



# COASTHILL NEWS



The Inverloch/Kongwak Primary School Newsletter

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Brett Smith

*We Give Our Best To Be Our Best*

Assistant Principal:  
Mel McRae

**Our Vision: All students to achieve their full potential and to develop into confident, well-rounded citizens.**

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3:30-3:45pm Afternoon Yard Duty

Ph: 56 574 224

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*Wominjeka*

This week has been a big week of news regarding social media. The use of technology in our lives is ever evolving and at school we not only use technology to learn, we also educate our students on the responsible use of technology– how to use it, when to use it, and how much to use. In addition to teacher taught lessons, we also layer in other forms of learning experiences. Today students attended Cybersafety Project sessions . (see page 2)

This evening discuss the visit and what they learnt as we hope to partner with families to develop healthy and respectful use of technology.

## RAINBOW DAY

This week the students started decorating their very own Judy's Mystery Bag. These bags will be used to contain the Mystery Bag donations collected next week.

Judy loved creating and selling the Mystery Bags and they were always first to sell out.

Who is Judy?, you may ask. Judy was our school crossing supervisor who died suddenly and tragically in 2020 just before the Easter Fair. The return of the Mystery Bags is one of her legacies. The other is Rainbow Day-a day to wear one or all the colours of the rainbow.



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## DIARY DATES

### March

<b>9th</b>	PFA Stay and Play
<b>13th</b>	Labour Day
<b>14th</b>	Pupil Free Day
<b>15th</b>	NAPLAN starts
<b>16th</b>	Regional swimming Rainbow Day
<b>18th</b>	Great Fete
<b>21st</b>	Harmony Day
<b>22nd-</b>	Yr6 Leadership Camp



## Parent Payments Contributions

Parent payment contributions for 2023 is \$230. The policy can be found on the school's website

**HERE**

**COMPASS** see Course Confirmation under Events in the app

### Direct deposit

**Inverloch PS** - BSB: 083001  
Account Number: 293843940

**Kongwak PS** - BSB: 083001  
Account Number: 264692397

Please state 'Surname'  
'Parent Payment' in the description.

## QUICK FETE NEWS

- Volunteers needed (no experience needed)  
[HERE](#) Code **dw9sd**
- Two volunteers for the IPS craft stall
- Mystery bag donations ( \$5-\$10 items) next week
- Clothing collection continues



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## STAY AND PLAY

It's been lovely seeing families staying afterschool enjoying the playgrounds and meeting up with others for 'playdates'.

Come and join us at our Stay and Play afternoon on March 9th. Enjoy the company, catch up and join in the flash mob rehearsal.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The nomination period for School Council has been extended to next Thursday 9th March.

Inverloch PS has 0 of the 5 vacant positions filled.

Kongwak PS has a 2 of the 4 vacant positions filled.

Please consider your involvement in the direction of our schools and bringing parent voice to the table and decisions.

**CYBER SAFETY PROJECT**

**Wellbeing incursions**



**Did you know** that apps like Instagram, Tik Tok and SnapChat are for ages 13 and up?

**Do you know** if your child is using these apps?

**Did you know** apps such Instagram, Tik Tok and SnapChat can be used to bully, body shame, gossip and spread rumours. It's happening with some of our students outside of school hours.

**Do you know** how your child uses technology and apps?

**Do you know** if they are being safe, responsible and respectful online?

**Do you** model safe, responsible and respectful online behaviours?

### **Foundation - Year 2**

Students will learn to be independent with technology and establish strategies to self manage screen time. It starts with the promotion of a healthy balance and exploring what our bodies and minds need to live a healthy lifestyle. Students will be empowered to find ways to switch off, discover daily activities that promote movement and 'green time'. Finally they will understand the need to rest our minds before going back to digital activities. Students will learn the S.T.A.R.T to take control and support the development of digital wellbeing practices.

### **Year 3 - 4**

Finding a digital balance and managing their own digital lives starts with tuning into what's drawing us back. Students will discover techniques apps and game developers use to capture and sustain our attention and how activating settings in online profiles can help us take control of our technology use. Learners will explore the differences between banter and bullying with four proactive steps they can take to seek help and managing difficult situations online. Learners will be empowered to join the upstander movement and create positive and safe online spaces for themselves and their friends.

### **Year 5 - 6**

Connecting and playing online presents complex social pressures for young people. Through interactive roleplays, students will discover ways they can be responsible to keep themselves, friends and family safe online through activating simple profile settings. They will discover the need to show integrity online when faced with digital dilemmas and show strength to manage peer pressure in various online scenarios. Learners will be encouraged to use empathy to help others feel included online and establish proactive strategies to seek help if things go wrong online.

