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 3 of 11, TERM 4

WORLD TEACHERS DAY

This Friday the 25th of October we're celebrating World Teachers' Day. It's a time to celebrate our teachers and thank them for all the work they do to educate, inspire and empower learners across our whole school. The Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership is promoting the theme 'Hats off to Teachers' so it's time to tip our hats to the incredible educators who care for our students and shape the future. This Friday is of course a student free day so we'll be celebrating WTD at school as a whole staff, but I think it's wonderful opportunity for families to support their children to develop their gratitude skills by encouraging them to recognise their teachers this week with a simple thank you or even just a tip of their hat.

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DIARY DATES - OCTOBER

Tues 22nd	Grade 5 ACCA Excursion
Wed 23rd	Regional Hot Shots Tennis @ Traralgon
Fri 25th	Student Free Day - No School
Wed 30th- 1st Nov	Grade 6 Melbourne Camp

SUNSMART

It seems a bit weird to talk about 'Hats Off to Teachers' and then switch straight to a message about wearing hats and keeping them on, but it is time for a friendly reminder that students are to wear a school hat or a hat that protects the face, head, neck and ears when outdoors (eg. broad brimmed, legionnaire or bucket hat). Baseball or peaked caps and sun visors are not considered a suitable alternative. Students who are not wearing appropriate protective clothing or hats will be asked to use available areas of shade when outdoors. Yes, we have hats available for purchase at the office.

Our school supplies SPF50+ sunscreen for staff and student use. A tub is located in the main entrance foyer of our school, all members of the school community are welcome to use it at any time of the school day.

While I'm on the subject of uniform, thank you to the parents who have been 'clearing' out our lost property. I'm quite amazed at how many items can pile up at our front entrance (I sometimes wonder if students are going home fully dressed). A special shout out to the people who sift through the mountain of clothes but make an effort to leave it in some sort of 'neat' state, much appreciated.

LIBRARY REVEAL

Look out for the reveal of our upgraded Library. As mentioned earlier in the year, an amazing team of volunteers worked tirelessly to coordinate an amazing Great Fete. The fundraising from that event have been directed to buying new shelving and couches, the addition of a study bench, installation of a large TV screen and some new floor desks with cushions. We'll post a video soon to showcase just how amazing the space looks and feels or you can come and check it out for yourself by visiting at school drop off or pick up.

It's worth mentioning that the Great Fete committee will be meeting again soon to start planning the 2025 event. It isn't possible without a team of passionate volunteers so please consider if you have the capacity to contribute. You can be involved in as much or as little as you like, but we need plenty of support from our parents, carers and guardians. Look out for more information to follow soon.

WONDERFUL TO SEE

It's wonderful to see our students participating in the Lions Club public speaking competition. What a fabulous opportunity for children to 'stretch' themselves no matter what level they are at right now. It's just incredible watching young people find the courage to get up and push themselves right out of their comfort zones. Congratulations to all participants and an extra special good luck to Alana Eddy who has progressed to the District Finals and will compete this Saturday in Mt Eliza.

It's wonderful to see the students who have been working hard each Friday as members of our school band getting to perform on stage with the Wonthaggi Citizens' Band. For those that are not aware, Wonthaggi Citizens' Band run a schools program at Inverloch PS and Wonthaggi PS that provides free lessons and instruments to students. There are still spots for more students to join so if your child is interested, get into our office for more information.

It's wonderful to see so many of our students represent themselves and our school with distinction at the Regional Athletics Carnival in week 2. It takes an enormous amount of effort and talent to progress through to the regional stage. I'm now excited to hear about the next experience some of our students have at the State Athletics Carnival

Finally, school council are planning a Working Bee for the near future. We'll send out the details soon, we're hoping to have a huge list of jobs and tasks to complete and that we can attract a whole stack of people to come along and contribute in some way.

Regards

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SWPBS

WEEKLY WINNERS WEEK 10 TERM 3

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.

Archie J 3/4B, Charlotte B 5T, Ethan C 2R, Asher L 1/2J.

WEEKLY WINNERS WEEK 1

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Willow T PR, Wilco S 6R, Beau M 3/4R, Bobby T PG, Lewie PR.

Chaplain News

Hi everyone

I hope you enjoyed the break and have re-established your family routines and look forward to what's ahead in term 4.

I was able to spend time with my grandson again these holidays and know that this is such a privilege as I listen and marvel at his growing understanding of life. We want the people in our families to experience a purposeful and healthy life and as parents and grandparents, we can support our children to be the best people they can be.

These quotes might inspire you as they do for me.

