

### THANK YOU

I wanted to thank our whole community for adapting to the disruption to power and communications this week. It certainly didn't sit well with any of us at school that we couldn't send c clear message out to you all to reassure you of our plan. Thankfully, many people chose to stay in the safety of their home and others came to respectfully ask about the program being offered. We appreciated your understanding and support and my thoughts are certainly with the people who continue to be affected by the damage the storm and outages brought, par ticularly our friends and connections in nearby Mirboo North.

To our staff at both IPS and KPS, how wonderful it was for Me and I as a Prin Team to have such flexible and capable staff that were able to just modify their plans and minimise the impact for our children. Thank you.

For future reference, yes our school remains open when there is a power outage. However, we need to minimise risk when communication is unreliable. It is unsafe to have everyone at schoo with no power and no access to phones. Schools remain open.

#### WONDERFUL TO SEE

It was just a delight to see parents, carers and grandparents attending our school assembly on Friday. I know it's a small space, I know we feel like sardines in there, I know we'd rather have room for 100's of people to attend.... But it is wonderful to see our community enjoying the celebrations and messages to finish the week. I encourage anyone to come along and attend our assemblies. I can't guarantee you'll get a great seat or the best view, but we just love having you enhance the experience for your children that we are all caring for.

DIAR	ATES
2024	
<u>February</u>	
20th	Parent Teacher
	Interviews
21st	District Swimming
22nd	Parent Teacher
	Interviews
<u>March</u>	
11th	Labour Day <b>(No</b>
	School)
16th	IKPS Great Fete
18th-25th	NAPLAN Testing
	Window (Yrs 3 & 5
28th	Last Day Term One
	Finish 2.30pm
Term 1 an	d Annual
Calander	s coming soon



Can Everyone please check their child's bag for a pair of Blue Reading Glasses that were misplaced at the Swimming sports.

If you locate them can you please bring them to the office



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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.

#### HEADS UP....

**The Great FETE** is approaching quickly (we have finished week 3, Fete is in week 7). Please get behind this event and support in whatever way you can. Not everyone can make the same commitment, we just want you to contribute in the best way that fits for you. Volunteers, sponsors, in-kind and cash donations are needed. To get involved, email <u>ikpsfete@gmail.com</u> or call IPS. For event information and updates, go to Facebook @inverlochkpsfete. For publicity, interview and media enquiries contact Carrie Bruce, Great Fete Committee Publicity, 0488 361 027. Meetings are on Monday nights at 7pm in the staffroom, yes... you are welcome...(we have chocolate!).

• Our **PFA** are always looking for ways to connect with parents/carers who would like to contribute in some way. They'll soon have a list of events for the year and I hope you can consider where you might volunteer some time to support the many activities that help us to put a smile on faces, fundraise or keep people connected. It doesn't need to be a huge commitment, just look for an event and a time that suits and stick your hand up.

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• **School council** elections are happening. We'll be meeting face to face, we're building a team of people who want to know about what is happening and contribute to the improvement of our school. It's a table that anyone is welcome to sit at.

• Look out for some information about free music lessons with limited spaces for students. Coming soon to a school near you.... Well our school actually.

I'm hearing 4 square is pretty popular atm, students want to trade cards in term 2 and we're headed for about 23 degrees with no rain this weekend, slightly warmer in Kongwak... I'm pretty happy with that.

Have a fabulous weekend everyone.

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Mobile 0427 118 609

Please note:

Lunch orders not available until March



### SCHOOLWIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

At IKPS, we pay respect to the Traditional Owners of Bunurong and Boonwurrung Country where we live, work and learn.

We recognise First Peoples' continuing connection to land, waters and culture.

We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

For the next couple of weeks, we are learning about how we demonstrate respect for the traditional owners of the land by developing an Acknowledgement of Country. An 'Acknowledgement of Country', can be done by anyone. It is a way of showing awareness of, and respect for, the traditional owners of the land on which a meeting or event is being held. Each class will work together to create their own.

Some class examples will be featured in the newsletter next week, so watch this space! You can also come along to our Friday morning assembly to hear them being read. Every week, we will be asking a different class to start off our assembly by sharing their acknowledgement.



Be Respectful

### SWPBS Weekly Winners

The following students won the SWPBS raffle at assembly

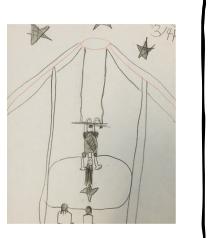
today.

Well done to these students!

Tayla M 6S, Thomas S 6S, Max P 3/4B, Curtis O 6S, Vivienne H 5S.

### ARTIST OF THE WEEK

Our first artist of the week for 2024 is Alice in grade 3 with her illustration of an event on her holidays. Alice has carefully utilised line, shape and space to make her drawing and tell her story. Can you see what it is ?



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Active

# **COMMUNITY NEWS**

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### Free, all-ages event **Movie Night** when What

4:30pm **Doors** Open

**First Showing** 5pm to 5:30pm

Second Showing 6:30pm to 7pm Wednesday 28 February 2024

# where Wonthaggi Union community **Arts Centre**

If you would like to come along, you can get your FREE ticket via the OR code below:



AMPLIFY is a small LGBTIQA+ group, for young people aged 12 to 25, from Bass Coast and South Gippsland. We encourage everyone to come and join us during this movie night. There will be a double screening of this short film.

Showcasing 'Who I Am'



8 SENSORY FRIENDLY SCREENINGS





AMPLIFY is funded by the Victorian Government through the Healthy Equal Youth program.

headspace Wonthaggi is operated by Relationships Australia Victoria. All headspace services are funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care. Administration of funding is carried out by the headspace centre's local Primary Health Network (PHN), in this case, Gippsland PHN

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### INVERLOCH-KONGWAK JUNIOR FOOTBALL 2024 SEASON

The IK Junior Football Club is ready to kick off a fantastic 2024 season.

At Inverloch Kongwak Junior Football Club we aim to promote a positive and inclusive environment for young

athletes to develop skills, fair play, and a lifelong love for the game of football.

Registrations are open- Inverloch-Kongwak Junior Football Club | PlayHQ

and will close April 12th 2024

### Training will start 28th February on Wednesday nights

#### at the Inverloch Recreation Reserve

Under 10 - 4pm to 4.45pm Under 12 - 4.15pm to 5.15pm Under 14 girls- 5.00pm- 6.00pm Under 14 - 5.00pm to 6.00pm

#### Player Age Groups:

Under 10's - Players born between 01/01/2014 – 31/12/2015 Under 12's - Players born between 01/01/2012 – 31/12/2013 Under 14's - Players born between 01/01/2010 – 31/12/2011 Under 14 girls- Players born between 01/01/2010 - 31/12/2012 If your child is interested in playing football and born after 2015, please have them join our Auskickers and sign up to Inverloch Auskick at play.afl/auskick

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# CHILDREN'S PROGRAM (Inverloch Hub) Prep, Year 1 & 2 Soccer

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 T: 03 5672 4194 W: wonthaggi.ymca.org.au





#### **COMMUNITY NEWS** The following Community News articles promote community connections and communications. They are not considered school activities SUPPORTED BY AA E ~ 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.