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 8 of 10, TERM 3

WHAT A TREAT!
Seriously, how lucky can we be? Any school in the state could teach their students about the story of a shipwreck, but at IPS, we can just walk down to the beach to look at one. How exciting it was for some of out staff and students to take advantage of the exposed Amazon Shipwreck on a local excursion. The timing couldn't be more perfect. Earlier in the year the grade 3/4 team organised for members of the Amazon Shipwreck Committee to visit and teach our students about the history that lies on our beaches. Then next week we are dressing up as pirates to raise money to donate to the committee. I just love that our students are learning all about what our local area and community has to offer.
On a side note....in preparation for Pirates day, if anyone knows which letter of the alphabet is a pirates favourite letter, please come up and tell me. It may not be the letter you think.

THANK YOU TO VOLUNTEERS
A huge thank you to our volunteers who coordinated and ran our Father's Day stall. It is such a delight to see our students getting the opportunity to experience the gift of giving and displaying gratitude to a loved one in their life. A smile just spreads across your face when you see children skipping out of school with a gift to handover to a special person. Our school council recently had a fabulous discussion about how we celebrate fathers day and if there are ways we can make it a more inclusive event. We discussed the challenges some of our children face who don't have a father or father figure in their life. We also talked about Father's day being a wonderful opportunity to promote the many examples of positive masculinity in our community and society. Positive masculinity is about showing strength through kindness, compassion, and respect. Fathers who model empathy, emotional openness, and inclusivity provide a powerful example for people of all ages. The men who embrace these qualities, teaching our young people that true strength lies in care, respect for others, and standing up for what's right.

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DIARY DATES - SEPTEMBER

Mon 9th - Thurs 11th	Book Fair in Library
Mon 2nd - Fri 13th	Dental Van Visits
Thursday 12th	Division Althletics
Friday 13th	Year 6 1/2 Day transition BBC
Friday 13th	Pirate Dress Up Day
Wed 18th	SSV State Championships Netball
Friday 20th	Special Lunch Order Day - Paul the Pie Man
Friday 20th	Last Day Term 3 2.30pm Dismissal

PARENT, CARER, GUARDIAN OPINION SURVEY

62% of our Parents, Carers and Guardians have completed the opinion survey. That's a whopping 191 responses. There's still time to complete the survey, it closes on the last day of term. I've given you a break from another push notification on Compass, but you can find the link in your emails. Here's a little snapshot of what we're learning from our parents (The percentages are the amount of positive responses to the questions) .

We've learning that ….. Survey questions 2024 2023

Parents are feeling more positive about getting the info they need and that they're taken seriously when they approach the school with concerns School communication 82% 66%

Parents have a more positive sense that our school is always aiming to improve the quality of education and that we have a clear understanding of our strengths and weaknesses.

P.S. We want to keep improving in this area. School improvement 72% 58%

Parents are increasingly recognising the work of teachers to make learning engaging, adequately challenge the children and provide programs that cater for diverse interests and abilities. Stimulating learning environment 78% 67%

More parents feel that their child is safe at school and that their child feels confident to use the skills and strategies they've learnt at school to address bullying. Managing bullying 82% 77%

Parents believe that our school respects their family's beliefs and wishes and that we communicate the importance of respecting all cultural beliefs and practices. Respect for diversity. 91% 84%

I'll share the results in more detail after the survey closes.

I hope you've planned your weekend to meet your needs….some time to rest and recharge, a few laughs, some exercise and maybe a nice meal or two. I can't wait.

See you all Monday.

Regards

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SWPBS

WEEKLY WINNERS WEEK 6

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.

