



COASTHILL NEWS



The Inverloch/Kongwak Primary School Newsletter

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.

Our Values : Be Respectful, Be Safe, Be an Active Learner.

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Supervision Times: 8:30 Morning Yard Duty

3:30-3:45pm Afternoon Yard Duty

Ph: 56 574 224

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This will be my last newsletter article before I retire which by my calculations makes about 580 'Principal's Messages'! It is through these articles I can share both the school and my thinking of a topic or subject to help parents understand, learn or consider.

My final message as a Principal, father and very soon to be grandfather x 2, is about supporting our children to be the best they can be. Now that my children are grown up, I have the opportunity and the privilege to reflect on how they have grown and developed into amazing young adults. (pictured). We all love our children dearly and do anything for them but we must keep in mind that how we support them and nurture them is about them in the future when they will not always have those around them who love them as dearly as their parents. Helping them to be safe, resilient, respectable, respectful, discerning, diligent and kind adults starts with us in their childhood. Children need to 'wobble' so we can guide them and support them so they can withstand the 'wobbles' of life. Our children need to develop thick enough skin to cope with what comes their way without us. Supporting them to navigate through the challenges with supportive parameters rather than protective barriers and rescue missions, helps them to make wise decisions once again without us there.

Life is not plain sailing, there will always be obstacles, detours or road blocks. Enjoy the journey with your children-helping them to navigate the journey of life. As a school, we hope to share your journey through good times and troubled times.

My decision to retire is based on my desire to journey with my own family and I need time and energy to do so.

Inverloch Primary School and Kongwak Primary Schools are amazing places with great promise of even better. I wish them both and their communities all the best for the future.

Brett Smith



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DIARY DATES

December

20TH 15th Final Assembly

2024

Jan 31st First Day of School for students
2nd House Swimming Sports

CHANGE OF DATE

Last day

Wednesday 20th
December
1:30pm



"We at Inverloch and Kongwak Primary Schools, acknowledge that we live and learn on the traditional lands of the Boonwurrung and Bunurong people. We pay respect to the Elders past and present, and emerging."

2024 Journey

It's been a bit strange having to organise 2024 and not being here to lead...a bit like planning a holiday you never will go on. However our Leadership Team, staff and committees will continue our intentions. Some plans are:

- ☺ New sandpit (The Dinopit)
- ☺ New outdoor learning area
- ☺ Indigenous Cultural Awareness and Training PD day for staff.
- ☺ Repair of the basketball court
- ☺ New lines on the basketball court
- ☺ Wellbeing Dog
- ☺ Expand school swimming to include the Preps
- ☺ Story Dogs
- ☺ Science Inursion
- ☺ School based school performance
- ☺ New Edgar st pedestrian entrance
- ☺ Resurfacing of the Kongwak PS front area
- ☺ Lots more

The new Principal should be announced next week...we're all keen to know who will lead the schools and their communities, 2024 and beyond

It is a tradition at Inverloch Primary School to present departing Principals and long serving staff or community members a book that is dedicated to the library on their behalf. This week I was presented with such a book by the Inverloch PFA. I hope the students enjoy reading as much as I did- so much that I will be buying my own copies to add to our grandparent library.

Brett Smith



LAST WEEK TIMETABLE

Next week classes will be merged and split to allow staff to meet in their new teams and plan for 2024 and move furniture and resources to new classrooms (There's a bit of a shake up of classes and rooms for 2024). Students will participate in festive activities and assist with room changes.

Carols @ The Glades

For the Inverloch Carols this Saturday, the pre-entertainment starts at 5:30pm, with the Carols kicking off at 6:30pm.

Inverloch Primary will be on at about 7:20pm, after the Christmas message - the MCs will invite the students to come forward.

If the weather's bad we'll move to the Community Hub, with Facebook announcements to let people know.