## Artist of the Week



Our Artist of the Week is Prudence in grade 5 with her transformation surrealist oil pastel drawing. Prudence has enjoyed blending colours with tones, tints and shades to create different spatial effects.



A promotional poster for the SBR Weekend Run festival. The background is a scenic aerial view of a coastal road winding through green hills and overlooking a blue ocean with white waves. The word "RUN" is written in large, bold, pink letters at the top left. Below it, the text "Inverloch Sunday 19 March" is written in white. Further down, the distances "2, 5, 10, 21.1" and "42.2 K" are listed in white. On the right side, there is a logo for "SBR WEEKEND" with icons for a swimmer, a cyclist, and a runner, and the dates "March 18-19" below it.



[sbrweekend.com.au](https://sbrweekend.com.au)

Use code **IKPS** when entering the 2K and 5K.

The school receives 50%!

### Swim. Bike. Run. Enjoy any one, two or The Lot!

The SBR Weekend is an event comprised of swimming, cycling and running. The event is shared around the Bass Coast community over a weekend. Whether you do one event or more, there's a fun and festive atmosphere when you're done with the Inverloch Kongwak Primary School fete on Saturday followed by SBR's Run festival in Inverloch on Sunday. The Run course follows the road between Inverloch and Cape Paterson – the first time it has been closed for an event! Offering 2, 5, 10, 21.1 and 42.2 K distances, the views are amazing! For every registration in the 2K and 5K runs, 50% will be donated back to the school. The team running this event are donating 50% of the registration fee to IKPS when IKPS families pre register (or register at the Fete).

Participants can register online for the 2 and 5 km run on the Sunday and use the **IKPS** as the code.

Hi everyone!

My name is Mrs Kerry Ware and I'm your school Chaplain.

### **Chaplaincy in Schools**

Chaplaincy aims to support the emotional wellbeing and pastoral care of the broader school community including the students, their families and staff. This might involve working with individuals or groups to support friendships, provide a listening ear, talk through worries, provide encouragement, and assist with engaging positively in school life.

I am generally available on Mondays and Tuesday from 8.30am-2.00pm. Please feel free to let staff know or pop into school for a chat if you think I can support your family. In order for me to provide support for your child/children, I will need a signed permission form. These forms are available from Mel McCrae through the office.

### **Breakfast Club**

We have resumed with offering breakfast club for students on both Monday and Tuesday mornings each week. What a delight it is, to see that students come along to have a chat with the volunteers from the Uniting church in Inverloch and mingle with friends as they enjoy something to eat and drink before they head to classrooms. The food is donated by a Slice of Paradise bakery and the Foodworks supermarket, in Inverloch. We appreciate this ongoing generosity and would encourage you to say thank you any time you pop into these businesses.

### **Having fun with Yarn!**

Who would have thought that a ball of yarn could provide so much fun at playtimes? I make myself available to chat with students outside in the playground and have been continually amazed at the joy children have making friendship bracelets and learning how to finger knit. This is an opportunity for learning as we had to persevere, be patient with each other and ourselves, start over when we lost our stitches, undo various tangles, and ask for help. In recent weeks it has been especially delightful to see children helping each other to make and create.

It was a lovely way for me to get to know more children this week. If anyone has 8ply colourful yarn they would like to donate that would be most welcome at school on Monday or Tuesday next week.

### **Seasons for Growth**

At Inverloch/Kongwak P.S. staff are working to best meet the academic, emotional, social and wellbeing needs of our students.

We are offering a small group program for selected students in year 3-6 called Seasons for Growth. This program supports those who have experienced grief or loss. Loss at any time can be challenging. We recognise that when changes occur in families through separation, divorce, bereavement or other loss experiences, young people may benefit from learning how to make sense of these changes.

Seasons for Growth is a small group program that supports children and young people to learn change is part of life, naming and caring for feelings, problem-solving, making good choices and developing support networks. Please contact your child's class teacher, Mel McCrae or [myself](#), if you think this program may be appropriate for your child.

Kind regards

*Kerry Ware*





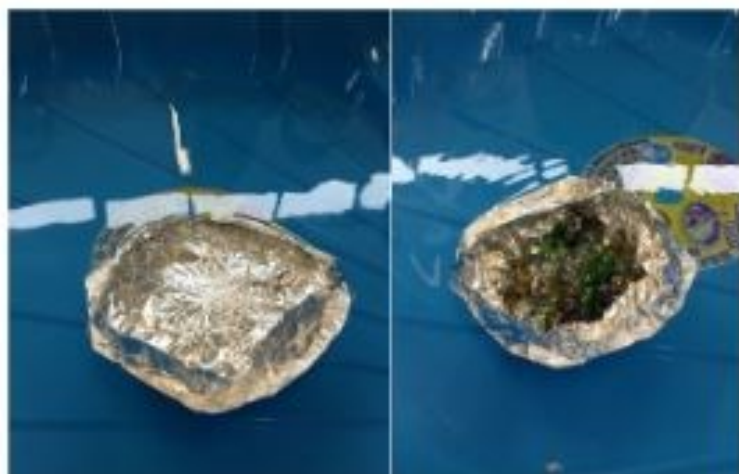
STEM has been greeted with much excitement! All Inverloch classes have now completed at least two sessions in STEM. There has been great enthusiasm, curiosity and remarkable learning across all classes.

