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 of 10, TERM 3

AN OARSOME VISIT

The buzz and excitement of the Paris Olympics has started to fade away but right in the middle of the competition our senior students were treated to a special experience when Sebastian in grade 5 organised a visit from a former Olympian. Drew Ginn, was a member of the famous Oarsome Foursome, came and spoke to our students in the library. From all reports, Drew was an exceptional speaker and was able to engage with people young and old. Drew won a Gold medal as a member of the Oarsome Foursome at the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games and he won Gold again rowing in a pair at both the 2004 Athens and 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. What a treat to have someone with such an amazing experience to share their story with us. A huge thanks to Drew for taking the time and to Sebastian for organising it all.

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DIARY DATES - AUGUST

22/08	Years 5 & 6 Police Visit
22/08	Years 1 & 2 Excursion to Cranbourne Gardens
23/08	Book Week Multi age & Book Week Dress up Day
27/08	Netball Vic Champs Final
30/08	Fathers day Stall

PARENT, CARER, GUARDIAN OPINION SURVEY

In the two weeks since I mentioned our target of 245 responses for the PCG Opinion Survey, we've had 169 out of 307 families take the time to complete it. That's a 55% response rate. We're well on our way to reaching our 80% target. I'll flick out only a couple more reminders (I'm sorry if the push notification is annoying) and hopefully we can get another quarter of our families to take the 20 minutes to complete the survey. Thank you to everyone who has given us feedback to improve our school and the experience for the people we care for.

PREPARING FOR TRANSITION

There's still plenty of time left in 2025 to learn and have fun, however there is lots of planning going on to prepare young people to transition into next year. Our families that have a child coming into Prep next year have received their enrolment packs and our Grade 6 students are starting to visit their Secondary colleges.

If you have any friends with a 'Preppie' that haven't notified us of their intentions to come here, could you please remind them to get in to see us ASAP. The number of Prep enrolments coming each year compared to the number of Grade 6 students leaving has a significant impact on our budgeting and planning. Of course, everyone is welcome at any time, but if we know about Preps well in advance, we can be better prepared to cater for them.

At the other end of the school, we wish the best of luck to our students who participated in the SEAL (Select Entry Accelerated Learning) Program testing at Bass Coast College. Our school has had many students who perform at a high level in the classroom, go on to successfully participate in the SEAL program.

THE BIG IMPORTANT JOBS

I don't remember the panel mentioning this task when I was interviewed for the Principal position last year, but apparently 'bird whisperer' is an important part of the role here at IPS. When Mr McCartney called me for backup last week because TWO Magpies had entered the classroom and started fighting, I didn't quite know what to expect. I was met by the whole class patiently waiting outside eagerly waiting to see how I would handle the 'mess'. I was briefed by some excited students that the two Maggies were fighting, pooing everywhere and head butting windows. I put on a brave face, pretended I could handle it and nervously entered the building. To my surprise I caught one magpie trying to login to a computer and the other one hanging by the whiteboard suspiciously. The story ended well, our students returned to a poo stained classroom and the birds found their way out to freedom. Please note: no birds were harmed in this episode of 'principal adventures.

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COMMUNICATION

I'm hoping that you're getting the feeling that our school takes feedback from our community seriously. We heard loud and clear last year that many parents felt that our communication could improve. One big step we've taken is to change the current practice of parents communicating with teachers via the school email. We want you all to have direct access to your teachers. It will enhance the relationship between home and school. It allows parents to contact our teachers at a time that suits them. OUr teachers will reply at their earliest convenience during their work hours. All parents will receive an email from the classroom teachers of their children to inform them of the changes and you'll notice the 'email' option pop up on compass right next to the attendance option. We think this change will improve the experience for our parent community and that will result in improved outcomes for our students.

WONDERFUL TO SEE

It's so wonderful to see some of our students practising their musical instruments every Friday before 'big band practice' on Friday after school. If your child would like to join the group, get in touch with us at the office and we'll connect you with Natalie. It is a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn music, belong to a group and do something really interesting. FYI....It's FREE!

COMING UP

I hope you've got your dress up sorted for Book Week celebrations on Friday, don't leave it until Thursday night. After some friendly persuading from the Prep team, my costume is coming together, although I've learnt the hard way that 'one size fits most' isn't quite as generous as it sounds. To give you a clue about my character, here's a line they said that might help you guess who I'm dressing up as. "My only true love, Darling. I live for furs. I worship furs! After all, is there a woman in all of the wretched world who doesn't?". I think I have a few staff that will be joining my theme.
I can't wait to see everyone dressed up on Friday and having fun.

