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COASTHILL NEWS

The Inverloch/Kongwak Primary School Newsletter



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We Give Our Best To Be Our Best

Our Vision: To enable all students to achieve their full potential and to develop into confident, well-rounded citizens.

Supervision Times: Before 8:30-The Foyer 8:30 Morning Yard Duty 3:30-3:45pm Afternoon Yard Duty

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What a week.

In my thirty three years of teaching I have never been in a school that has had to experience such a challenging week, a testing week and week of great, great sorrow.

If coping with the threat of coronavirus and the massive adjustments to our practices including teaching and learning wasn't enough, the passing of Judy Hughes has been devastating for our school community. Judy was a significant member of our school community connecting, engaging and caring with all she met. Whilst she officially worked for the Shire, her place of passion and purpose was our school and guiding students to be the best they can be. She held our students in such high esteem, looking out for them, showcasing them to her colleagues and championing all of them.

All of us knew her as our dedicated Crossing Supervisor, helping us safely across the road, evil eyeing the cars who drove too fast on Bayview Ave and made us all feel special by knowing and using our names. Judy did so, so much more that most people will never, ever know. Her greatest, yet quiet talent was providing a firm but caring support for students who found life or schooling tough for various reasons. If we didn't have the staff or expertise to support these children, we had Judy. ("Hey Judy, could you take another student under your wings?") She would find their talents, interest and hopes and champion them to find self worth, happiness, their place, their worth and themselves.

We will miss Judy in so many ways as she had an impact on everyone she met. We will cry, we will remember, we will grieve but we go forward with Judy in our hearts knowing that is what she always intended to do-make every individual feel acknowledged, valued and special.

If you would like to leave a card for us to pass on to her family, please use the slot in the foyer.

We will regularly collect the beautiful cards from the flower memorial to put in a box for Judy's family so they can read and know what a great person she was.

Take care,

Brett Smith

20th March, 2020

March	DIARY DATES
Fri. 27th	End Term 1, 2-30 finish
April	
Tues. 14th	Start Term2



So how did we get through a challenging week?

- ☺ The care and compassion of our staff
- ☺ Parents connecting and supporting each other
- ☺ A lovely morning tea by PFA
- ☺ A space for parents to meet.
- ☺ The amazing School Support Staff who visited and supported us all at Inverloch PS and Kongwak PS
- ☺ Staff attending on their non work days to give a hand, lighten the load or just be there for each other
- ☺ A big bag of chocolates from Wonthaggi Billson St PS
- ☺ Flowers and messages from families and past staff
- ☺ Fantastic emergency teachers
- ☺ The flower memorial at the crossing
- ☺ Scrumptious brownies from one of our emergency teachers.
- ☺ The collegiality of our staff
- ☺ The grace and respect of our students
- ☺ Rainbow Day
- ☺ Slowing down to make the time to reminisce
- ☺ And most of all ...being open, sharing, caring and remembering Judy

Remote Learning

All Victorian schools are currently developing the capacity for students to learn at home if the State Government decides that is the best place for students to learn as the Covid-19 event progresses. Mel McRae is currently developing the IKPS Home Learning website for teachers to lodge their learning programs, tasks and hyperlinks for students to access. This is an unprecedented move in education and will evolve as we determine better ways to communicate, lodge and guide the student learning remotely.

The following is being put in place:

- ✓ Home Learning website
- ✓ Fast tracking our students google accounts. (see attached and this is an OPT OUT process)
- ✓ Yrs 3-6 Student Laptop Home Use Agreement to be signed and returned (see attached)

We are currently working on and waiting for government advice of how to cater for families who don't have internet access. This includes distribution of learning within the Covid-19 hygiene practices and parameters.

Please note teacher designed and supplied home learning will be provided if school learning becomes remote learning under direction of the State government. Our efforts are currently focused on developing remote learning for all students, technology infrastructure and staff professional development.

Compass will continue to be our main communication means.

the Farewell

Today is Mr Belsar's last day at our school and the last day of his L plates (Principal Internship).

Kathy and I have enjoyed having Nathan join the Principal Team and develop his leadership skills through mentoring and learning on the job. Nathan will take back a wealth of knowledge and skills to the Bass Coast Specialist school which will help them develop their leadership profile. In return we have gained great understandings and skills of behavior and emotional support through his Zones of Regulation Principal Implementation project. Through this internship/ partnership we have been able to develop a consistent and supportive approach to developing the self regulation capacity of our students for now and the future. I'm sure we have all been 'travelling' through the various zones this week with the challenges it has brought and use strategies to return to the green zone. Through his work at the specialist school he has also broadened and deepened our ability to observe behaviours and understand their underlying causes and supports.

I'd like to thank Nathan for being part of our staff and especially our Principal Team. We wish him the best for his leadership career.

Last Day of Term Special Lunch Orders

The ONLY items available to order on Friday 27th March are as follows:

- Sausage Roll \$2.50
 - Meat & Vegie Pastie \$3.50
 - Vegie Pastie \$3.50
 - Spinach & Ricotta Roll \$2.50
 - Normal Size Meat Pie \$3.50
 - Drinks from normal menu
- Please note: **NO** Snack Size \$3 pies will be available. Students order as usual using the special menu.*