

# COASTHILL NEWS

*the ikps newsletter*



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EVERYWHERE, ALL THE TIME

*Active Learners, Safe and Respectful*

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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Week 6 Term 2

### FUNDRAISER

Take a look at our fabulous beanies that are in production as I type. I just love that the beanies have IKPS around the band as a reminder that our two schools are connected but also feature the individual school logo in the badge on the front to show that each school is unique. I personally can't wait to purchase my beanie to keep my noggin warm through winter.

Jake Mackie has done a fabulous job getting this fundraiser up and going and the proceeds will contribute to the fundraising that our wonderful Parents and Friends Association do every year. The Beanies will sell for \$20 each. We've ordered 250 and my prediction is they will sell out in a flash..... Yep, if the demand is there, we'll do a second order. Get your kids collecting cans for recycling, earning a few dollars doing their chores and counting their birthday gift cash. The beanies will be on sale soon.



### RESPECTING THE COUNTRY WE LIVE AND LEARN ON

It is wonderful to see our students learning about the true history of our country and exploring how to demonstrate respect for the local country we live and learn on. There are many ways to show our appreciation of the country with daily Acknowledgements of country becoming embedded in the culture of our school. Last week I challenged our students to clean up our yard. We all want a cleaner environment and one simple way we can authentically care for the country is to keep it clean and beautiful. You'll be glad to read that our students have stepped up to the challenge. There has been a noticeable improvement in the discarded rubbish around our school. It would be amazing to be able to walk around our beautiful school and not see any signs of food packaging.

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### DIARY DATES - MAY

29/05	Junior SWIM Museum Open Afternoon 2:45-3:30pm
31/05	Winter Sport Round 5

### DIARY DATES - JUNE

05/06	Prep Moonlit Sanctuary Excursion
06/06	Region Cross Country
10/06	Kings Birthday Public Holiday
13/06	Division Winter Team Sport Day

## **OUR TEACHERS ARE ALWAYS LEARNING**

I hope all our parents and carers are having discussions with their children about their learning at school. Our students have an important job. They have to do their best with their learning and have fun connecting with friends. It's that simple. For teachers, their job includes doing their best with their learning too! In recent weeks we have had many teachers out and about making the most of professional learning opportunities. We've had teachers observing each other in their teams to improve their practice and provide a consistent experience for students. We've had mentors and graduate teachers out listening to expert presenters about behaviour management strategies (they'll be sharing their learning across the school) and we've got representatives from each team signed up for a 5 day course over the year to lead the improvement of our teaching practice in numeracy. I'm so proud to be the Principal of a school with teachers that are so hungry to learn more. There is no doubting that teaching is a complex role and also an incredibly rewarding profession. When we have teachers passionate about adding layers to their learning and expertise and we have teachers learning together in teams, there's no limit to how wonderful our school can be.

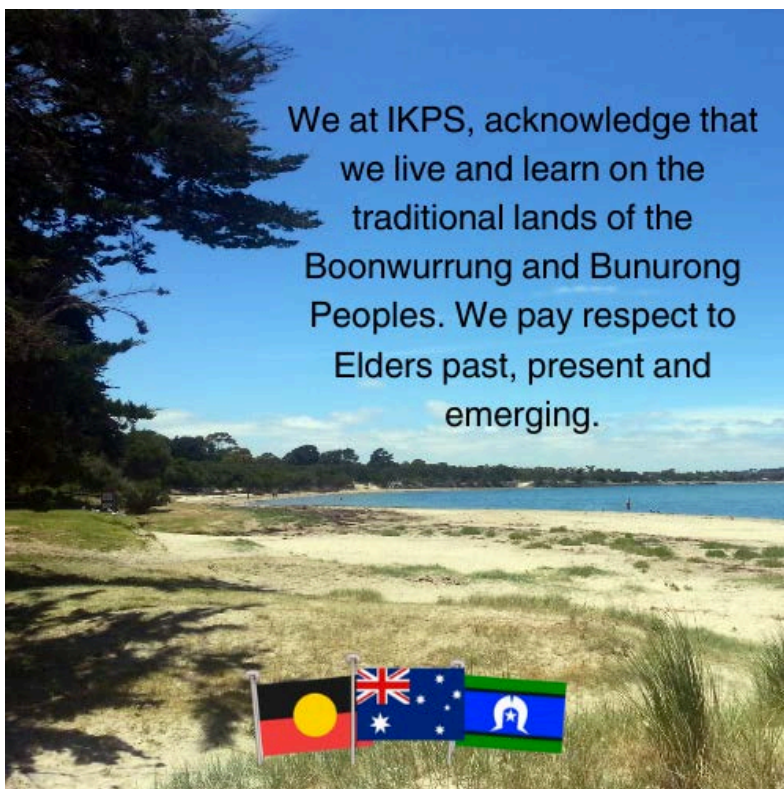
Any time we have to have a wet day timetable at school it can be a little deflating. With no rain on the radar for the weekend, I hope you can get outside with your children and be active. Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you all back happy and healthy on Monday.

