COASTHILL NEWS

the ikps newsletter

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EVERYWHERE, ALL THE TIME

Active Learners, Safe and Respectful

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DIARY DATES - DECEMBER

Monday 9th	Year 6 BCC Full day transition
Tues 10th	State Wide Transition Day
Wed 11th	Year 6 Water Skirmish
Thurs 12th	Year 6 Sleepover
Thurs 12th	Prep Celebration Day
Friday 13th	Year 6 Activities/Beach Day
Monday 16th	Prep & Year 5 Buddies Break Up
Monday 16th	3/4 Toora Pool visit

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

WEEK 9 of 11, TERM 4

Wait a minute…..did you say week 9?……so there's only two weeks left. Ummm, when did that happen?

THE PRINCIPAL TEAM
In week 9 we welcome Kathy Jones back to IKPS and into the Principal Team as one of our Assistant Principals. Many of you will remember Kathy from a few years ago when she worked in the AP role from 2019 - 2022.
Mel McRae was recently appointed into an Assistant Principal role and now my plans are complete… we can take over the world! Whoops, sorry (wrong newsletter). As a Principal Team of 3, I feel confident that we are capable of providing the senior leadership that our students and this community deserves. In 2025, Mel McRae will oversee the Specialist, Prep and Gr 1/2 Teams and Kathy Jones will oversee the Grade 3/4, 5/6 and Kongwak Teams.
Be sure to take a moment to welcome Kathy back when you see her in week 10 and congratulate Mel on her appointment after an incredible job as acting AP over the last few years.

Principal
Ben Soumilas

AP Junior school Prep-2 & Specialist
Mel McRae

AP Senior school 3-6 & Kongwak PS
Kathy Jones

FINAL WEEK DETAILS
There is a lot happening over week 10 and 11. You'll need to be all over the calendar if you want to keep up to date. The Final Assembly is often an event that many people want to plan to attend. It'll be fun, we've got awards, a performance from the school's big band, some more awards, some carols, some more awards, the announcement of the 2025 students leaders and a farewell for the grade 6 students. For some families, it's their last primary school assembly ever!

Thursday 19th
Final End of Year Assembly:
When: 1pm - 3pm
Where: The Glade Soundshell (The Hub Gymnasium is the back up venue if weather is poor)
Other: If your child is getting an award or a leadership role, you will be notified and invited to attend. Students will be dismissed for the year back at school at the normal time of 3:30pm. Students can depart early from the Glade if a parent signs off with their teacher.

Friday 20th
Early dismissal time is 1:30pm. Yes the school is open for students, however we do not anticipate that we will have many students attending onsite. Staff will be moving rooms, completing a 'handover' of student information for 2025 teachers and organising resources. A normal teaching program will not be provided for students.

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ATTENDANCE

Let me just put it out there….. In 2025 I really want to …. I mean seriously….. like hear me out here….I want us to improve our attendance. There it is…I said it! Yep, call me crazy but we actually want our students here so we can connect with them and improve learning and wellbeing outcomes. There's nothing we can do about the 2024 data now, but I'm hoping we can see a huge improvement next year. Improving attendance is everyone's responsibility. We can do it by improving the partnership between school and home.It has to be with

Check out the table below to get an understanding of how much school our students have attended. I'm not sharing this to evoke feelings of guilt or shame. I just want to be clear about what the percentage number means when we talk about attendance. In my experience as an educator, people can often overestimate how many days their children have attended school.

I've said it many times in the past, I personally would've been happy with 85% on a maths test….. But 85% on attendance means I've missed 30 days of school. That's over half of a whole term.

ATTENDANCE AT IPS - YEAR TO DATE		
Days missed	Attendance rate 95-	No. of students 103
Less than 10	100% Attendance 90-	students (21%) 155
between 10 and 20	95% Attendance 80-	students (32%) 163
between 20 and 40	90% Attendance 70-	students (34%) 43
between 40 and 60	80% Attendance Below	students (9%) 21
more than 60 days absent	70% Attendance	students (4%)

NEW FINISH TIME IN 2025

After much consideration, discussion and notifying our school council, I'm happy to announce that we are making a change to the finish time of the school day in 2025.

