

Principal: 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.

Ph: 56 741 253 Supervision Times: 8:30 Morning Yard Duty 3:30-3:45pm Afternoon Yard Duty Ph: 56 574 224

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE Wominjeka

Who is excited for the **Great Fete** tomorrow? The **BUZZ** around the school is electric and the kids are particularly excited to participate in the dunk tank to try and dunk some of our favourite teachers. Mr Smith is a pretty popular person to be dunked so make sure you're around to see him sitting in the tank. A massive **thank you** goes out to everyone that is making this event happen for our school. The support of community is such an important part of a school and ours is pretty fantastic.

On Tuesday, when the students had an extra long weekend, the teachers met at school for a **Restorative Practice Professional**Development day. The day was terrific with an amazing amount of information about the brain, emotions and how the brain copes when under

stress. Did you know that there are over **\$2.000** different ways to talk about emotions. When talking to children and they tell us that they are feeling sad; what sort of sad are they actually feeling? Are they feeling lonely, hurt or disappointed? We worked with our presenter on the day to tease out how we can best understand our children and how we can use precise language to help them understand how they are feeling.

Congratulations to the students who swam at the Regional Swimming yesterday-the results were most impressive. A special thanks to Donna Lancaster who helped marshal the students to their races.

Finally, a **special mention** to some of our students that have been impressing sold out crowds in the Wonthaggi Theatrical Group production of School of Rock. Joel McRae, Kayley Lockhart, Summer Cardy, Isla Lonza, Abbigail Thomas and Celeste Petracca you are all amazing!

Mel McRae

Up, up and away...it's Multiage day

On Tuesday 4th April, we will be having our Superheroes multiage day-our first for the year. This multiage day complements our current wellbeing curriculum focussing on personal strengths and wellbeing. Students are encouraged to be creative in developing their own character with its own super strength (e.g. hope, fairness, honesty, loyalty, generosity, self control, humour, brave, courage, tolerance, compassion, creativity etc) or wellbeing strength (nutrition, sleep, active, resilience, fitness etc.) No need to buy anything-just use what you have at home (capes, masks, belts) or convert a superhero costume you already have.

For those new our school community, Multiage days are when we celebrate an event or curriculum area by participating in a range of themed activities in a mixed age groups.

18th March 2023 Edition 7

DIARY DATES

March

18th Great Fete21st Harmony Day

22nd- Yr6 Leadership Camp

24th

<u>April</u>

4**th** Superheroes day



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.

Regional Swimming Results

1st place goes to States

Free style

Tully 4th

Eden 3rd

Maggie 1st

Teo 8th

Back stroke

Emily 1st

Maggie 2nd

Rex 1st



1st Josie

1st Emily

5th Noah

Butterfly

4th Tully

3rd Eden

4th Walker

2nd Nyah

1st Rex

Relays

1st 11 girls

3rd 11 boys

3rd 12 girls

1st 12 boys













SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

This week both schools had their AGMs. Congratulations to the following:

	Inverloch PS Kongwak PS		
President	Brad Lester	Belinda Jeffries	
Vice President	Wendy Moyle	Virginia Hunt	
Treasurer	To be filled	Belinda Jeffries	
Minute Secretary	Mel McRae	Sharon Churchill	
New	Julie Jackson (DET rep)	Kate Davis	

- The Year 4 and 6 camp was approved.
- The Annual Reports were approved.
- Changes to asthma and sun protection policies and practices discussed and being updated



Students, teachers and parents have been learning the Brooklyn Shuffle (to the song Night Fever) to participate in a Flash Mob at the Great Fete. To join the flash mob, be near the music stage at 11.50am. The flash mob will start **after** you hear the band play "Crazy."

Night Fever will then play and we would love as many people as possible to join us in front of the stage.

This is planned to be at approximately 12 o'clock.

If you want to learn it at home, google "Never Stop Dancing Brooklyn Shuffle" for youtube instruction videos.

This is an opportunity to have fun and a laugh with the students and community members - no dancing experience required!!

If you want more information contact Erin on 0405 522 903.

NIGHT FEVER LEARN THE STEPS 1

NIGHT FEVER - LEARN THE STEPS 2 - YouTube

SIGNS OF THE WEEK



rainbow



day

Artist of the Week



Our Artist of the Week is Harlow Reed in Grade 6 with her transformation oil pastel drawing. Harlow has creatively transformed the image of a pizza cutting wheel into a roller skate and enhanced the image by placing the object into an environment giving it a local context.