Kind regards

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# Seussical™

Some of our students auditioned for and successfully landed roles in the upcoming Wonthaggi Theatrical Group Production of Seussical. Congratulations to Kayley for successfully obtaining the lead role of JoJo. Our very own Fiona Moldrich, a seriously talented human, is the musical director and has created a team of musicians to bring this show to life. Alana, Abigail, Hannah, Joel, Eva and Summer bring the show to life as Baby Kangaroo, Whoville Children and Cadets. Our students have used their spare time for the past three months to rehearse and prepare an awesome show that opens this Friday Night! We wish them a successful season of Seussical and chookas for Opening Night! This show is family-friendly and a fun night to be had. See the poster for options to purchase a ticket.



# Artist of the Week

Our artist of the week is Archer Moren in grade 5 with his imaginative environment plasticine painting featuring his mythological creature.



## WEEKLY WINNERS

Congratulations to these students who had their SWBPS tickets drawn in today's raffle.

**Bobby PG , Reuben PJ, Macie 1/2J, Will 2W,  
Eamon 2W**



# WELLBEING NEWS

On Monday the 3rd of June at 2:30pm, the Inverloch and Kongwak Primary School community would like to invite you to join us for our 'Walk About Town For Reconciliation'.

In the morning, we will be working in our multiage groups to learn about Reconciliation Week and why it is important. The children will work in groups to develop posters with messages of reconciliation and will then take these on the walk in the afternoon.

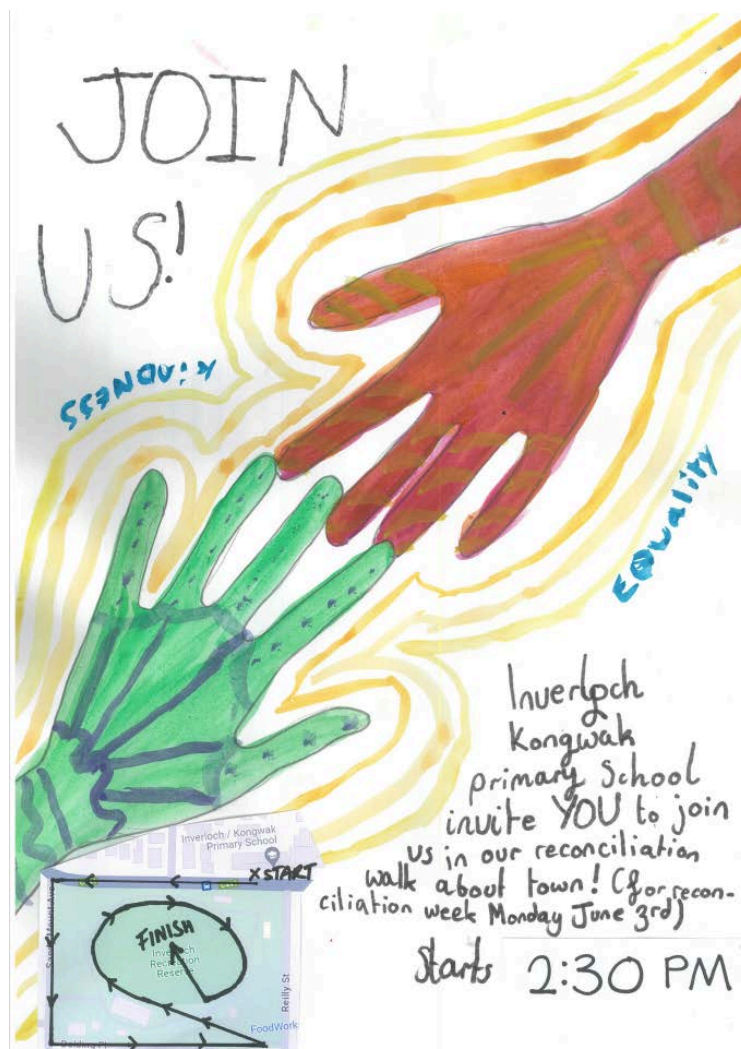
We would love to see parents, friends and other members of our wider community join us.

## ANTI- RACISM STRATEGY



Throughout this term, a group of staff members and parents have been collaborating to develop an anti-racism strategy for our schools. We have analysed what we already have in place at our school to prevent, teach and respond to racism. We then developed a plan for how we can do these things better. Our strategy will be shared in the newsletter over the next few weeks so that all members of our school community can have some insight into our approach.

(Tash Bird- Inclusion Leader)







# Cross Country

On the 23rd of May some of us from years 3-6 took to the highway for district cross country in Stony Creek. There were many kids from a range of different schools in the district ready to race each other. Well done to everyone for their efforts on the day. Everyone ran their absolute best and showed great sportsmanship on the day.