Beginning in term 1 of 2025, our school day will finish at 3:20pm. We believe that this adjustment will make a significant improvement to the organisation of our school day. Students will still receive the same amount of face to face instructional time (5 hours) each day. We're actually restructuring our day to include a 2 hour learning block in the morning, a break for play, another 2 hour learning block, a break for play and finishing the day with a 1 hour learning block. The 10 minutes will be shaved off the longer break for play. We're confident that we can maximise learning with this schedule, minimise issues and conflict in the yard with a shorter break for play and have staff able to connect with parents and colleagues straight after school before they start their meetings in the afternoon. We believe our students will adapt quickly to this slight adjustment and we'll see the benefits almost immediately. As always, I'm happy to receive feedback on this change so please contact me if you'd like to share your thoughts.

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‘FACELIFT’ FOR OUR COURTS

Check out the before and after pics of our court space. We’ve jazzed up the area with two 90m sprint lanes (I’m currently unbeaten after 3 heats), added some bright blue to distinguish a ‘showcourt’ for basketball and a ‘showcourt’ designated for netball. We even added in the two point supershot line on our netball court. The final touch was some new post padding with our school logo to add a touch of homecourt advantage and of course, to make it safer for our children. It’s a delight to watch our students enjoying the space and our grade 6’s have even been running some mini tournaments.

COMING SOON

Working Bee:

Don’t look away, this is pitched at you. Our school council will be planning a working bee in the newyear and we’ve got lots of jobs and projects in mind. I’ll be calling out for all sorts of help. We’ll need you to start tapping the shoulders of anyone that has skills in building, gardening, owns some small machinery, connections to some resources. Watch this space, we want to improve the school and we’ll need your help.

Kongwak PS has a working bee this weekend. There’s been an incredible amount of work and planning from staff and parents that has gone into the day already and the changes to the school at the end of the day will be incredible.

Regards

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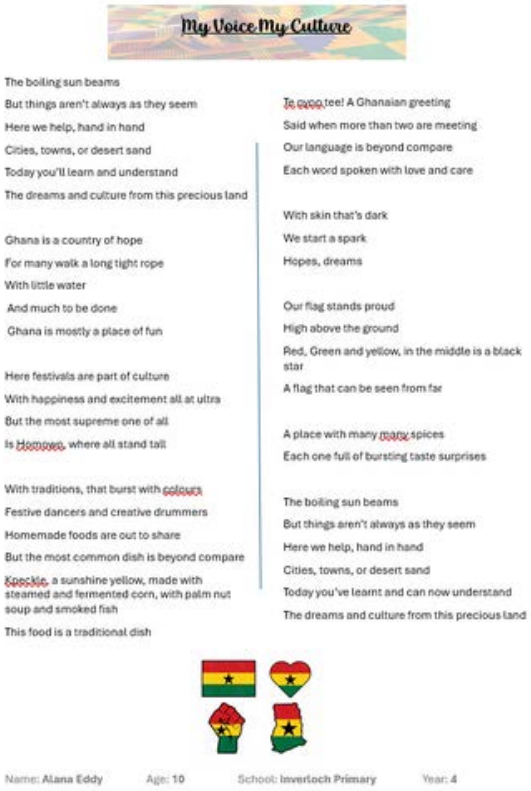
Wellbeing News

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALANA EDDY- NAIDOC Medal of Excellence

Congratulations to Alana Eddy, who was one of 25 children across Victoria to win a NAIDOC Medal Of Excellence for her entry into the poetry competition 'My Voice, My Culture'. The entries were adjudicated by a panel including their patron, Aboriginal Elders, Agency Delegates and other members of the community. It is a great honour for a member of our IKPS school community to be recognised. Congratulations Alana! You can come and see her receiving her medal at assembly next week.

My Voice My Culture

The boiling sun beams
But things aren't always as they seem
Here we help, hand in hand
Cities, towns, or desert sand
Today you'll learn and understand
The dreams and culture from this precious land

Ghana is a country of hope
For many walk a long tight rope
With little water
And much to be done
Ghana is mostly a place of fun

Here festivals are part of culture
With happiness and excitement all at ultra
But the most supreme one of all
Is Homowo, where all stand tall

With traditions, that burst with colours
Festive dancers and creative drummers
Homemade foods are out to share
But the most common dish is beyond compare
Kpeckle, a sunshine yellow, made with steamed and fermented corn, with palm nut soup and smoked fish
This food is a traditional dish

Te cyoo tee! A Ghanaian greeting
Said when more than two are meeting
Our language is beyond compare
Each word spoken with love and care

With skin that's dark
We start a spark
Hopes, dreams

Our flag stands proud
High above the ground
Red, Green and yellow, in the middle is a black star
A flag that can be seen from far

A place with many many spices
Each one full of bursting taste surprises

The boiling sun beams
But things aren't always as they seem
Here we help, hand in hand
Cities, towns, or desert sand
Today you've learnt and can now understand
The dreams and culture from this precious land

Name: Alana Eddy Age: 10 School: Inverloch Primary Year: 4

SOCIAL INCLUSION WEEK CELEBRATION Wednesday 27th of November

CONNECT-COLLABORATE-CELEBRATE

On Wednesday the 27th of November, we celebrated Social Inclusion Week at IKPS.