Regards

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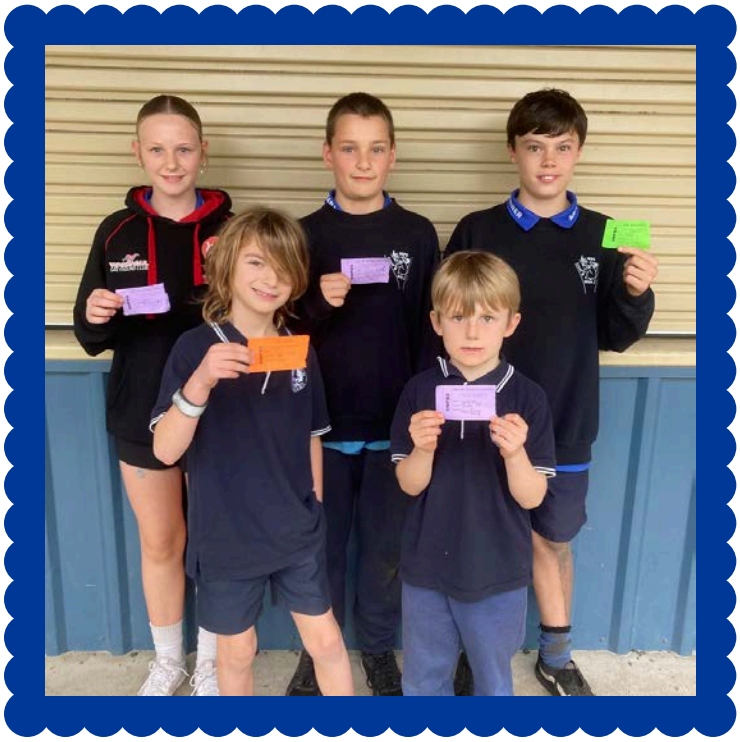
SWPBS

WEEKLY WINNERS WEEK 4

Congratulations to these students who had their SWBPS tickets drawn in todays raffle. It was wonderful to see the number of tickets and so many students being identified as Active Learners, Keeping Others Safe and Respectful.

Zach R 6R, Louis S 5/6P, Tyler S 2R, Edie D 1M.
Logan 6S (not pictured)

WEEKLY WINNERS WEEK 5



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Alana H 6R, Zach R 6R, Zach M 6R, Seb S 3/4T, Jude W PG

Artist of the Week

WEEK 4

Our artist of the week is Chad in grade 3 with his Steampunk sculpture of a industrial robotic figure. Chad has used metal, wood and recycled components to make his piece

Artist of the Week

WEEK 5

Our artist of the week is Matilda H in grade 4 with her Expressionistic fish drawing inspired by Paul Klee, made from mixed media. Matilda created her piece using different techniques over a two week period through the use of wet and dry media.

Wellbeing News

BULLYING NO WAY: NATIONAL WEEK OF ACTION

This year, IKPS participated in the Bullying No Way: National Week of Action from the 12th-16th of August.

Bullying No Way is a commitment made by thousands of schools and supporters across the country. This year's campaign is 'Everyone Belongs'. This theme highlights the importance of creating a sense of belonging and inclusion for students. We recognise that bullying often thrives in environments where individuals feel marginalised or excluded and it is our collective responsibility to ensure that every student feels valued and respected.

We are committed to doing all we can to prevent and respond to all forms of bullying at school. You can find a copy of our IKPS Bullying Prevention Policy here.

Parents and carers play an important role in helping children to understand bullying and know how to respond to it.

If your child tells you about things at school, or you observe something in public that involves conflict or bullying, take the opportunity to talk about what bullying is. You can learn more about what defines bullying at www.bullyingnoway.gov.au.

Questions you could ask:

- What do you think bullying is?
- Have you seen it? How did you feel?
- Have you ever felt scared at school because of bullying?
- As well as me, are there any other adults you would talk to when it comes to things like bullying?
- Have you or your friends ever left other kids out on purpose? Do you think that was bullying? Why or why not?
- Have you ever tried to help someone who is being bullied? What happened? What would you do if it happens again?

Remind your child that bullying is never okay and discuss how they can respond safely if they experience or witness it. Encourage them to seek help from a trusted adult and keep seeking support if they need it.

