COASTHILL NEWS

the ikps newsletter

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EVERYWHERE, ALL THE TIME

Active Learners, Safe and Respectful

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Week 4 Term 2

ENJOY SUNDAY

Mother's Day is a fabulous time of the year to thank and appreciate all the mums, carers, grandmothers and special women that love us, guide us, reassure us, prioritise us, cheer for us, support us and make our school community a wonderful place to belong to.
Our students were buzzing with excitement throughout this week as they prepared cards, letters and chose gifts to celebrate Mother's Day.

A huge thank you to the Parents and Friends Association for organising the Mother's Day stall and volunteer parents to support our students to select their special gifts.

From everyone at Inverloch Primary School, we hope every family has a wonderful Mother's Day.

WONDERFUL TO SEE

- What a spectacular day we had for the Cross-Country event. It was wonderful to see so many parents out and about to volunteer for the different roles and cheer on our runner. I was particularly impressed with the students who made the most of the opportunity and went along to put in their best effort even if it isn't their best activity. I just love seeing people stretch out of their comfort zone. And of course, for the students who are particularly talented in that area, they will head off to the next level to represent themselves and our whole school.

- The huge turn up from our parents at the Prep Information Evening. It was wonderful to see our staff showcase the strengths of each of the two school options we have available to us in our community. I felt that the parents and carers who attended were able to see how supportive, passionate, and caring our Prep team are. It was also clear to see that our Prep team have professional chemistry and they love their work. I'm certainly looking forward to meeting the new Preps and their families as we get closer to 2025 enrolments. If you know anyone that hasn't started planning for their Prep to enrol at either of our two schools, please get them to contact our office.

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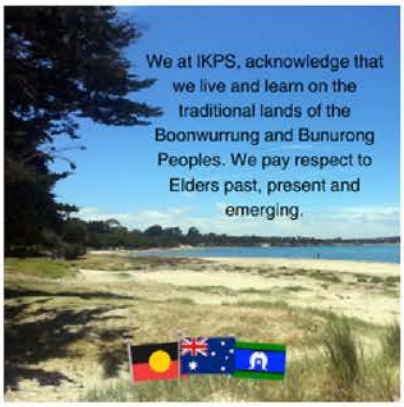
DIARY DATES - MAY

15/05-17/05	Grade 4 Camp -- CYC Phillip Island
17/05	Winter Sport Round 3
22/05	National Simultaneous Storytime Day
23/05	Division Cross Country
24/05	Winter Sport Round 4
31/05	Winter Sport Round 5



FYI

I'm not sure about you, but when I was at school, I was pretty happy with an 80% for a maths test. If I got 90%, I'd be over the moon, 95% and you'd see me marching the streets with a megaphone to tell the world that I was a genius. However, when it comes to attendance, those scores don't quite mean the same thing. There is research that suggests that any more than 10 days absent for the school year can have a negative impact on learning.

10 Days absent for a year is approx. 95% attendance. If you attend for 90% of the school year, you've missed 20 days of school, that's 1 day a fortnight not at school. If a child has 80% attendance it might sound kind of OK, but that equates to one day off a week throughout the year.

Our schools' vision is for all students to achieve their full potential. We're here to support our families. Yes, we understand that family trips can be scheduled, we know children can't perform at their best when they are sick, and we can empathise with families who are managing anxiety in the home. If you need support to improve attendance, please take the step to contact us and we can work on it together. We want our students connected here and we want to support them to flourish.

COMING UP

- Our Grade 4's will be packing over the weekend to prepare for their trip to Phillip Island next week for Camp. How exciting for our students and staff. Camps are such a great opportunity for students to strengthen their connections with friends and our staff and to also develop their independence. No student should miss out on that opportunity.
- A number of senior school students received their new instruments today, they'll start their free weekly music lessons and after school group band practice next Friday. There are still some spaces left if your child is interested. What an opportunity to develop your music skills if that is a particular interest of yours.

No rain and a predicted top of 19 and 20 degrees for the weekend sounds glorious. Have an enjoyable weekend, look after the special Mum/carer in your life and see you all back at school on Monday.

Kind regards

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Artist of the Week

Our artists of the week are Jayden and Josie in grade 5 with their plasticine sculptures of their humanised pets.

SWPBS

WEEKLY WINNERS

No Assembly this week so winners will be drawn next week.

WELLBEING NEWS

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Student Wellbeing Coordinator
Inverloch Primary School

CLASSROOM NEWS

3/4 STUDENTS WERE LUCKY TO TALK WITH KARYN AND JACKIE FROM THE AMAZON SHIPWRECK COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY. KARYN AND JACKIE SHARED ARTEFACTS FROM THE SITE AND DISCUSSED INTERESTING INFORMATION THAT WILL BE USED TO INSPIRE THE STUDENT'S WRITING.

Cross Country

THE GREEN TEAM SOLVE THE BIN SITUATION!

At IKPS, we are passionate about reducing our impact on the environment. The students from the Green Team identified that our current 'Bin Situation' was a problem and that we could improve our recycling efforts. We reached out to Shana Bremner from the Bass Coast Council. Shana (our Bin Fairy) was able to support us in our endeavour to provide ECO Bins for every classroom. These new colour coded bins will make it easier for our students to know which bin to use at all times. This means we will improve our composting and recycling efforts and have less waste going to landfill. Well done to the Green Team and a special thanks to Shana for all of her input, knowledge and support.

CHAPLIAN NEWS

Hi everyone

We know that parenting is one of the most important and rewarding things we do. As we raise and support our children through various stages, we also know it can be a tough job.

Did you know that one way children and parents can access help is through the Kids Helpline website (**kidshelpline.com.au**). There is a free 24/7 counselling line (**1800 55 1800**) for children, information to read about common issues facing families and access to a webchat. I would highly recommend having a browse on the website and accessing links that are helpful for children of various ages.

Seasons of the Year

I hope you and your family are staying healthy and enjoying a new season. There is joy in every season and some of the highlights in Autumn for our family include calm seas to go fishing, cool nights so sleep is restful, more time in the evening to enjoy the things that are based indoors, the changes in the garden and harvesting long awaited produce. I love chatting to children as they share about the highlights of each season and am inspired when they share the simple things that give them enjoyment. Sometimes it is the small everyday things we can treasure as our best experiences as we are growing up.

Mothers' Day and Love Languages

Finding out the love language of your family members can make it easier to communicate how much you love and care for them. For some mums it is a gift, spending time together and visiting, act of service and helping out, words of affirmation and telling them how much we appreciate them, or perhaps a simple warm hug or holding their hand on a walk.

To all our mums, we hope you have a wonderful weekend as we honour and help all mums to feel special.

Thank You!
Thank you for the donation of yarn I've received a few weeks ago. The various groups of students come and go at playtimes and lunchtimes to join me outside chatting while keeping their fingers busy finger knitting. It's also a great way for me to get to know children across all levels of the school.

Kind Regards
Kerry Ware

Chaplain

Mondays and Tuesdays 8.00am-3.30pm

Community News

- School Tour & Afternoon Tea -

Welcoming 2025 prep enrolments and new families to our small country primary school - meeting students at their point of need to grow their skills and knowledge. Located centrally to the townships of Inverloch, Korumburra and Wonthaggi.

Thursday 16 May
2:30pm

Kongwak Primary School
1445 Wonthaggi - Korumburra Rd

We invite prospective families to tour our school, followed by an afternoon tea shared with our vibrant and welcoming school community. Chat with families about their school experience and why they love Kongwak!

- Care, Lead, Achieve -

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