



Bronze Award 2020

SCHOOL-WIDE POSITIVE
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And here we go again!

I thank you all for your patience and support during remote and flexible learning. Many of the activities and events that were planned for this term have either been cancelled or postponed. Please read below to find out what the status of certain events are.

The students have transitioned to remote and flexible learning well. The Webex meetings are providing a valuable face to face environment for the students to communicate with their teacher and their classmates. We hope to see all students onsite as soon as possible.

Robyn

Parent Opinion Survey

We value your opinion about our school and invite you to participate in the 'Opinion Survey'. Information on how to access and complete the survey can be found over the page. The survey closes on Friday 3rd September. Thanks to those families that have already completed the survey.

Athletics Day

We are still planning to hold our Athletics Day. We will be holding it at school instead of the Aerodrome ovals. A date has not been set as yet but we hope to hold them as soon as possible. The students are very keen to show off their athletic skills.

School Concert

The concert will go ahead in some form this year. We are unsure of what this will look like at the moment. Mrs Kennedy has uploaded, onto SeeSaw, each classes music for their dance. The students can practice their dance at home as part of their remote learning. Mrs Kennedy would love to see how the students are going. You can upload a video to SeeSaw.

Student Led Conferences

Our student led conferences for this term have been cancelled. We will investigate how we can reschedule these meetings.

Interschool Sport

All interschool sport has been postponed. We had a number of teams that were to compete in the next level of competition this week. We are hoping that these events and the Mini Olympics will be able to be rescheduled.

Father's Day

On Monday (30th August), all students can collect their Father's Day bag from school. Most classes have completed the art for the bag during their art sessions at school. The bags will contain a 'gift' that students can complete at home with dad or during the week as part of their remote learning. Instructions on how to complete their Art or the 'gift' will be uploaded to SeeSaw. The bags will be ready to collect from school on Monday 30th August.
Prep to 2 from the Music Room
3-6 from the Art Room.

Animal Rescue Day

The upcoming LoE dress up day on Friday 3rd of September will be changed to another time. The Grade 6 students (Eliza, Summer and Dannika) organising this activity are keen to reschedule at a later date.



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WE WANT OUR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS/GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training.

It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning.

Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year, the Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Tuesday 18th August** to **Friday 3rd September**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

To complete the survey, simply:

1. Click on the link below, or copy and paste the text into your browser. This link will take you directly to the survey.

<https://www.orima.com.au/parent>

2. Select the School and Campus name below.
School Name: **Irymple South Primary School**

3. Enter the School PIN below.
PIN: **898278**

When complete, please click on the tick button at the end of the survey to submit your answers. Please note that the survey will time out after **60 minutes of inactivity**.

MEALS ON WHEELS DAY

What a lovely article in the Sunraysia Daily this week. The students in Grade 3 wrote some beautiful letters to the volunteers and clients. In Art some classes drew pictures to brighten the day of the clients and volunteers.

We received this thank you...

*We were very pleased today (being Meals on Wheels Day 2021) to receive the lovely note from your students Mahalla YEAR 3 - and greetings from Eva - it was a lovely surprise and much appreciated. We congratulate your school for a very nice thought being passed on by students and please tell Mahalla my favourite colour is PINK
Best wishes
Merle & Doug Watson*

† 8 | News Sunraysia Daily Wednesday, August 25, 2021

Students provide boost

By Danielle Wilcock

Irymple South Primary School students have provided SunAssist volunteers with a much-needed morale boost ahead of National Meals on Wheels Day.

The students have been busy producing colourful artwork and written letters, which will be presented to both volunteers and their clients today.

National Meals on Wheels Day is a celebratory event to recognise the many dedicated volunteers that facilitate the program.

Irymple South Primary School was approached by SunAssist executive officer, Richard Garlick, to help the organisation acknowledge the wonderful work of their volunteers.

"The school were glad to be a part of the initiative," Mr Garlick said.

"They were certainly very keen to be involved and it tied in really well with the school's community ethos."

"Grade three (students) wrote letters for both the volunteers and the clients and prep, Grade two and five students did some great pieces of artwork to also go in the food parcels."

Mr Garlick said volunteers were integral to SunAssist's day-to-day operations.

"We appreciate everything they do and any recognition they get is certainly well deserved," he said.

"We couldn't run our organisation without our volunteers."

In contrast to previous years, this National Meals on Wheels Day has an additional focus. The organisation as a whole is flagging the urgent need for more volunteer delivery drivers to keep the wheels of the services turning.

COVID has not only impacted upon volunteer numbers at a local level, but the demand for meals has also increased, Mr Garlick explained.

"Meal demand has increased by 20 to 30 per cent," he said.

"We have lost volunteers due not wanting to leave the home during this time, which is understandable."

Aside from individual volunteers, the organisation works cohesively with local businesses, who donate their staff's time in order to assist in the delivery of meals. This, too, has been impacted by the pandemic.

"In the past, local business that have a community focus have allowed their staff an hour or two a week to come and pick up the meals and deliver them," Mr Garlick said.

"We appreciate they have also been doing it tough so have had to watch their bottom line."

Mr Garlick acknowledged that there simply hasn't been the opportunity over the past 18 months to provide that support, but he appealed for the community to help where possible.

"If there are any local business wanting and willing to donate their staff, we would love to hear from them," he said.

Despite being classed an essential service, the snap lockdowns, border closures and social distancing protocols have forced the organisation to adapt and change some of their services.

"We used to assist clients with their grocery shopping but with COVID, we have changed to allow our volunteers to go and do this on behalf of the clients," he said.

"We have had to alter the way we deliver the meals with social distancing and work on keeping the sanitation of our cars."

Mr Garlick said there were particular difficulties with the current travel restrictions in place.

"Some of our volunteers are from across the border in NSW and at times haven't been able to volunteer as usual," he said.

"We transport meals and clients to places such as Red Cliffs so those volunteers from Goomoolah, Burrengra and Dareton haven't been able to get in the cars and do those trips."

Permits have also been a challenge, Mr Garlick said.

Being a volunteer-driven organisation, the call for more volunteers is never far from Richard's mind, and the current climate in Australia has only enhanced that need.

But with people becoming increasingly isolated from their local communities, he said there were many benefits of becoming a SunAssist volunteer.

"The social aspect of organisation is something we really focus on," he said.

"When COVID permits we do have lots of social gatherings, and make it fun for everyone involved."

"When people leave the workplace after many years, all of a sudden they are retired and lose a sense of identity."

"Volunteering proves that those who give back to their local community and remain socially active, it's certainly good for their own health and well being."

CALENDAR 2021, Term 3 & 4

	Week	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
SEPTEMBER	8	30 Remote and Flexible Learning	31	1	2	3	4	5 Father's Day
	9	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	10	13	14	15	16	17 End of Term 3	18	19
OCTOBER	1	4 Start of Term 4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	2	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	3	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	4	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
NOV	5	1	2 Cup Day	3	4	5	6	7
	6	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	7	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	8	22	23	24	25	26	27	28

2021 DATES

Term Dates 2021

Term 3 12th July-17th Sept

Term 4 4th Oct-17th Dec

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2021

Cup Day - Tuesday 2nd November

Happy Birthday

AUGUST

Charlotte Hocking (23rd)
 Scarlet Marciano (25th)
 Jett Belsham (26th)
 Stacey McDermott (26th)
 Jagger Button (27th)
 Bonnie Bishop (28th)
 Massey Keens (29th)