Lawson J PN, Starla D 6R, Rhani E 2R.
Absent : Joel R PR, Prudence B 6R

WEEKLY WINNERS WEEK 7

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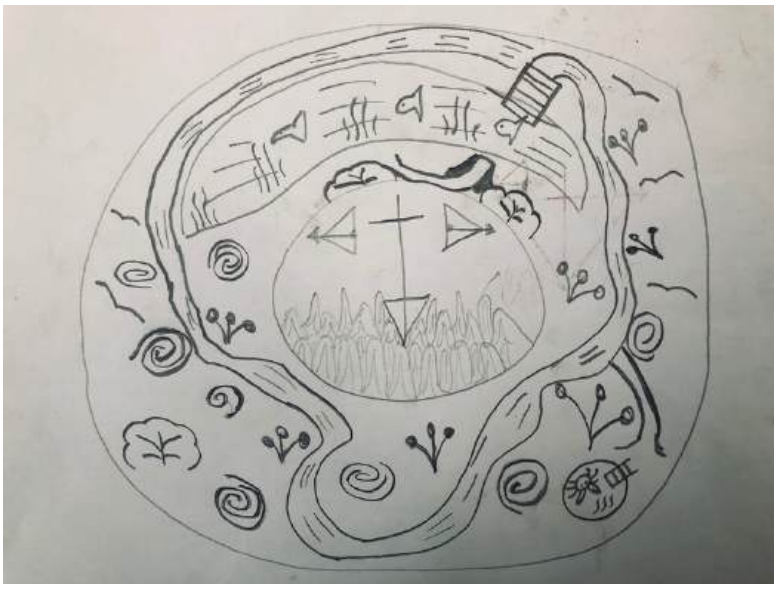
Oce B 2R, Marcellous M 1M, Sonny W 6R, Katelyn W 1/2J, Finn M 6R.

Artist of the Week

WEEK 6

Our artist of the week is Finn in grade 6 with his sgraffito design drawings for his ceramic pot. Finn has drawn on his relationship to the environment to create his symbols.



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WEEK 7

Our artist of the week is Summer in grade 2 with her observation drawings of natural objects using soft pastel

Wellbeing News

CYBERSAFETY

As a follow on from our week celebrating the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence, we had a schoolwide focus on Cybersafety.

In Foundation-2, we learnt that:
-We need to be responsible and look after our personal information online.
-We need to show respect, and be kind and caring to others.
-We should trust our feelings and ask for help when something doesn't feel right.
-We need to question what we see, hear and do online.

In 3-6, we learnt about privacy and security.

If you have not had a chat with your children yet about Cybersafety, then make some time over the weekend to get started- it's never too early to talk about Cybersafety.

There are some awesome resources for parents on the esafety website https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents including:
-webinars about how to keep your children safe online
-information about parental controls
-resources about cyberbullying
-advice sheets

The E-safety Commission is also the place that you go if you are ever a victim of cyber abuse, so it's a great idea to save this website to your favourites (although I hope you will never need it). We will continue to provide regular opportunities for all children to learn how to safe online.

I strongly recommend watching these 2 videos (among others on the parent portal). The videos are short, but very useful in terms of identifying some practical ways to keep our kids safe.

Read transcript +

Parental controls

This video helps parents and carers to understand more about the different parental controls available and which settings are best suited to your family. It's designed for parents of kids aged 4 to 13 years old.