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.

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

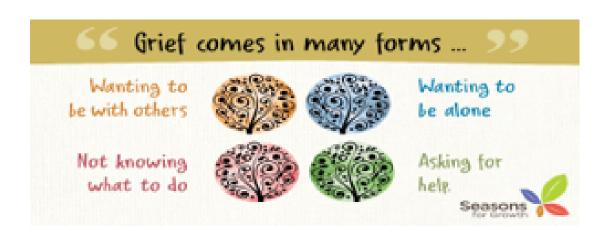
As part of the funding Prep students will receive a uniform package and further information will be sent home regarding this once an application has been made.

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 are offering Seasons for Growth Adult Seminar program to all parents at Inverloch Kongwak Primary School.

Date: Monday May 8

Time: 12.00-3.00

Place: The Hub meeting room

Cost: \$14 (to cover cost of your journal).

Understanding Change, Loss and Grief

This is a <u>3 hour</u> Seminar is where groups and individuals are seeking to deepen their general understanding of change, loss and grief and learn about how different people respond and explore approaches to manage change, loss and grief.

If you are interested in coming along to this seminar, please complete the form attached and return to the school.

For any further information please pop into school for a chat or give me a call at the school on Mondays or Tuesdays. Return the slip below to book your place in the seminar.

Kerry Ware

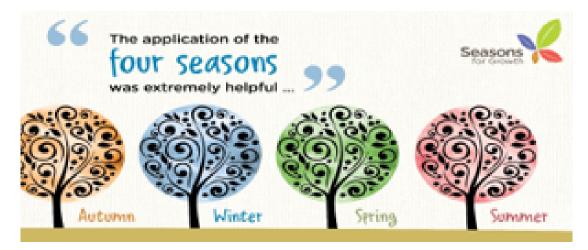
Chaplain

Inverloch Kongwak P.S.

Seasons for Growth Adult Seminar

I will be attending the Seasons for Growth Adult Seminar.

Name (I	Print): _		
Phone:			



We are also providing an opportunity for a series of four follow up sessions for individuals who would like to reflect on their personal stories in a supportive group.

Dates: Monday May 15, 22, 29 & June 5

Time: 12.00-3.00

Place: The Hub meeting room

Cost: \$27 (to cover cost of your journal).

Exploring the Seasons of Grief

Seasons of Grief is a small group adult program which runs over 4 sessions, that combines psychology and education with peer support, within a personcentred learning approach. It uses the metaphor of the seasons to explore the cyclic nature of grief.

Seasons for Growth normalises participants' <u>experiences</u>, <u>and</u> can increase protective factors (including building personal resilience and social skills) while minimising some risk factors (including isolation) that influence mental health

and wellbeing. The program also supports the development of communication, decision making and <u>problem solving</u> skills.

Participants will need to have attended the first seminar to participate in these sessions.

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

The Dudley campus of Bass Coast College would like to invite you to attend an information evening for prospective 2024 year 7 students.

The evening will provide community members with an introduction to the Dudley campus. This time will also provide a space for potential students/parents/guardians to ask questions about Bass Coast College programs and meet the Dudley campus principal team members.

This information evening will take place on Tuesday the 4th of April at the Dudley campus commencing at 6.30pm and concluding at 7.30pm. Attending community members can park on the school grounds and be directed to our Flexible Learning Centre (FLC) via the Dudley campus front office upon arrival. Community members seeking more information are welcome to contact the Dudley office on (03) 5672 0900.

Kind regards,

Phillip De Salvo Acting Dudley Campus Principal

Seasons for Growth





An innovative
Australian grief
and loss education
program that uses the
imagery of the seasons
to illustrate the
experience of grief.

It does not provide counselling or therapy.



What does it do?

Seasons for Growth aims to strengthen the social and emotional wellbeing of adults who are dealing with significant life changes by:

- Exploring the impact of the change and loss on everyday life
- · Learning new ways to respond to these changes

Who is it for?

Anyone who is living with the effects of change and loss. Many factors can cause change such as:

- · Friends can come and go
- · Loss of someone or something you love
- · Parents and families separate
- · Moving to a new place
- Impact of illness
- · Family work-life changes

Change affects everyone differently, as does grief. It's the impact of the change, not the event itself that Seasons for Growth focuses on.

We suggest that anyone affected by bereavement wait 6-12 months before participating in a Seasons for Growth program.



