



COASTHILL NEWS



The Inverloch/Kongwak Primary School Newsletter

Principal :
Ben Soumilas

We Give Our Best To Be Our Best

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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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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

22nd March 2024 Edition 08

Week 8 Term 1

WHAT A SUCCESS

Our Great Fete was a monumental success. The aim was to welcome the community together to connect and have some fun....BIG TICK! The second aim after connecting the community, was to also do some fundraising....BIG TICK! I've heard from so many children, parents and extended family members that they "loved the feeling.... they felt welcomed.... the layout was brilliant....it was a slick operation..etc". It was fantastic to get such positive feedback from people and I could see on many faces that there was a lot of fun being had. Some highlights for me were having local Bunurong custodian, Sonia Weston share some local knowledge in her Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony, I loved seeing slime dripping down the arms of kids who didn't pick a winner and I salivated all day just thinking about the cake stall.

Our Great Fete committee want to continue to improve the Great Fete each year and they would love your feedback. Please take a moment to complete the short survey that has been sent out on socials and via Compass.

Speaking of our fete committee, it would be remiss of me not to mention the 'Dynamic Dozen' that worked tirelessly to plan, coordinate and produce a fabulous experience for all of us to enjoy. On behalf of the wider school community, can I sincerely thank the following people for their commitment and passion to enhancing the experience our children and adults have at Inverloch and Kongwak Primary School. What an amazing group of intelligent, capable and kind people.

Thank you to Mel, Virginia, April, Lucy, Jenna, Nicole, Tracey, Iris, Carrie, Donald, Kirby and Georgie.

I'd like to also thank every person who volunteered to help in any way, set up, running a stall, pack up or even working up a sweat in a Bluey costume.

Of course, if you would like to contribute more in some way to this event or any other event at our school, please reach out and I'll point you in the right direction.

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DIARY DATES

2024

March

18th-25th NAPLAN Testing Window (Yrs 3 & 5)
28th Last Day Term One Finish 2.30pm

April

15th First Day Term 2
18th IKPS Senior House Athletics
25th Anzac Day (No School)

May

15th-17th Year 4 Camp

"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."

WONDERFUL TO SEE

It was just wonderful to see our students and staff adding a bit of colour to the dress code for our annual Rainbow day. Let me just say, if you're ever having a flat morning and you'd like some cheering up, just stand out the front of the school and greet students on their way in to learn and socialise, you'll instantly feel happier. It's an absolute joy watching our children come to school with a smile and skip in their step and even more so on Rainbow Day. Many people in our school community will have fond memories of our former school crossing coordinator Judy Hughes and the way she brightened up the day for all of us and spread joy around our school. On Rainbow Day everyone in the school is reminded that smiles are contagious and we can all choose to be kind and spread joy. Our school invited Judy's husband Mick Hughes to visit for the morning and it was a delight to see Mick enjoying the way our school honours Judy's memory and continues her legacy. A huge thank you to Grade 3/4J and 3/4K who painted a heap of 'Judy Rocks' with colour and messages. Our students had a great time searching for them in the yard.

LOOK OUT FOR

The feedback from our community in regards to our communication is clear..... We can do better. Our staff have been listening to our parents and we've looked closely at the Parent Opinion Survey from 2023. Our parents and carers want to be notified well in advance (where possible) of any events that are coming up. One of the actions we're taking is to improve our yearly calendar and share it with our parents and carers. Look out for the whole school yearly calendar coming out soon. We can't guarantee that some dates won't get changed, but our parents and carers will be able to plan ahead to make sure they don't miss the big important stuff.

REMINDER

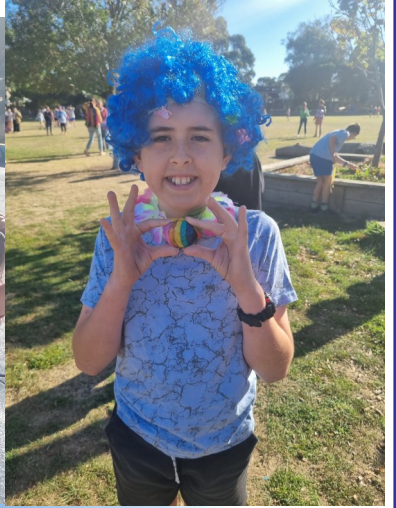
There is only four days of school left and we finish at 2:30pm on Thursday 28th March.

