

beautiful to see the Grade 5 students walk their Prep Buddies into the Gym and make sure they were feeling comfortable as they experienced their first crowded assembly. It was also fantastic to see our parents, carers and grandparents coming along to be part of it too. I just love seeing the wider community feeling welcome and comfortable coming into our school.

SCHOOL LEADERS : What a privilege it was to formally acknowledge our Grade 6 School leaders and present them all with their badges. I loved seeing the diversity in the group and I encourage each of the student leaders to develop their own unique style of leadership. My only non-negotiable is that they are all kind. Each person at our school will value a variety of things in a leader, but I think everyone respects and appreciates a leader who is kind. I want to say a huge congratulations to each of our student leaders and I hope everyone can support them as they learn and develop their leadership skills. I don't believe leaders are born. I think they are developed. In my opinion, a leader finds some courage, makes a decision to step up and they are supported to grow by the people around them.

Please check out the pictures of our captains on the next page.

COMING UP :

- Our first meeting for the GREAT FETE is on THIS Monday 12th at 7:00pm in the staffroom. Please come along to one or all of our meetings if you'd like to be involved. I'm looking forward to meeting a group of passionate community members and I want to enjoy planning and preparing for a wonderful event.
- Information on School Council elections will be sent out soon. Please take a moment to consider if you or someone you know would be willing to get involved and support us to continually improve our school.

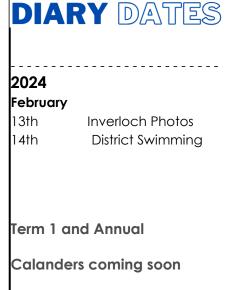
Week 2 of a 9 week term is done. One of the many positive things that stands out to me very clearly at our school is the way our older children look after our younger children. What a fabulous culture we have where so many people are kind, considerate and supportive. Students, teachers and parents/carers should all be proud of creating this environment.

Have a safe and restful weekend.

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Inverloch School Photos Tuesday 13th **February**



Please Note Lunch Orders will not be available until March



SCHOOL CAPTAINS			VICE CAPTAINS			
Walker Franks (6R)	Emma Barclay (6S)		Fraser Oliver (6R)		Abbigail Thomas (6R)	
STUD	ENT ACT	ION LEAD	PERS	ICT (CAPTAIN	
Nadia Joyc	ce (6S)	Anahla Cal		Roy B	right (56P)	
HOUSE CAPTAINS RED ROBINS WHITE SEAGULLS						
Rahvi Butch- er (6R)Aylah Strickland (6S)			Franklin Boyd (6R) Charlotte Williams(6S)			
BLUE WRENS			GOLDEN HONEYEATERS			
Thomas Si-Kayley Lockhart (6S)		Liam Jones (56P)Emily				
mon (6S)					Croatta (6R)	
ENVIRONMENTAL CAPTAIN			ART CAPTAINS			
Logan Sampson (6S)		Stella Carlisle (6S)		Prudence Blackburn (6R)		

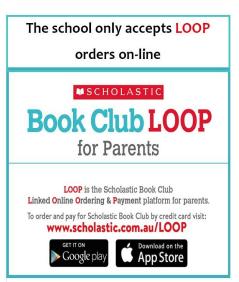
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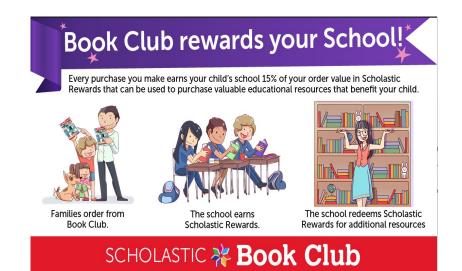
2 catalogues per term are sent home with your child, however all orders are to be placed online via the Book Club Loop for Parents.

No orders are taken via the school.

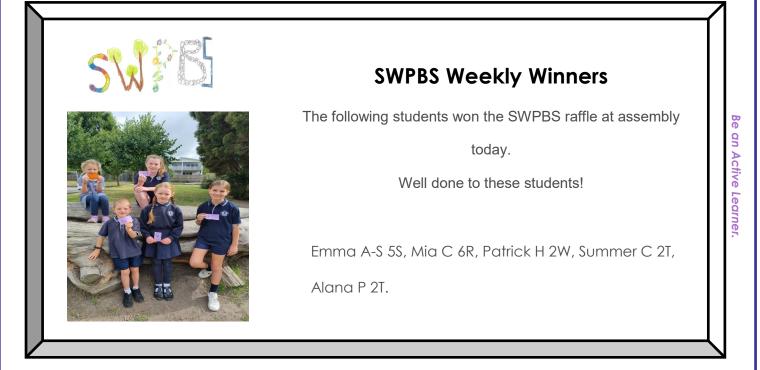
Simply head to https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx to create an account and add your child/children for easy ordering.