By promoting open communication, we empower children to stand up against bullying and create a safer environment where everyone can feel like they belong.

NATIONAL WEEK OF ACTION: PICTURES

This is a picture from 1/2 T. They made chains of all the people they have connections with and hung it from their tree in the classroom. They are planning on continuing to add to these as they make connections with new people.

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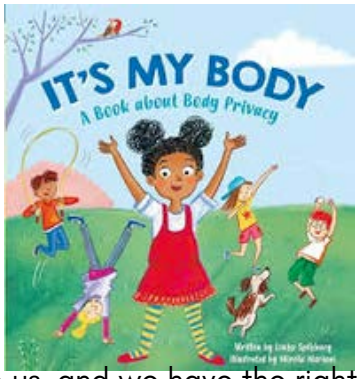
The grade 3-6 areas created a tree showing all the branches of connections they have. Here is an example from grade 3/4B.

GRADE 1/2 BODY SAFETY SESSION

On Tuesday 13th of August, the grade 1/2 area had a special session in the library about body safety. We read a story called 'It's My Body: A Book About Body Privacy' and had discussions about what makes us feel safe and unsafe.



We learnt...
-Our bodies belong to us, and we have the right to say no if we don't want to be touched.
-We all have the right to feel safe all the time.
-We all have private parts (the parts that are under our swimsuits). Nobody should see or touch your private parts and you should not show these to others unless you need help from a parent, or a doctor needs to check that you are well (and your parents are there) .
-Nobody should ask you to keep a secret that makes you feel unsafe or uncomfortable. If this happens, you should tell an adult that you trust.
-We all have a network of people that we can tell if something makes us feel uncomfortable or unsafe. This was a great way to revisit our learning from the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence lesson earlier in the week.

POSSUM SKIN ENGRAVING

During our NAIDOC Week event, the two winning Deadly Doors were awarded a possum skin by local custodian Sonia Weston. Thank you to Sonia for giving us the skins!

Winning class 3B and runner up 5PR created a small design to represent themselves. This week, 3B started to engrave their design on the skin. Here is a picture of some of our winning children with our work in progress and some quotes.

"I feel really lucky." Chad

'I feel terrified. I want to make it good and I hope it turns out good. My design is a volleyball because I play volleyball." Aio Nicholson

"I drew a carp. It was the first fish I caught." (Tyler)

"I like reading. I drew a book."

Natasha Bird
Student Wellbeing
Coordinator
Inverloch Primary School

Chaplain News

Hi everyone!

Having fun with Yarn!

Who would have thought that a ball of yarn could provide so much fun at playtimes? I make myself available to chat with students outside in the playground and have been continually amazed at the joy children have choosing mixed colored yarn and finger knit. The warm sunny days certainly make this playtime activity relaxing for anyone coming along.

If anyone has 8ply colorful yarn they would like to donate that would be appreciated. Children can bring it along to school and pass onto me directly or alternately leave in the wellbeing room behind the library.

Breakfast Club

We continue to provide sandwiches (vegemite or cheese) and drinks (milo or juice) from 8.30-9.00am on Monday and Tuesday morning. Our wonderful volunteers brave all weather conditions and welcome the students who come along. We continue to be impressed with the respectful manner students demonstrate at breakfast club, and hope this sets them up for a great day ahead.

The food is donated by Paradise Bakery and the Inverloch Foodworks supermarket. Our year 6 volunteers work with a team of volunteers at the Uniting church to prepare sandwiches each week making up at least 12 loaves of bread. I've loved seeing the connections the students are making as they chat with another team of volunteers at the church while making up sandwiches each week.

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 starting a small group program for selected students in year 3-4 and 5-6 called Seasons for Growth. This program supports those who have experienced grief 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 may benefit from learning how to make sense of these changes.

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, Tash Bird, Mel McCrae or myself, if you think this program may be appropriate for your child.

Kind regards

Kerry Ware

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Parents & Friends Association

Father's Day Stall

PFA is running another **Father's Day Stall**. We have purchased a wide range of gifts and your child will be given the opportunity to choose from the varied selection available, one that they think is perfect for their Dad.

The Stall will be held on Friday 30th Aug.

This is not a fundraising event but a chance for your child to choose their own Father's Day Gift at only $5.00 per child. If you do not want your child to participate in the Father's Day stall then we ask that you discuss this with your child to avoid any concerns or upsets on the day.

This year payments can be made through Compass which will be shown as a Course Confirmation notification (same place as Parent Contribution).
You will have the option to change the set price of $5 to $10 if you require 2 gifts.
Maximum of two gifts per child.