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RAINBOW DAY



Be Respectful, Be Safe, Be an Active Learner.

News from the Chaplain

Breakfast club

It continues to be a delight to welcome around 80 students along to breakfast club each Monday and Tuesday. We have continued to be impressed with the beautiful manners' children show when they come along and have something to eat and drink before they start their learning. We always love to connect with the students and welcome them to school with a smile.

Did you know that there is team of volunteers work behind the scenes most Tuesdays preparing the sandwiches at the Uniting church? This year we are involving students from year 6 who volunteer to help out during lunchtime? We also have a volunteer from the church who collects grocery items on Sundays and two teams from the church who come in to serve our students on Mondays and Tuesdays. We are so appreciative of these reliable volunteers in our community who support breakfast club each week.

All food is supplied by a Slice of Paradise Bakery and our local Foodworks Supermarket. If you have the opportunity to thank those involved in making breakfast club such a success that would be appreciated. Having an attitude of gratitude is always appreciated.

Lunchtime Lounge



Lunchtime lounge is proving to be very popular with students. Students who find they prefer to have some time inside can come into the library in the second half of lunchtime. There are lots of reasons children may need a break and choose to come along. Sometimes their friends may be away, or friends are playing an active game where they don't want to join in, or perhaps they prefer to draw or colour or play an inside game.

Free eSafety Resources for families

Did you know there are free eSafety resources available to parents? The website <https://www.esafety.gov.au> has videos, webinars, printed material to download, tips and up to date information for parents. Examples of information include:

- The eSafety guide which includes a list of apps and instructions of how to set these up on electronic devices to keep children safe online.
- How to start the conversation with your child if you have concerns about their online activity.
- How to support your child and respond to cyberbullying which include reporting to the specific social media platform for material to be taken down and if necessary, making a report to the eSafety commissioner.

I wish everyone a lovely holiday break and hope families can enjoy the time to recharge their batteries, have fun and relax.

Kind Regards

Kerry Ware

Chaplain

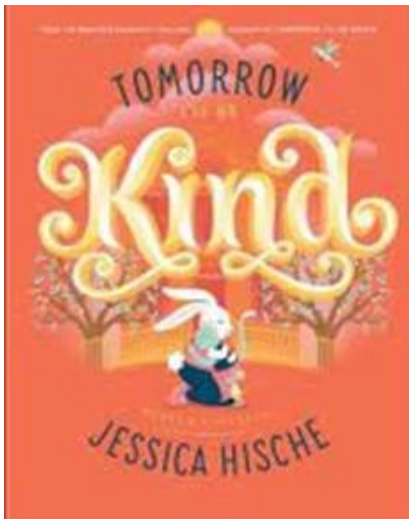
Mondays and Tuesdays 8.00-3.30

KINDNESS

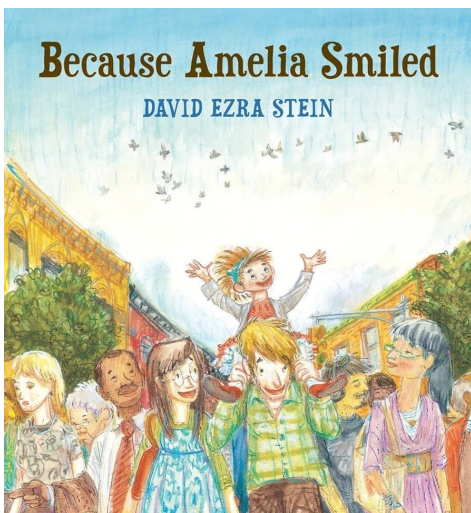
Across the school this week, we have been learning all about

This week's SWPBS focus has been inspired by Rainbow Day and our memory of the wonderful Judy Hughes.

The F-2 area read a book called "Tomorrow, I'll Be Kind". This book details the characteristics and behaviours of kindness. After reading, they chose one thing they would like to do to be kind.



The 3-6 area read a book called "Because Amelia Smiled". This book shows how a simple act of kindness can start a positive chain reaction that can travel around the world.



Today, we remember the kindness, smiles and colour that Judy brought to our school community.

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HARMONY WEEK



Harmony Week is from the 18th-24th March. Harmony Week celebrates multiculturalism, inclusiveness,

respect and sense of belonging for all living in Australia. The theme this year is "Everyone Belongs".