Kongwak joined us for the day, and we had a multiage session for the middle two sessions. Breaking into multi age groups gives us the opportunity to make connections across the school, and helps to strengthen our community. Our multiage groups are the same every time to help the children and teachers to build meaningful relationships throughout the year. Next year, we will keep these groups (mostly) the same to help children continue to build on these relationships.

In our multiage groups, we learnt about what Social Inclusion means, and played a game of inclusive keepy uppy. In this game, some children were allowed to stand, some sat on a chair and some sat on the floor. They got to experience what it was like to feel advantaged and disadvantaged, and learnt about ways to adapt the game to ensure that everyone was included.

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After this, the groups learnt about wishing trees. In lots of different countries around the world, people write hopes and wishes to a piece of fabric and tie them to trees.

HONG KONG- LAM TSUEN WISHING TREES

The Lam Tsuen Wishing Trees, located in Hong Kong, are two banyan trees frequented during the Lunar New Year when wishes are written on paper, tied to an orange, and then thrown up into the trees.

We did our own version of a wishing tree today by tying all our hopes for a more inclusive community to the Murray Street fence. It looked awesome, and was lovely to walk through and read everyone's thoughts.

We can all create a safe and inclusive space in our community by being kind, caring and compassionate. I challenge you to pick one of the wishes and think about something you might be able to do to help that person's wish come true.

Natasha Bird
Tier 2 (Additional Support)
Coordinator
Inverloch Primary School

SWPBS

WEEKLY WINNERS WEEK 8

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. Lennox H 6S, Alana H 6R, Annica C 1/2J, Patrick H 2B, Zaria S PR, Farrah B 1B

WEEKLY WINNERS WEEK 9

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Artist of the Week

WEEK 8

Our artist of the week is Oaklen in grade 4 with his Mandala exploring radial symmetry and colour harmony. Oaklen created his Mandala using markers and pencil.

WEEK 9

Our artist of the week is Zahli Koster in grade 4 with her Mandala that she made using markers and pencils. Zahli has used colour harmony and radial symmetry to create a balanced design.

Chaplain News

Seasons for Growth®

Hi everyone! **SEASONS FOR GROWTH** As we come rapidly closer to the end of the school year, I'm mindful of the need to have "good endings" as we take the time to reflect on the year and look forward to "new starts, beginnings and opportunities". For some students and their families this time of uncertainty and change can cause new problems. Sometimes at the end of a busy term or school year, students are particularly tired and their threshold for coping with day-to-day challenges just seem overwhelming.

Slow Dance

Have you ever watched kids on a merry-go-round,
or listened to rain slapping the ground?
Ever followed a butterfly's erratic flight,
or gazed at the sun fading into the night?

You better slow down, don't dance so fast,
time is short, the music won't last.

Do you run through each day on the fly,
when you ask "How are you?", do you hear the reply?
When the day is done, do you lie in your bed,
with the next hundred chores running through your head?

You better slow down, don't dance so fast,
time is short, the music won't last.

Ever told your child, we'll do it tomorrow,
and in your haste, not see his sorrow?
Ever lost touch, let a friendship die,
'cause you never had time to call and say hi?

You better slow down, don't dance so fast,
time is short, the music won't last.

When you run so fast to get somewhere,
you miss half the fun of getting there
When you worry and hurry through your day,
it's like an unopened gift thrown away.

Life isn't a race, so take it slower,
hear the music before your song is over.

By Poet David L. Weatherford

The Seasons for Growth program reminds us that change and loss are part of life. Life is full of changes and can lead to both positive and negative feelings. Focussing on the new opportunities and reminding children how they have managed big changes (eg moving house, transitions like kindergarten to school, going from year 2 into year 3) in their lives and it might have felt challenging. We can remind children that they will be OK and they will be supported by you and their teachers.

We can take care of big feelings by having some time for fun and relaxing activities, as the pace of life can rob us of special moments to be treasured. If you have time, I invite you to read the poem "Slow Dance".