The primary focus has been on encouraging students to work effectively in collaborative teams by setting expectations and discussing the skills needed

for teamwork. Students have been guided through group experiments and have started putting the design process into action.



Recently Joel and Leo from 4T worked collaboratively to very successfully complete a design and engineering challenge. They managed to use just a 30cm X 30cm piece of foil to float over 100 marbles!



"We were nervous while Mr.C kept adding more and more marbles. Our *Jurtle* held way more than the 20-30 marbles we predicted. We were successful because of our design. We had other ideas but chose the best. We are proud of the work we did together. "



## SEEKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST


The committee for THE GREAT FETE are seeking expressions of interest from local community groups or individuals to be involved with the fete on Saturday, March 18, 2023.

Please pick up an info pack from the office or email [ikpsfete@gmail.com](mailto:ikpsfete@gmail.com) for more information.

We are looking to involve everyone in our community to focus on reconnecting after a three year hiatus.

# The Great Fete Flyer

## Great Fete Calendar 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6 March	7 March	8 March	9 March	10 March	11 March	12 March
Mystery bag Donations	Mystery bag Donations	Mystery Bag donations	Mystery Bag donations	Mystery Bag donations		
Clothing Collection continues	Clothing Collection continues	Clothing Collection continues	Clothing Collection continues	Clothing Collection continues		
13 March	14 March	15 March	16 March	17 March	18 March	
Labour Day	PUPIL FREE DAY		Rainbow Day			

## OFFER

→ [HERE](#) ←

or

Code



**dw9sd**

### Contributing-how can you help out?

Here are some jobs we will be seeking support with next week. Please start considering how you can contribute to greatness.

Assistance	Donations –leave in collection boxes in the IPS foyer
Sorting clothes donations Selling at the IPS Clothes Stall 8:00-9:30 Setting up 3:00pm-4:30 Packing Up	Mystery bag prizes-\$5-\$10 non gender specific prize ( toys, stationery, gadgets, games, art etc Clothes– clean, sellable clothes Books– good quality sellable books Casual Day Friday-Gold coin donation

## **CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE**

Conveyance Allowance is available for children who are attending their nearest government school (or in some circumstances your next nearest government school) and live 4.8km or more from the school. If you think this applies to you please collect an application form from the office. **These forms must be returned to school by 3<sup>rd</sup> March.** Parents who already receive this allowance do not need to reapply, but if your circumstances have changed you need to notify the office. If you have another child who has just started school, you will need to complete an application form for them.

## **Do you have a concession card? If so you may qualify for government funding!**

### **CAMP SCHOOL EXCURSION FUND (CSEF)**

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

**CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)** School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum. CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a **valid means-tested concession card** or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

**As part of the funding Prep students will receive a uniform package and further information will be sent home regarding this once an application has been made.**

MORE INFORMATION For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

### **HOW TO APPLY**

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form from the start of next year.

**If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.** You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred: • new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools this year. • changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year. Please check with the school office if you are unsure.



We would like to acknowledge that we live and learn on the traditional lands of the Boon Wurrung and Bunurong people. We pay respect to the elders past, present and pay respects to the emerging leaders in our school.



### *What we have been up to*

Over the past 4 weeks we have been settling back into routine and getting to know our new preps and new families. We have explored games in the gym, outdoor games, new craft activities and have much more planned for the remainder of the term. With the up coming weeks, we have themes such as sensory week, by the sea, outer space and Easter. We will explore different games that go with the theme, craft experiences and even some science experiments to fit each theme.

### *Pupil Free Day*

On the 14th of March there will be a pupil free day at Inverloch Primary, therefore we will run a pupil free day at Inverloch TheirCare. We are open from 6:45am - 6:00pm with multiple activities planned throughout the day, including gym games, craft activities, outdoor play and much more.