Our whole school Harmony Day celebration will be next Thursday. In session 3 and 4, we will have a multi-age activity session. Multiage groups help children to build connections and a sense of belonging

across the school. This year, each 'home room teacher' has been allocated 3 or 4 children from each year

level to make up their 'multiage class'. These groups will come together for a couple of sessions every term,

and will remain the same for the whole year. Prep and Grade 5 buddies have also been kept together to help our preppies to feel safe and supported.

Be Respectful



SWPBS TERM ONE Winners

The following students won the SWPBS raffle at assembly today.

Well done to these students!

Bobbi H 1M, Tyler S 2R, Jude W PG, Sonny W 6R,
Emily C 6R.



Be Respectful



SWPBS Weekly Winners

The following students won the SWPBS raffle at assembly today.

Well done to these students!

Ryan T 1M, Lenny H 6S, Lawson J PN, Bobby T PG,
Absent Joel R PR.

Be an Active Learner.



ARTIST OF THE WEEK



Our artist of the week is Oliver Poynton in grade 1 with his homage to Van Gogh's painting Sunflowers. Oliver has created a detailed composition using vibrant colour and shape.



Art News

Congratulations to our Preps who among many other firsts, have completed a full term of art. They loved learning to paint a Starry Night and Sunflowers. Here is some PN artists works.



Division Tennis

Congratulations to our students that competed in District Tennis on Thursday.

Zeke, Fraser & Aylah.

Fraser & Aylah will now move on to play in Regionals



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 4th Apr
@ 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
info@connectionschurch.com.au
facebook.com/ConnectionsChurchInverloch

 **Connections Church Inverloch**
Connecting with God, People + Purpose

Dinosaur Drawing Workshop with Zev Landes @ Inverloch Library

Monday 8 April

10:30am

All ages

Free! But you should still book your spot via link below.

https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/dinosaur-drawing-workshop-with-zev-landes-inverloch-library-tickets-856544717307?utm_experiment=test_share_listing&aff=ebdsshios



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ZEV LANDES
DINOSAUR DRAWING WORKSHOP

INVERLOCH LIBRARY | **8/04/2024 10:30AM**

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CONNECTING CARERS IN COMMUNITY

PLAY & CONNECT



? Do you care for a child with a disability?

? Do you find it hard to make the time to move your body or be active due to your care role?

Program Details

What : A Yoga program, for you the carer, while we run a separate active program for your young person to enjoy.

Where: Inverloch Community House - In the Hub

Start Date: Tuesday 2nd April

Time: 4pm-5pm

Cost: FREE

To Register
Scan the code



Contact Us



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ENTRIES CLOSE SUNDAY 24 MARCH 5PM

An abstract painting of a woman's face, rendered in a textured, painterly style. The face is the central focus, with various colors like red, yellow, and black splattered around it. The background is a mix of these colors and textures, creating a vibrant and expressive composition.

ROTARY TARRA FESTIVAL ART SHOW

www.yarramartshow.com.au

FRI. MAR 29. - MON. APR 1.
REGENT THEATRE YARRAM

Rotary
Club of Yarram



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ALLAMBI CARE

OPEN YOUR DOOR IN 2024...

I DIDN'T KNOW I COULD BE A FOSTER CARER!

- I didn't know there was 24/7 support
- I didn't know I received an allowance
- I didn't know I could still work full time
- I didn't know I could care only two days a month ***I didnt know it would be so rewarding***

Enquire today by visiting
www.allambicare.org.au
or email us at
victoriaenquires@allambicare.org.au

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GRADE 4, 5+6 STUDENTS

Join the BAND

Learn to play an instrument

Everything
provided

Meet once
a week
in school time

Limited spots



Inverloch Primary School has been handpicked to join an elite squad of music-loving schools! This awesome programme, powered by the Wonthaggi Citizens' Band and fully funded by the Department of Education, is bringing sweet, sweet instrumental music back to our classrooms.

If you jump on board, you get a weekly in-school jam session with a music maestro, an instrument to play, AND a rockin' after-school band practice every week (right after the bell rings).

All at no cost to you! Places are limited.

Lessons starting Term Two

INSTRUMENTS AVAILABLE

Trombone - Cornet - Baritone - Tuba

Have your adults contact Natalie on 0405034203
or natalie.stewart3953@gmail.com

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