your child attends school every day unless ill and that you send an explanatory note to your child's teacher after any absence.
- On Friday at lunchtime, our Junior School Council will conduct a celebration disco for all of the children in Grade 5CC, as this was the class with the best attendance in Term 1. Individual students with *perfect* attendance in other junior grades will also receive an invitation to the disco and these children are invited to bring a friend with them. Congratulations to all of the children who were invited to the disco. Let's hope that we have even more children with perfect attendance in Term 2.
- Our teachers are on yard duty from 8:35 each morning and as school starts at 8:50, it is ideal for students to arrive between 8:35 and 8:45 a.m. Please make a special effort to ensure that your child arrives at school by 8:45 a.m. on Mondays for our weekly whole-school assembly. Student attendance and punctuality will be reported in each child's half-year report that parents receive at the end of June.

Grade 3 and 5 parents please make a special effort to ensure that your children are punctual and well prepared for school during NAPLAN testing.

Bravehearts Performance

As part of our child-safe curriculum, on Thursday, April 19 the Bravehearts organisation came to our school to perform the Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure Show. Over 300 Grade Prep, 1 & 2 children enthusiastically participated in the show and heard Mandy and Ditto (the Bravehearts' mascot) speak about how to keep safe and what to do if they find themselves in a situation where they feel unsafe. The children learnt about Ditto's three key rules: *We all have the right to feel safe with people; it's ok to say no if you feel unsafe or unsure and nothing is too yucky that you can't tell someone about it*. Each child who attended the show received an activity booklet to take home and share with their family. I encourage you to read and discuss the booklet with your child/children and take the opportunity to reinforce key safety messages.



Mother's Day Stall

We currently have an enthusiastic group of parents working together to prepare items for our children to purchase at our Mother's Day stall on **Friday, May 11**.

There will be a variety of presents for children to choose from, most will cost **\$5** but there will also be items for **\$1 up to \$10**.

Please put your child's Mother's Day stall money in an envelope with his/her name and the amount enclosed written on the outside. Please also send a 'shopping' type bag so that the special presents can be transported home safely.



Students As Performers & Audience Members

Our school delivers an outstanding Performing Arts program and as well as weekly lessons, children are part of enrichment activities, choir, band, rock band and instrumental music performances as members of the audience and as performers.

Included in this newsletter is an outline of the performances each year level is involved in.

Grade	As a performer:	As an audience member:
Prep	Christmas Concert, school gym, Wednesday, December 19, 1:45 p.m.	Pick a Peck of Pickled Peppers, school gym, Wednesday, May 24
Grade 1	Christmas Concert, school gym, Tuesday, December 18, 1:45 p.m.	Pick a Peck of Pickled Peppers, school gym, Wednesday, May 24
Grade 2	Musical in a Day, Wednesday, August 15, evening performance for family and friends	Musical in a Day workshops, Wednesday, August 15
Grade 3	*School Concert, Encore Events Centre, Thursday, August 9, approximately 7 p.m. Tickets approximately \$20	Indigenous Cultural Performance, Tuesday, May 29. Approximate cost \$10 per student
Grade 4	*School Concert, Encore Events Centre, Thursday, August 9, approximately 7 p.m. Tickets approximately \$20	Indigenous Cultural Performance, Tuesday, May 29. Approximate cost \$10 per student
Grade 5	*School Concert, Encore Events Centre, Thursday, August 9, approximately 7 p.m. Tickets approximately \$20	Aussie Allsorts (Term 1)
Grade 6	Grade 6 Farewell/Graduation performance, school gym, Monday, December 17, approximately 7 p.m.	Aussie Allsorts (Term 1)

* Students from every grade level are invited to audition for the 'Iramoo's Got Talent' cameo performances at our School Concert on August 9. Please speak to Mr Packham if you would like your child to audition
 * Grade 6 children are invited to audition for the lead parts in our School Concert.

Moira Findlay

CANTEEN ROSTER FOR WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY, MAY 14, 2018

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



CANTEEN ROSTER FOR WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY, MAY 21, 2018

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SWINGFIT GOLF AUSTRALIA



The fun, healthy and social way for women to get started in golf. Come along in comfortable clothing (gym gear accepted) and enjoy a mix of strength and conditioning exercises, golf skills development and socialising. To be held at Wyndham Vale South Reserve, McGrath & Black forest Road on Friday, May 4 from 1.30 p.m. There is no cost for this program. For further information contact Gretta ☎ 5224 9942 or Tamara at tamara.hyett@golfvic.org.au

FREE 3 WEEK TRIAL AT WYNDHAM VALE GIRL GUIDES

Make new friends, have fun and learn cool things! For girls aged 5 to 17 years, Tuesdays from 4:45 to 6:30 p.m. at the hall next to Iramoo Kindergarten, Honour Ave, Wyndham Vale. For further information contact Sue for on ☎ 9748 7177 or suereilly3@hotmail.com



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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.campaustralia.com.au



IRAMOO PRIMARY SCHOOL No. 5152

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 the school uniform shop.**
- The Iramoo Primary School Uniform Order Form gives the full list of items available, many of which are 'unisex' and can be worn by both boys and girls.
- School logo displayed on polo shirts and windcheaters/bomber jackets 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 only be purchased at Rushford's in Watton Street Arcade, Werribee.
- 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 inter-school sports competition is royal blue shorts and polo shirt unless otherwise stated; e.g. football jumpers.
- Netball skirts 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.
- 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 broad brimmed or legionnaires hats when outdoors during Terms 1 and 4. This is *strictly enforced* during these terms.
- 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 is 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 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.