How does it work?

Seasons for Growth is a small group program that combines psychology and education with peer support, within a person centred learning approach. It uses the metaphor of the seasons to explore the cyclic nature of grief, and is underpinned by William Worden's tasks of grieving.

Seasons for Growth normalises participants' experiences, and can increase protective factors (including building personal resilience and social skills) while minimising some risk factors (including isolation) that influence mental health and wellbeing. The program also supports the development of communication, decision making and problem solving skills.

How is it delivered?

Run over 4-8 sessions, Exploring the Seasons of Grief is a small group (4-7 participants) grief and loss program.

The *Understanding Change, Loss and Grief* 3 hours Seminar is designed for use in a wide variety of contexts with up to 25 participants, where groups and individuals are seeking to deepen their general understanding of change, loss and grief.

Trained 'Companions' facilitate either/both elements of the Seasons for Growth adult program. Companions may be agency staff, endorsed volunteers or other suitable adults who undertake a two-day training workshop and subsequent accreditation with Good Grief.

Outcomes

Seasons for Growth provides the support and space to:

- Learn about how different people respond to change, loss and grief
- Understand that it is normal to experience a range of grief reactions
- Explore new approaches to dealing with change, loss and grief in their lives
- Build communication, decision making and problem solving skills.
- Participate in a supportive network of peers and adults.
- Integrate their new learning into their relationships with family, friends and others

Evidence

Seasons for Growth has been evaluation on a number of occasions with the following conclusions:

The University of Melbourne, 2005

"Reduces participants" isolation and develops their concern for other people"

Department of Health and Ageing, 2008

"The content and structure of the program is professional, well designed and well executed to deliver fundemental and positive change."

University of Central Queensland, 2008

"The systematic progression through the program was therapeutic... indviduals felt more in control of their own lives and their responses to situations, thus building resilience."

Mental Health Association NSW, 2010

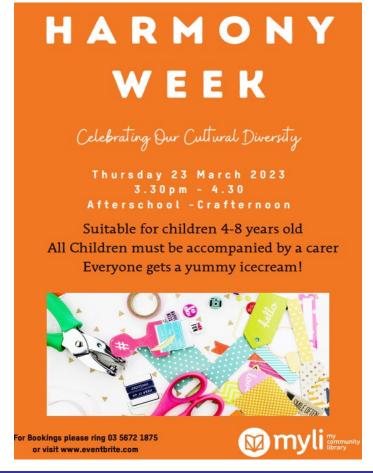
"Participants achieved increased knowledge, skills and understanding about change, loss and grief and tools to help manage both current and past issues."

COMMUNITY NEWS

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INVERLOCH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

World renown Palaeontologists(dinosaur experts) are speaking at the Hall at the Hub in Inverloch on Monday the 17th of April at 2.30 PM. Come and hear Professor Patricia Vickers-Rich AO and Dr. Tom Rich speak on their subject: "Palaeontology at Inverloch"

This is an amazing opportunity for to hear them talk about dinosaurs that have been found at Inverloch.



Everyone invited with a \$3.00 donation for adults and children free. A great school holiday event.

RSVP to secretary@inverlochhistory.com
Pres/Sec Lewis Stone 0407 505141







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INVERLOCH AUSKICK



Hi Familes and Carers (3)

Our 10-week program kicks off on Friday 28 April at 5:30pm at the Inverloch Kongwak Football Netball Club (IKFNC). We encourage you to register your child asap to ensure they receive their awesome AFL packs. Auskick is for boys and girls turning 5 this year and up to 12 years of age. The groups start at kinder and go right through to grade 3 plus. There is an 'all girls' group as well or the girls can participate in any group they choose.

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 $\underline{10 \ week}$ 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.plavafl.com.au

Cheers Big K Inverloch Auskick





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

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

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

WHERE: Ventnor Recreation Reserve

96-114 Lyall Street

RSVP FOR CATERING:

Anita on 0475 740 927 or

kinshipcaregippsland@berrystreet.org.au or use the following link to register https://forms.office.com/r/GxK2dgVsBu

2023 MEETING DATES:

10th of January 14th of February

14th of March 11th of April

9th of May 13th of June

11th of July 8th of August

12th of September 10th of October

12th of December







Are you eligible to join Saver Plus & receive \$500 for your back to school costs?

Must meet all eligibility criteria:



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



Be 18+ years old