Kind Regards

Kerry Ware

(Chaplain)

Our days are happier when we give people a bit of our heart rather than a piece of our mind.

Never look down on anybody unless you are helping them up.

Kindness is like a wave: start a ripple…create a wave. It begins with you!

Kindness is love with it's work boots on.

Your wealth or status doesn't make you. Your kindness and character does.

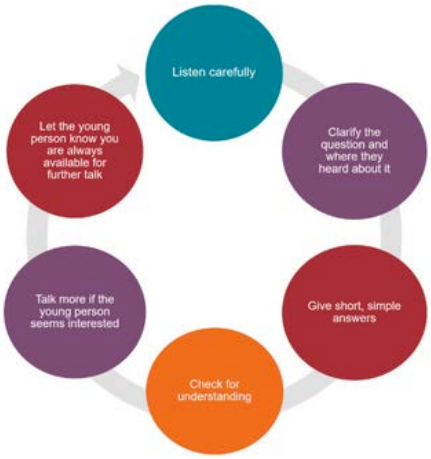
Wellbeing News

HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

This term all classes at IKPS will be engaging in lessons regarding Human Development. This unit is a component of the Victorian Curriculum and we are mandated to teach the content. The attached document
provides information about the concepts that will be covered at each year level.

Respectful Relationships and Human Development Education is a shared responsibility between school, home
and the community. Over the course of Term Four, your child may bring home work samples that they have
completed at school. Please use these as a catalyst for conversations in your home. As parents and carers, you
are the most influential role model for your child. We want to encourage young people to ask questions regarding relationships and our bodies. If they do not feel comfortable to seek this information from us, they
will go to other sources and there is a risk of misinformation or exposure to material that is not developmentally appropriate for them.

It is normal to feel awkward when talking about these topics. Below is a guide to support you when answering
your children's questions.



For more information on how to talk to children and young people about relationships and human development, please see the Victorian Government's Better Health Channel Website -
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SCHOOLWIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR- SAFETY

This term , our Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Focus is Safety. See our schoolwide expectations here:

Be Safe	▪ We are upstanders ▪ We keep our bodies and other people's bodies safe ▪ We help others ▪ Seek help when we see something or someone being unsafe ▪ We give people who are dysregulated some space

Towards the end of last term, all classes completed a survey to find out how the students think we are going in terms of safety in the classroom and in the yard. We have used their feedback to guide our focus areas for this term.

In Foundation, we started off the term looking at personal space. This was in response to their survey data. The children learnt about how people need personal space to feel space and comfortable. They learnt respectful ways of asking people to give them some space.

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In Grade 1/2 , there was a common theme in their survey data that some people are not being safe with sticks in the yard. We learnt that sticks in themselves are not unsafe, but people can be unsafe with them. The concern about sticks was also featured in other survey results, so the grade ½ area have been working on developing some specific guidelines around how to be safe and when and how we can use them at school. Sticks are very useful on the back track, but they need to be used properly! These ideas will be collated and shared with the rest of the school.

The grade 3-6 classes all identified that giving people who are dysregulated some space is something we need to work on in the yard. Many classes made the suggestion that we should come up with some designated areas as places to calm down in the yard. This is a great suggestion for so many different reasons.
-Children will know where to go if they are feeling big emotions.
-Other students will know that they are taking a break and leave them to regulate.
-The yard duty teacher will find it easier to identify children who might need some help regulating.

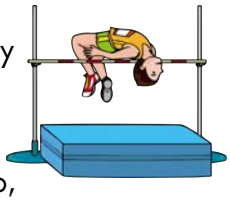
In their lesson last week, the classes were asked to take a walk around the yard and identify spaces that might be good ones for 'calm down zones' in the yard. They were also asked to identify the clues that you might need to take a break, or that someone else might need space. This information will be used to develop our outdoors calm down zones.

PRIZES FOR TERM FOUR

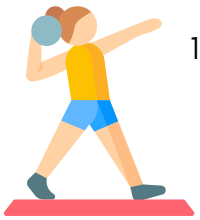
Our survey results are in for raffle prizes! This term the weekly prizes are:
-Half an hour free time in class for you and a friend
-Bring a pet to school
-Lucky dip prize
-Choose a game for the whole class for the last half hour of the day

The end of term prizes are:
-Water fight for your class
-Hot chip lunch
-Soum's assistant for a session
-Class party

Regional Athletics results



17 students attended the Regional Athletics event at Newborough. In very tough conditions all students performed fantastically well. A number of students have now qualified to go onto the State Championships on November 6th. They are Charlotte Williams who finished first in high jump, Jack Hynd who finished first in long jump, Millie Barton who placed first in Long jump-shot put and 100m sprint, Nathan Moore who finished second in 1500m and Franklin Boyd Munro, Finn Musilli, Walker Franks and Che Hawkins who placed second in the 4 x 100m relay.
Congratulations to everyone for a great effort.