Or you can download the Book Club Loop App from your Android or Apple Playstore.





Be Respectful

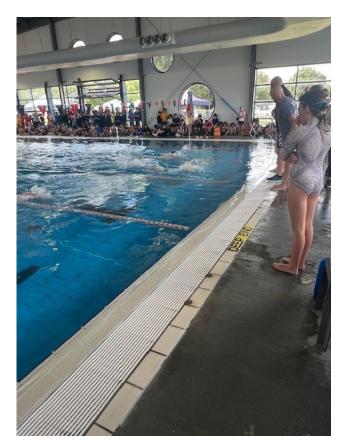


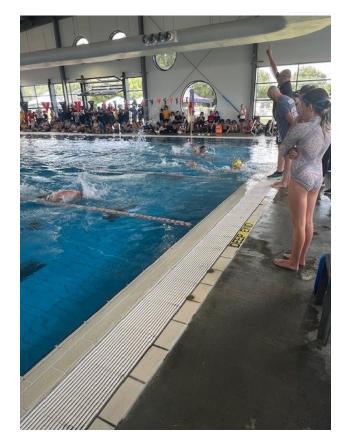
Be Respectful, Be Safe, Be an Active Learner.

Swimming Sports Fun

The House swimming sports were held last Friday, a great effort by all students who participated.

Below are some action shots of the teachers versus students race. With the students coming out the winners!







Safer Internet Day



Hi, I'm Roy,

I am the 2024 ICT Captain. This week we have been learning about Internet Safety Day. The grade 2's and below have been learning about how you can be safe online. The grade 3's and above have been learning about safe gaming. I learnt that you should be careful with your privacy settings. Don't share your passwords, and don't give your personal details to some random person.





Safer Internet Day- Information for Parents

It's a great opportunity when the children are learning about how to be safe and respectful online to follow this up at home. It can help to develop some rules for your household about how devices are used. If you would like some resources to support you in developing a tech agreement, visit the e-safety commission website-

The E-safety website has so many useful resources for parents including free webinars and fact sheets. Despite our best efforts to educate our students about how to be safe and respectful online, some still do experience problems occasionally. Parents often don't know where to turn to when this happens and can be left feeling powerless. The E-safety commission is where you go to report online abuse. It is important that all incidents of online abuse are reported there to enable the commissioner to act on it. This is how changes are made to platforms, and the internet can become a safer environment for young people to be a part of.

(Natasha Bird, Student Wellbeing Coordinator)

Hi everyone!

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

What do chaplains do?

Chaplains are provided through the National School Chaplaincy Program. This service aims to support the emotional wellbeing and pastoral care of the broader school community including the students, families and staff. This might involve working with individuals or groups to support friendships, provide a listening ear, talk through worries and anxieties, provide encouragement, and assisting with engaging positively in school life.

You might find me in the morning out in the playground, at playtimes roaming the playground and connecting with the children or assisting in lunchtime lounge.

This week I was delighted to observe the better buddies at work in the prep playground as well as the year 5 buddies checking in on their preps during playtimes and lunchtimes this week. These students are demonstrating their leadership potential by taking on this responsibility while reflecting the caring climate of the school. Thank you for caring so well for the Preps in these first weeks of school.

I was also very impressed to observe a group of children this week playing down ball together and including those who wanted to join the game. These children were accommodating and inclusive developing a sense of belonging for other students on their own. These young children demonstrated impressive social skills. Well Done!

I am generally available on Mondays and Tuesday from 8.30-3.30 and share an office space with Mrs Bird in the library. In order for me to provide regular 1:1 support for children, I do need a signed permission form. These forms are available from Mrs Bird or Mrs McCrae or you can leave me a message through the office or via COMPASS.

Breakfast club 2024

We are gearing up to start breakfast club each Monday and Tuesday in a couple of weeks. A number of children have been asking and are keen to connect with our volunteers who organize this for our school. We love to welcome and connect with the children as we serve sandwiches and a drink. This year we will be involving students in preparing sandwiches. Anybody is most welcome to come along for an extra something to start their school day.