It was a fun and great day for all!

Bianca & Savannah





# CHAPLIAN NEWS

Hi everyone!

## Asking questions ???

There are many types of questions you can ask your child to enrich conversations. Often as adults we ask children closed questions which will generate single word responses. Try asking open ended questions and consider setting up a daily routine for talking about the day. Encourage responses in sentences. Often when parents ask the questions, "How was school today?" response - "Ok" or "What did you do?" response - "Nothing". Instead try asking, "What was something good (or positive, exciting, unexpected, surprised you) at school today?"

Rather than asking these questions at the busy, noisy school pick up time try asking it at the dinner table or as part of bedtime routines. Get everyone to take turns asking the questions and take turns answering them. Initially you might use a starter phrase "One good thing that happened today was..." "It was the best day because..." Include "Why do you think..." or "What would happen if ..." types of questions that don't have a right or wrong answer. Questions can relate to imaginary scenarios "What do you think would happen if instead of driving home, I drove us all to the moon?" Children often enjoy nonsense scenarios and can come up with some wonderfully creative responses. Include a word for the week that everyone needs to try and use each day. The word for this week could be "magnificent".

Have fun chatting with your children!

## Seasons for Growth

At Inverloch/Kongwak P.S. staff are working to best meet the academic, emotional, social and wellbeing needs of our students.

We are offering a small group program for selected students in year 3-6 called Seasons for Growth in term 3. This program supports those who have experienced grief, changes or loss. Loss at any time can be challenging. We recognise that when changes occur in families through separation, divorce, bereavement or other loss experiences, young people benefit from learning how to make sense of these changes. Like the seasons of the year we know changes in our lives will always happen.

Seasons for Growth is a small group program that supports children and young people to learn change is part of life, naming and caring for feelings, problem-solving, making good choices and developing support networks. Please contact your child's class teacher, Mel McCrae, Tash Bird or myself, if you think this program may be appropriate for your child.

Kind regards

Kerry Ware



## Questions a Critical Thinker Asks

### What's Happening?

Gather the basic information and begin to think of questions



### Why Is It Important?

Ask yourself why it's significant and whether or not you agree

### What Don't I See?

Is there anything important missing?

Answers



### How Do I Know?

Ask yourself where the information came from and how it was constructed



### Who Is Saying It?

What's the position of the speaker and what is influencing them?



If only time were relative...

### What Else? What If?

What other ideas exist and are there other possibilities?



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# Community News

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

## Kindergarten Central Registration



### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

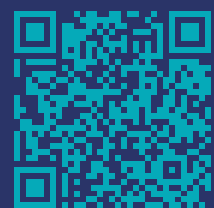
To register your child for three-year-old or four-year-old kindergarten next year, visit the South Gippsland Shire Council website from 1 May and complete a registration form, nominating your kindergarten preferences.

To be included in the first round of offers, you must register by 30 June.

Register by scanning the QR code (right) or visit:

[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/kinder](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/kinder)

For more information, please call 5662 9200 or text your details to 0447 965 850 and we will call you back.



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## FAMILY FUN Day!

*Carers of children with a disability you are invited to Interchange Gippsland's Family Fun Day!*

**Date:** Sunday 16 June, 2024

**Time:** 10am-4pm

**Location:** Gumbuya World, Garfield

**Cost:** FREE (places are limited)

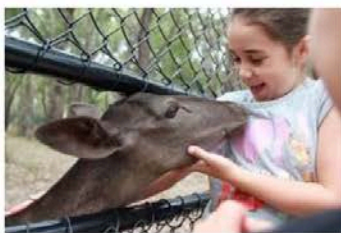


Join us for a Family Fun Day at Gumbuya World to connect with other Interchange Gippsland families, meet new friends and enjoy family time!

Free entry and lunch is supplied- please bring your own water bottle or drinks can be purchased at your own cost at Gumbuya World.

Come along and experience the wildlife and rides.

\*Limited transport options from ICG offices are available!



*RSVP essential. To secure your spot please email [admin@icg.asn.au](mailto:admin@icg.asn.au) or by scanning the QR code below!*

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## Healthy Relationships 101

Be Empowered!



## Workshop for Parents/Carers

Big Kids Table invites you to learn more about *parenting* in the area of Sex, Relationships and God.

Date: 14th June 2024

Venue: St Georges Anglican Church Wonthaggi (Cnr McBride and Hagelthorn Sts)

Time: 7pm — 9pm

Cost: \$30 (fee relief available on request)

Registration (closes on 12/6/24) and further information via QR code or <https://www.basscoastanglican.org.au/event-details/youth-children-and-the-questions-about-sex-relationships-god-workshop-for-parents/carers>