Charlotte Williams after finishing 1st in High Jump at Regionals in Newborough.
Winning jump was 138cm

Music Lesson Students

The brass students who learn an instrument with Natalie on Fridays had a wonderful opportunity to perform at the Wonthaggi Citizens' Band Annual Concert last weekend! They did a great job. New students always welcome- lessons, band and instrument hire are all free!

Artist of the Week

WEEK 10

Artist of the Week

WEEK 1

Our artist of the week is Willow Toomey in prep with her expressionist landscape painting that she created in the holidays. Willow has chosen complimentary colours and added tints to create varying values of her colours.

Community News

Australian Red Cross Lifeblood®

We're coming to town

Give life. Give blood in Leongatha.

15 to 25 October

We're rolling in to:

Leongatha

Leongatha Regional Hospital
66 Koonwarra Rd

See our website for opening hours

Book your donation now

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Community News

GIRL GUIDES AUSTRALIA VICTORIA

Wonthaggi District Girl Guides

Girls aged over 6 are invited to come and try Girl Guides.

Contact: cheryl.bertrand@guidesvic.org.au: phone 0408391035

Wonthaggi Girl Guides meet during school terms at -

the Wonthaggi Scout hall,

cnr. Wentworth road and Parkes street *Tuesdays from 4.30pm to 6pm.*

Cheryl Bertrand -District leader, Wonthaggi Girl Guides

Community News

The Get Active Kids Voucher Program is now open!

Get in quick as applications only remain open until the allocation is exhausted.

If your family or child has a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, you may be eligible for up to $200 to put towards the cost of your child's participation in sport and active recreation activities.

Important Dates:

- Applications open from 9 October 2024 until the allocation is exhausted.
- Reimbursement expenditure dates: from 1 July 2024 until submission of application
- Vouchers expiry date: Tuesday, 29 April 2025.

The Get Active Kids Voucher Program helps eligible families get their kids involved in organised sport and active recreation activities by providing financial support for the cost of membership and registration fees.

Special consideration also applies for children residing in care services, as well as temporary or provisional visa holders, undocumented migrants, or international students.
www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers

Wonthaggi Little Athletics

Now that Soccer, Football and Netball season have finished why not come and try Little Athletics in Wonthaggi.

Where: Bass Coast College Dudley Campus.

When: starting Saturday 12th of October

Time: 8.30am – 11am

We cater for age groups from under 6 to under 16.

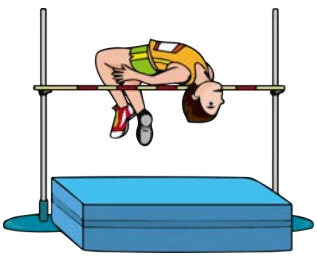
Little Athletics is a good foundation for all sports and important life skills. Our aim is to provide an opportunity for children to be involved in physical activities in a fun and family orientated atmosphere where the emphasis is on individuals achieving their personal best regardless of their ability level.

The Wonthaggi Little Athletics Centre has and continues to produce some fine athletes who have competed at State and National levels over many years. Another of our aims is to continue this success and provide opportunities for athletes to pursue their athletic development beyond their childhood and early teenage years.

Like us on Facebook. Feel free to ask any questions via Facebook messenger.

To register go to https://lavic.com.au/membership/

We hope to see you soon



Community News

Would you like to earn some pocket money? You could, by having your very own stall at the Bass Coast Cycle Challenge

Calling our entrepreneurs of the future! The Bass Coast Cycle Challenge will be held on Saturday 9 November 2024, and organisers of the event are keen to hear if any students would like to run their own stall. Previous years have seen local students run stalls including hair braiding, art / colouring, and a hair spraying stall. All money you earn is yours to keep.

If any students have a good idea for a stall, please talk to your parents about it and email your request to: bccyclechallenge@gmail.com

There are also other ways to be involved, you could enter one of our 5 rides - 40km, 53km, 85km, 121km or ~100km gravel (aged 12+ only), you could cheer your parents on if they enter, or you could come down on the day and check out the fun and games at the event village. There's even hot chips, slushies and ice cream!

The Bass Coast Cycle Challenge is a charity event, which has enabled over 3000 local high school students to participate in the RYDA road safety education program, making our roads a safer place for all.

For more information, or to enter visit www.basscoastcyclechallenge.com