### *Parent Survey/Feedback*

Very soon we will be sending out a survey/feedback form to all of our families to help guide us with our future planning and the overall performance at Inverloch TheirCare. If you have a spare 5 minutes we would very much appreciate you filling out the form. Thank you :)



#### TIMES

**Before School:** 6:45AM - 8:30AM  
**After School:** 3:30PM - 6:00PM  
**Holidays:** 6:45AM - 6:00PM

#### CONTACT HEAD OFFICE

 1300 072 410  
 [info@theircare.com.au](mailto:info@theircare.com.au)

#### CONTACT SERVICE

 0499 604 476  
 [inverloch@theircare.com.au](mailto:inverloch@theircare.com.au)

# COMMUNITY NEWS

The following Community News articles promote community connections and communications. They are not considered school activities

**THE HOUSE IN THE HUB**  
*whats on*  
**Workshops and Community**

Welcome to Inverloch Morning Tea  
  
 10am - 11am  
27/03

  
 2pm - 4pm  
22/03  
**Flower Arranging**

  
 5:30pm - 7pm  
1/02 - 22/02  
**Mosaic Workshop**

  
 5:30pm - 7pm  
23/02 & 2/03  
**Bird Life Bass Coast**

[www.inverlochcommunityhouse.org.au](http://www.inverlochcommunityhouse.org.au)  
t. 5674 2444

**THE HOUSE IN THE HUB**  
*whats on*  
**February 24th & March 31st**  
**2:30pm to 6:00pm**

Swap your best dress  


Put a lid on it  


Summer Sizzle Community BBQ  


Know Your Waste  


[www.inverlochcommunityhouse.org.au](http://www.inverlochcommunityhouse.org.au)  
t. 5674 2444

**PRE SEASON NBL1 DOUBLE HEADER**


**RINGWOOD**  
v  
**FRANKSTON**


**Saturday 4th March 2023**

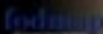
2.30 -3.20pm Girls Clinic (7-16 Years)  
3.30-4.20pm Boys Clinic (7-16 Years)  
(tickets via trybooking)

**Womens Game 5pm**  
**Mens Game 7pm**  
(tickets via trybooking)

Bass Coast Community Stadium  
McKenzie Street, Wonthaggi




EASTLAND physica  Noel Jones

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**From 1pm to 7pm**  
**SUNDAY 12th MARCH**

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**Nick Carver and the Mean Street Butchers**  
**The Stony Six | Stringz Costero | Meg Doherty**  
**Nic Huigslot | Beggs2differ**

**Tickets:**  
**\$30 Adults**  
**\$20 Kids**  
 at Door or via  
[trybooking.com/CFKY](http://trybooking.com/CFKY)





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# HARMONY WEEK

*Celebrating Our Cultural Diversity*

Thursday 23 March 2023

3.30pm - 4.30

Afterschool - Crafternoon

Suitable for children 4-8 years old

All Children must be accompanied by a carer

Everyone gets a yummy icecream!



For Bookings please ring 03 5672 1875  
or visit [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com)

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Each week a range of activities take place centred around AFL football to ensure maximal engagement and most of all have fun. Come and Try sessions are currently being negotiated with both primary schools in Inverloch and Kongwak late March.

For anyone who may find the registration payment ((\$91 for the 10 week program, plus a presentation celebration) and or purchasing uniforms (footy boots etc) difficult please contact me for assistance. This will be kept confidential and is all about giving the kids the opportunity to be involved in local sport.

If there are any questions, please contact me on 0408 281953 and also 'check and like' our Inverloch Auskick Facebook Page as all of our communication is here.

Please register at [www.playafl.com.au](http://www.playafl.com.au)

**Cheers Big K**  
**Coordinator**



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## Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment\*
- ✓ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)\*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

\*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:



For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:

Saver Plus Coordinator  
 [enquiriesSP@bsl.org.au](mailto:enquiriesSP@bsl.org.au)  
 1300 610 355

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Find out more at [saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au)

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.



## Bass Coast Kinship Carer Support Group

Are you caring for a child or children because a family member or friend is unable to? Would you like to meet others who are in a similar situation and will understand what you are going through? Would you like to be with people who will listen to your stories without judgement? **All Kinship Carers are welcome and morning tea will be supplied**

### WHEN:

The second Tuesday of each month at 10am-12pm

### WHERE:

Ventnor Recreation Reserve  
96-114 Lyall Street  
Ventnor

### RSVP FOR CATERING:

Anita on 0475 740 927 or [kinshipcaregippsland@berrystreet.org.au](mailto:kinshipcaregippsland@berrystreet.org.au) or use the following link to register <https://forms.office.com/r/GxK2dgVsBu>

### 2023 MEETING DATES:

10<sup>th</sup> of January  
14<sup>th</sup> of February  
14<sup>th</sup> of March  
11<sup>th</sup> of April  
9<sup>th</sup> of May  
13<sup>th</sup> of June  
11<sup>th</sup> of July  
8<sup>th</sup> of August  
12<sup>th</sup> of September  
10<sup>th</sup> of October  
14<sup>th</sup> of November  
12<sup>th</sup> of December



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