Parent helpers would be greatly appreciated on the day, please email the school.
inverloch.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Lost Property

We have a huge amount of unclaimed lost property.
Could everyone please check to see if you have any unclaimed items when you are picking your children up or dropping them off to school.

On Thursday the Grade 5s and 6s had the pleasure of meeting Olympian Drew Ginn who is a former IKPS student. Some inspirational and entertaining stories were shared with the students and Drew even let them wear his medals. Drew was part of the Oarsome Foursome who won 3 gold medals and 1 silver medal for Australia. The Olympic Games he competed in were in Atlanta (1996), Athens (2004), Beijing (2008) and London (2012). Drew also told the students about the values of the Olympics which are EXCELLENCE, RESPECT and FRIENDSHIP, values he strives to apply to his everyday life.

Meet Hettie, Archers support dog. She's a 14month old beautiful black lab who has been trained specifically to be a support therapy dog.
Hettie can do lots of tricks and can even track where Archer is by sniffing the skin cells he leaves behind.
When Hettie has her dog jacket on, it means she is working. If you see Hettie around school or around town, you can ask Archer or Anita if you can pat her. It is important that we respect their instructions as Hettie has been trained to react and behave in specific ways.

Archer introduced Hettie to 3/4J and 3/4K and the students asked lots of interesting and respectful questions.
Did you know that because Hettie is a licenced therapy dog, she can go into all public spaces, including shops, hospitals and even on an aeroplane! Archer is one very lucky boy to have Hettie supporting him.

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MATTHEW KING

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Southern Gippsland Junior Football Competition

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Southern Gippsland Junior Football Competition | BIG ANNOUNCEMENT UNDER 12 GIRLS EXHIBITION GAME

We are pleased to announce that there will be an U12 Girls Exhibition Game on Sunday, August 25th at 9.00 am on SGJFC Grand Final Day.
This opportunity is available for girls born in 2012, 2013, and 2014.
No club affiliation is required to participate in this game.
If you wish to participate kindly complete the form by scanning the provided QR Code or by the link below.
Please indicate whether you are a part of the West or East team when registering.

Registration Link.
https://forms.office.com/r/234uLVrnJ6

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAM (Inverloch Hub)
Kinder Soccer

What you will learn:

- Dribbling
- Shooting
- Passing
- Receiving
- Ball control
- Skills and tricks
- Fun games

*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: 2.15pm-3.00pm (45mins)
Cost: $8 per session (casual)
Age: 4 and 5 years old
What to bring: Full Drink Bottle
Coach: Roger
Register Interest: 5672 4194

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BASS COAST | the Y

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: $10 per session (casual)
Age: Prep, Year 1 & 2
What to bring: Full Drink Bottle
Coach: Roger
Register Interest: 5672 4194

RE-STARTS: Term 4 (1st Friday)

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STARFISH NIPPERS
24/25 SEASON

We are thrilled to announce that the upcoming 24/25 season will see the Starfish Nippers program return for its second year, running alongside our Nippers program!

WHEN IS IT?

Sessions will be running from 9am – 12pm on the following days:

- December: 27, 28, 29, 30, 31
- January: 2, 3, 4, 5
- Nipper competition: 11th Jan

WHERE IS IT?

@ Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club

Starfish NIPPERS
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WHAT IS STARFISH NIPPERS?

Starfish Nippers is a fantastic initiative aimed at providing a safe and inclusive beach experience for children of all abilities. This program aims to create a supportive and inclusive environment where every child can participate, grow, and have fun.

WHY JOIN STARFISH NIPPERS?

INCLUSIVE

To ensure the program suits each participant, we work on adapting the program to each individual's needs and requirements.

BEACH SAFETY AND WATER AWARENESS

The program offers young children with a disability an opportunity to develop essential water safety skills, gain confidence in the ocean environment, and learn basic surf life- saving techniques.

POSITIVE AND FUN ENVIRONMENT

The program promotes physical activity, teamwork, and a sense of community within the surf life-saving culture.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED?

Express your interest? Head to https://islsc.org.au/lifesaving/education/starfish-nippers/ to express your interest in the program and ask any further questions you have before signing up. You will receive an email from starfish@ISLSC.org.au with more information about the program.

Enrolments will open on August 1st and close on November 30th 2024 unless filled prior. Don't hesitate to spread the word and share this poster with anyone who might be interested.