



NEWSLETTER

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UNIFORM SHOP

Tuesday 2.45 – 3.15 p.m.

Friday 8.40 – 9.10 a.m.

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

PUPIL FREE DAY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2017

Friday, November 3

Last day for student grade requests for 2018

Scholastic Book Club, Issue 7 orders with payment due.

Monday, November 6

Pupil Free Day

Tuesday, November 7

Melbourne Cup Day (public holiday)

Wednesday, November 8

Grade Prep & 1 Novelty Sports

Grade 2 & 3 Junior Athletics

Friday, November 10

Grade 5/6 Lightning Premiership

Monday, November 20

School Council Meeting, 7.00 p.m.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parent Requests for 2018 Student Grade Placement

Staff have already commenced planning for next year and I would like to take this opportunity to invite parents who have a particular concern/request about their child's class placement for next year to put this in writing now and make sure that it is delivered directly to the office in a sealed envelope before Friday, November 3. For parents who are new to our school or who have not done this before, this is an opportunity for you to let the staff know if there is a particular teaching style/approach that you would like to request for your child.

In previous years we have had some parents who have thought that this is an opportunity to submit a list of their child's friends. Please understand that the purpose of these requests is to assist the staff to create harmonious working relationships in classes and that we expect and encourage friendships/socialising to take place primarily during playtimes and outside of school hours. Parents who have more than one request should list these in priority order, as it is often difficult to meet more than one request per student. Please also note that we do not retain these requests from year to year so any/all requests need to be renewed annually if they still apply.

Grade Level Newsletters

Last Thursday every student took home their Term 4 Grade Level newsletter. I know that most parents really value these newsletters and look forward to being informed about the special activities and curriculum content that their children will be involved in during the term. The 'how you can help' tips are also very valuable to parents who would like to support their own children's learning at home.

The Grade Level newsletters take a great deal of time and effort from our Grade Leaders, office staff and our admin staff to write, edit, prepare and print and I thank all staff who have assisted with this process throughout the year. All Grade Level newsletters are available on our school website at www.iramoops.vic.edu.au

Compass

Our school is currently trialling the **Compass** online, school management platform. The program is very widely used in schools throughout Australia and many of our families are already familiar with aspects of the system such as giving permission and paying for excursions online because Compass is used in most of our local secondary colleges.

This term we are trialling the student attendance module only and this is the reason why you may have noticed a difference in the way we are managing late comers and early leavers. We are planning to use other Compass modules next year to further improve our communication, management and engagement.



COMPASS
School Manager

Parents who do not have access to a computer or the internet will be able to use our school computer facilities from 8.35 a.m. each morning next year.

2018 Prep Students

We were extremely pleased with the very smooth start to our 2018 Prep students' transition program last Friday. We had 69 children attend and a very large number of parents/carers who joined us in the staffroom for an informal discussion and question/answer session regarding the issues around children's first year of school and a presentation outlining the Saver Plus program that is offered by The Smith Family. We have approximately 90 students enrolled for 2018 Prep.



Prep & Grade 1 Novelty Sports & Grade 2 & 3 'Modified' Athletics

Parents and friends are very welcome to come along and watch our Prep to Grade 3 students when they participate in our annual Junior Sports Day on **Wednesday, November 8**. The children will participate in team and individual events organised by physical education teachers Mrs Alice Warburton and Mr Brad Hodges. The day will be conducted by our Grade 6 house captains. The events will be held on our school 'oval' and the times are:

Grade 1	9 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.
Grade Prep	10 a.m. – 10:45 .a.m.
Grade 2	11:15 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.
Grade 3	1:35 – 2:50 p.m.

Please ensure that your child has his/her broad brimmed or legionnaires hat at school on November 8 and if you and your friends are coming along we request that you too wear a SunSmart hat to set a positive example for the children. We also recommend that you might like to bring a folding chair to enable you to follow the events in some comfort.

****Spectators are welcome to take photographs at our school events but must of course be respectful of their use on social or other media, not posting a photo of any child without permission from the child's parent.**

Moira Findlay

CHILDREN'S WEEK

This week we are celebrating Children's Week at Iramoo. Children's Week is a national celebration of children's rights, talents and citizenship. Our students will be involved in various activities such as lunch picnics, **'bring and brag'** sessions and talent shows. They will be given the opportunity to showcase their special talents and share trophies, medals or certificates they have received for their achievements.



CANTEEN NEWS

Stickybeaks Reusable Wallets



As an alternative to the brown paper bag method of ordering your child's lunch we also offer a very practical and environmentally friendly 'reusable wallet' that children can use for their lunch orders. **Please note that these are a washable product.**

Not only does the re-usable wallet reduce the need for paper bags but those parents already using it have found that it is particularly good for the management of lunch money and change as all money is placed in a separate zipped section of the wallet.

Samples of the insulated wallets are available to view at our general office and for more information on Stickybeaks products visit www.stickybeaks.com.au where you can also print out your free name/class labels and lunch order labels.

If you would like to order one or more re-usable wallets, please complete the order form below and return it to school with payment.

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IRAMOO PRIMARY SCHOOL NO. 5152 STICKYBEAKS RE-USABLE LUNCH ORDER WALLETS



CHILD'S NAME _____ GRADE _____

Product	Price	Qty	Total
Insulated Wallet (to keep food warm or cool)	\$10 each		
Total amount enclosed			\$