

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 4 of 11, TERM 4

CAMPS

There's certainly a buzz amongst many staff and students as we approach a number of camp experiences coming up in the next two weeks. Our Grade 6 cohort are off to the city this week, I can't wait to hear about their experiences in the city. In week 5 our Grade 3s are off to Forest Lodge for their adventure camp and our Grade 2 students also have their first camp experience with a Sleepover at school. Camps have always been one of my favourite activities as an educator. They provide the most wonderful of opportunities for young people to 'stretch' out of their comfort zone and develop in ways that school and home can cater for. We're in the business of supporting our students (and teachers) to keep 'stretching' themselves with challenges and to build confidence in being uncomfortable at times. I just love seeing students take the measured risk to give challenges their best effort whilst on camp. It almost always results in feelings of pride and satisfaction. That experience can then be used back at school and other settings to give children confidence to try new things and grow as people. Check in with your teachers if you have any concerns before camp, but please be reassured, we'll take good care of them all.

COMMUNICATIONS PRE AND POST BLACKOUTS/ WEATHER EVENTS

I'm not sure about you, but I feel like we've had more power outages and extreme weather events in the last few years than I can remember in the last decade or so. Here is a friendly notification that in the event of a power outage or extreme weather event, Inverloch Primary School will be open. For any government school to be closed they need to be directed by the Regional Director. Staff at a school can not choose to close.

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DIARY DATES - OCTOBER

Wed 30th-1st Nov	Grade 6 Melbourne Camp
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DIARY DATES - NOVEMBER

Friday 1st	Division Cricket
Monday 4th	Student Free Day No School
Tuesday 5th	Melbourne Cup Day - No School
Wed 6th	State Athletics Championships
Wed 6th - Fri 8th	Grade 3 Camp - Forrest Lodge
Thurs 7th	Grade 2 Sleepover
Friday 8th	Grade 1 Big Day Out
Friday 8th	District Surfing

So if we have any power outages, extreme weather, phone towers cut off etc. in the future, you can be confident that the school is open. Even if you heard 3rd hand from a milkman down the street that Fred's sister in law knows a guy who found a dog that was owned by a Principal that shut their school on the other side of Victoria, you can confidently reply 'I heard it directly from Soum that the school will be open'. We will endeavour to communicate details as efficiently as we can whenever there is a disruption to the norm.

WORLD TEACHERS DAY

As I mentioned in our last newsletter, we celebrated World Teachers Day last Friday on our student free day. It's never too late to show your appreciation for the work your teachers do. A personal thank you, a simple message or even a handwritten card is all it takes to show your gratitude. The role of a teacher is more complex now than it's ever been but our teachers continue to choose to learn and support each other to improve because it's one of the most rewarding and satisfying jobs anyone could possibly hope for.



WOULD YOU CONSIDER JOINING A FOCUS GROUP?

In the coming weeks we will receive the final data from our Parents, Carers and Guardians survey. On that note....shout out to all the people that completed it because we had a whopping 200 responses. With that many responses it becomes a more accurate representation of how our community is feeling. I want to celebrate the improvements we have made but I also want to narrow our focus on the areas where we really need to improve. I'm looking for parents, carers and guardians who would be willing to attend a focus group session at school with me to explore some genuine actions that the school can take to improve. I'm not looking for a whinge fest or the loudest complaints, I want to invite any interested community members to spend some time unpacking the responses from the survey and coming up with achievable targets and meaningful actions for our staff to work on next year. If you're interested in making a contribution to this group then stick a placeholder in your calendar for Tuesday 19th from 3:30pm to 5:00pm

Regards

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SWPBS



WEEKLY WINNERS WEEK 2

Congratulations to these students who had their SWPBS tickets drawn in today's 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, Wilco S 6R, Hellen F 2T,
Willow T PR, Alana P 2T



WEEKLY WINNERS WEEK 3

No winners drawn this week as there will be no assembly due to student free day. Winners will be drawn next week

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](tel: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

INVERLOCH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB
TERM ONE
NIPPERS PROGRAM
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: INVERLOCH OFF-PEAK NIPPERS PROGRAM
TERM 1, 2025!

Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club in partnership with GippSport
are excited to offer a special Nippers program in Term 1, 2025
for local kids 5-13 years old!

- 🌊 Learn Surf Safety
- 🌊 Build Water Confidence
- 🌊 Have Fun in a Supportive Environment



Now Taking Expressions of Interest! To sign up, scan the
QR code or contact Emma: emma@gippsport.com.au

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