Please feel free to come and introduce yourself as you drop off your children in the morning and keep up the great work in getting your children to school on time.

Kind regards

Kerry Ware

COMMUNITY NEWS

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



Following on from the success of the Kinder Soccer program, the Y is offering a Prep, Year 1 & 2 Soccer Clinic.

The Soccer Clinic incorporates:

- Skills training
- Mini competition

*Runs during the school term except the last Friday of each term.

Session Details

Where: Inverloch Community Hub, 16 A'Beckett St, Inverloch

Day: FRIDAYS* Time: 3.50-4.50pm (1hour) Cost: \$8 per session (casual) Age: Prep, Year 1 & 2 What to bring: Full Drink Bottle Coach: Roger Register Interest: 5672 4194

STARTS Friday 1 March 2024



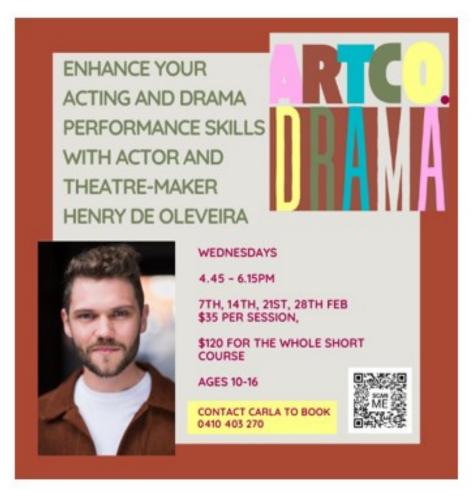
A: 41 Wentworth Road, Wonthaggi 3995 BASS COAST AQUATIC & LEISURE CENTRE W: wonthaggi.ymca.org.au





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ARTCO DRAMA Short Course

with Actor and Theatre Maker Henry De Oleveira

Wednesdays 4.45 - 6.15pm

7th, 14th, 21st, 28th February

\$35 per session, \$120 for the whole short course

ages 10-16

Henry teaches you the core elements of warm up, improvisation, body language, emotion and <u>story-telling</u>. Expect to engage in drama games and have some laughs as you expand your skills.

No experience needed.

Contact Carla to book HERE or text 0410 403 270

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After School Art Club

With in artist-in-residence and Creative Arts Therapist Carla van Laar

4 - 5pm Thursdays in Feb

For young people who love being creative. Pop in after school and do some art with resident artist and creative arts therapist Dr Carla van Laar.

Got a creative child? Here's their chance to express themselves freely outside of school. A range of materials are available along with encouragement and support from Dr Carla van Laar, one of Australia's most experienced Creative Arts Therapists. Right here in Inverloch.

\$25 per person per session.

Contact Carla HERE to book your place.

COMMUNITY NEWS The following Community News articles promote community connections and communications. They are not considered school activities SUPPORTED BY AA * TER HOCKEY SCAN HERE **TO REGISTER!** Your new sport for 2024? **GIVE IT A GO** Join the Wonthaggi Underwater Hockey Club for our 'come and try' series at the 'Y' in Wonthaggi, introducing new players to our breathtaking sport. **DATES & TIMES** • 1-3pm, Saturday, 3rd Febuary 2024 1-3pm, Saturday, 17th February 2024 7-9pm, Thursday, 22nd February 2024 (mini-tournament & BBQ) **MORE INFORMATION :** \$5 per session + pool entry Participants are welcome attend one, two or all three sessions.

We are an 'unusual' sport, where players use equipment supplied by the club to hold their breath and dive to the bottom of the pool, where a heavy puck waits for you and your team to try and score a goal.

It is an exciting sport that our club has been running for 44 years in Wonthaggi. We have members from all over Bass Coast that meet every Thursday night at the YMCA pool for training and games.

Juniors and beginners start at 7pm and intermediate and adults start at 8pm. Each session lasts for an hour and you only pay for your pool entry - all gear is supplied to borrow at no charge by the club.

Players need no experience; however, they do need to be able to competently swim.

We have some specific come and try events coming up (see attached) and would like to ask if you would consider adding this information to your newsletters this term, please?

17 February 1pm-3pm at the YMCA pool - come and try

22 February 7pm-9pm at the YMCA pool - mini tournament and BBQ social

25 April 7pm at the YMCA pool - week 2 of Term 2 - come and try and training

Feel free to contact us for any further information.