Student Leadership 2024

SCHOOL CAPTAINS



Walker Franks



Emma Barclay



Fraser Oliver



Abbigail Thomas

VICE CAPTAINS

STUDENT ACTION LEADERS



Nadia Joyce



Anahla Cameron



Roy Bright

ICT CAPTAIN

HOUSE CAPTAINS

RED ROBINS



Rahvi Butcher



Aylah Strickland



Franklin Boyd Munro



Charlotte Williams

WHITE SEAGULLS

BLUE WRENS



Thomas Simon



Kaylee Lockhart

GOLDEN HONEYEATERS



Liam Jones



Emily Croatta

ENVIRONMENTAL CAPTAIN



Logan Sampson

ART CAPTAINS



Stella Carlisle



Prudence Blackburn

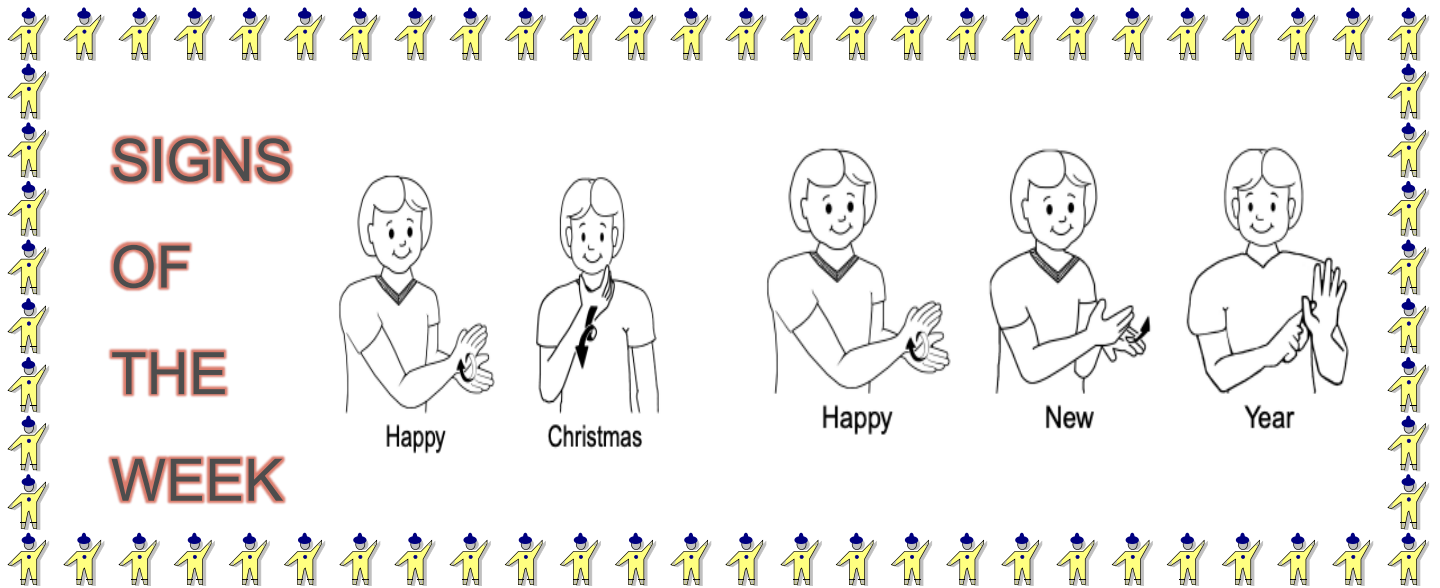


Student Leadership 2024


JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL LEADERS		SPORTS LEADERS	
			
<i>Poppy Richardson</i>	<i>Lily Ann Balfour</i>	<i>John Kirton</i>	<i>Mikayla Jeffries</i>
MAINTENANCE	ECO LEADERS		ART
			
<i>John Kirton</i>	<i>Mikayla Jeffries</i>	<i>Lily Ann Balfour</i>	<i>Poppy Richardson</i>

Term Four Calendar 2023


Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11 Dec	12 Dec	13 Dec	14 Dec	15 Dec
IPS Yr 3/4 Toora Pool Excursion	IKPS Statewide Transition Day Step Up Day IPS Anglican Church Visits->	Reports Live on Compass KPS Xmas Lunch	IKPS Year 6 Graduation KPS End of Year Assembly @ KPS	11:30am IPS EoY Assembly @ The Hub 2:50pm KPS EoY Assembly @ KPS 16/11 -Carols in the Glade All curriculum programs conclude
18 Dec	19 Dec	20 Dec		
		IKPS Last Day Term 4 2:30		




SIGNS OF THE WEEK




Happy




Christmas



Happy



New



Year



SWPBS Weekly Winners

The following students won the SWPBS raffle at assembly today.

Well done to these students!

Rhona M 1B, Will H 1B, Asher L 1B, Edward w 1R, Billie S P1N

End of Term 2nd Chance winners:

Henry D 2C, Charlotte W 5C, Liam J 5M, Tyler S 1R, Lachy M 5P,

Norah A 1B, Eden R 6F, Charlotte D PG, Flynn T 6S, Charlotte B 4M, Savannah B 6F

SCHOOL-WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR UPDATE

This year, we have embarked on a huge project at Inverloch and Kongwak Primary School. We have created our own schoolwide expected behaviours and behaviour matrix. Thank you to our students and staff for helping to develop these. We are much clearer now about what we expect from each other, and our school feels much calmer, happier and more connected as a result of this.

I wanted to wish all our students and families a safe and happy holiday season. To help our kids have a nice holiday, please monitor what they are doing online! I know it feels like kids are safe when they are sitting in their room absorbed in a device, but this is not always the case! There are a lot of risks in the online environment from interacting with people they don't know, to being targeted in scams or online bullying. Our SWPBS lesson this week was all about how to demonstrate our schoolwide expected behaviours of safety, active learning and respect in the online environment. Please help to reinforce these expectations at home too. The E-safety Commission has some excellent resources for parents. You can visit the website here: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents> . This is also the place to report any problems online.

Natasha Bird (Student Wellbeing Coordinator)

Grade 6 Graduation

Class of 2023



Final Assembly Award Winners



COMMUNITY NEWS

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



FREE Kids Holiday Event

10am - 11:30am Thu 25th Jan

@ Inverloch Community Hub, 16 A'Beckett St

Primary & pre-school age children's games, craft, activities

Bookings not required, parents to stay with children

Pastor Jeff Robertson 0418 125 832

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAM (Inverloch Hub) 2024 Indoor Soccer Program

Expressions of Interest

- Kinder Soccer (Fridays 2.30-3.15pm)
- Prep, 1 & 2 Clinics (Thursdays after school)
- Grade 3 to 6 Comp (Fridays after school)

Runs every school term at the Inverloch Community Hub, except the last Thursday/Friday of each term.

Location

Inverloch Community Hub
16 Abeckett Street, Inverloch

STARTS TERM 1, 2024

Thursday 8th & Friday 9th
February 2024


HOW TO REGISTER

Contact Bass Coast Y via
5672 4194 or come into the
centre to register your interest
for the 2024 program.




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CHAT TO YOUR LOCAL CLUB TO FIND OUT HOW TO GET INVOLVED

gippslandsoccer.com.au



Express your interest here for the 2024 season