Read transcript +

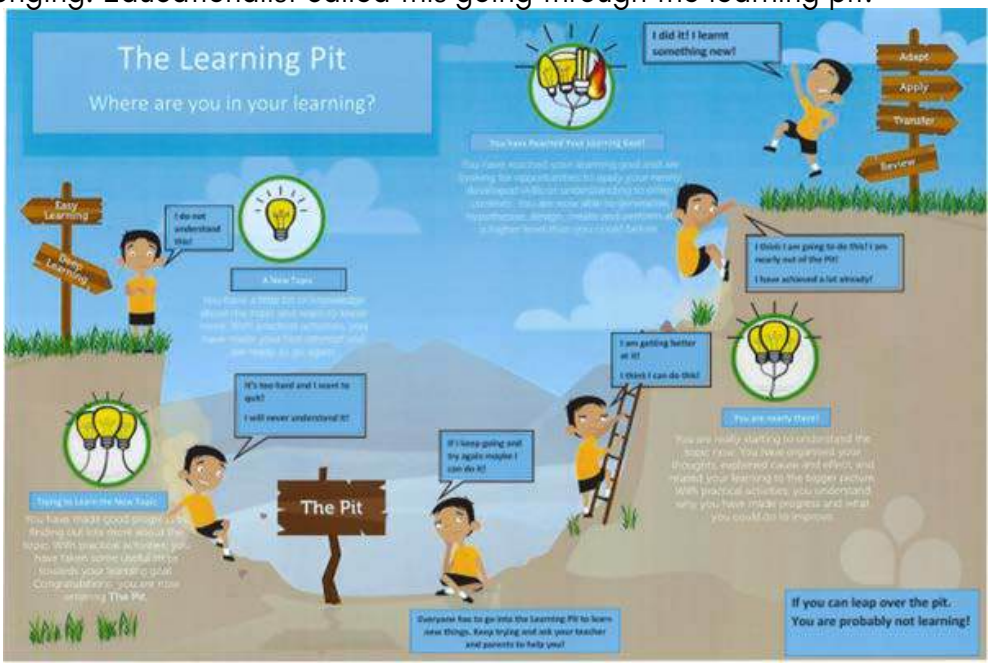
Digital technologies and mental health

This video explains how to support a young person's mental wellbeing when they are using social media and apps. It's designed for parents and carers of young people aged 10 to 18 years old.

Tash Bird
(Inclusion Leader)

Chaplain News

Hi everyone
I do hope you are well while we race to the end of term 3.
I was thinking this week about the how much we all need to persist in life to get through times that are challenging. Educationalist called this going through the learning pit.



I'm sure that for each of us, we can think of the situations when life was really difficult. The ability to persist at a task and see it through to the end is one of the most important success attributes that we can nurture in a child.
There are numerous times every day when children must persist, rather than give in. As adults, helping a child to do the things they can do for themselves may be quicker, however it does take away the opportunity for them to learn how to persist. The results of the Australian Temperament Project show that persistence is the one temperamental factor that can be improved over time. Parents and teachers can develop persistence in children by supporting them. Let's not impede their growth by making life too easy for children so they have opportunities to learn to persist or hang in there.
Have a great week ahead.
Kind Regards
Kerry Ware
Chaplain
Mondays and Tuesdays

Icy Pole Fundraiser

Our Student Leaders have been selling icy poles at lunch time on Fridays to raise money for new sports uniforms.
This will continue until the end of term.

See Maxie and Pippa enjoying their icy poles!!!

Book Week Fun!

- Term 3 Sessions & Enrolment Info -

"Come & Play" Sessions

We invite all prospective 2025-26 families to join Prep teacher Sally Dunn for 3 fun and connecting playgroup-style sessions at KPS. School tours also available.

Tuesday 27th August – 1:45 - 3:15pm

Tuesday 17th September – 1:45 - 3:15pm

Kongwak Primary School - 1445 Wonthaggi Korumburra Rd

Enrolment Information

Contact us for an Enrolment Application Form on 5674 1253.

Enrolled children will be contacted to join our transition sessions during Term 4.

"Care, Lead, Achieve" - 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.

More information: (03) 5674 1253 or kongwak.ps@education.vic.gov.au

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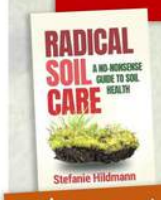
Regenerative LAND CARE
with **Stefanie Hildmann**

How can we:

- Break the **weed spray** cycle?
- Keep **cattle and soil** in a sustainable relationship?
- Monitor **landscape function**?

"Stefanie works as an educator about all things soil and is known for her no-nonsense approach to soil health".

Join Kongwak Hills Landcare Group as we dive into all things soil! Stefanie will present a range of tools, solutions and wisdom from her recently released book "Radical Soil Care". In a warm and entertaining way, she will challenge current traditions of land management from years of experience and learning.



Win a copy!
Lucky door prize on the day!

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For more info:
03 5672 1875 or
myli.au/events

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JOIN OUR

FUTSAL COMPETITION

We are excited to announce a new futsal competition in partnership with Football Victoria, commencing October and running until April next year.

We are currently seeking expressions of interest from enthusiastic players for both Junior and Senior divisions.

Competition Details

- Venue: South Gippsland SPLASH, Leongatha
- Schedule: Sundays, (Term 4, 2024 through to Term 1, 2025)
- Divisions: Juniors and Seniors
  (all ages and abilities welcome)

We need sufficient numbers to run the competition.

Register your interest here:

SG SPLASH!

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INVERLOCH STINGRAYS CRICKET CLUB

JUNIOR REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

U15'S - SATURDAY MORNINGS (TRAINING WEDNESDAY)

U13'S - FRIDAY AFTERNOONS (TRAINING WEDNESDAY)

U11'S - TUESDAY AFTERNOONS

WOOLWORTHS BLAST - THURSDAY AFTERNOONS

REGISTER VIA PLAYHQ

OR

FURTHER INFORMATION VIA:

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