FINGER KNITTING

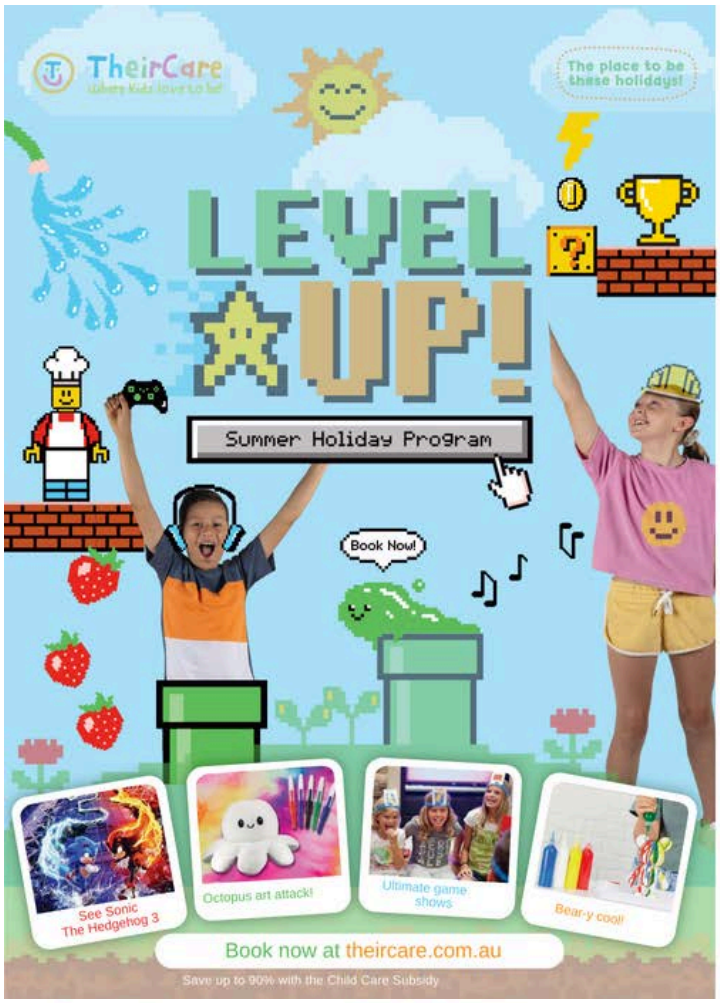
I've enjoyed teaching children finger knitting during recess and some lunchtimes again this term. Sometimes children are looking for something to do in the playground and happy to come along and see what's on offer. I love watching students help teach each other as they learn a new skill. They learn to be patient and stay calm with mistakes as they encourage and help each other.

I also really enjoy having a chat and hearing about their news when they come along. Take care and reach out if I can provide you or your children support.

Kind Regards

Kerry Ware
Chaplain
Mondays and Tuesdays

Community News



Holiday Program Important Information!

What to bring

- A healthy morning tea and lunch
- A labelled drink bottle for water
- Suitable clothing for an active day – closed toe shoes and jacket if wet/cold
- SunSmart hat for Spring and Summer holidays
- Medical Management Plan & Medication if applicable – see below for details

Don't forget!

- Keep your lunchbox nut-free to keep everyone safe
- Do not include food items that need to be reheated
- Label all items with child's name!
- Bus departure and arrival times are indicative only. For an accurate estimated time of arrival and departure please contact your service directly.

Personal belongings

Electronic devices, money and other valuables should be left at home.

If brought to the service, these items remain the responsibility of the family. TheirCare does not accept responsibility for loss or damage.

TheirCare provides

- Breakfast and afternoon tea snack
- Sunscreen
- Water to refill bottles

Child Care Subsidy

Please note that subsidised hours are calculated and allocated by Centrelink on a fortnightly basis. Check Centrelink for eligibility. Each session is calculated using the full service operational hours, not the hours attended by the child.

Unexpected changes to activities

In the unlikely event that an activity is unable to run, an alternative activity will be provided.

Activities and times are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances such as severe weather or provider availability. If an alternative cannot be sourced we will update your invoice to reflect this.

Serious stuff!

Medical Management Plan & Medication

All children who have been diagnosed with a medical condition including allergies, food/chemical intolerances, anaphylaxis, asthma, epilepsy will need to provide:

- a completed Medical Management Plan with a colour photo
- necessary medication

Please note it is a legal requirement under the Education & Care National Regulations and the Terms and Conditions for booking that these are provided.

In the interests of child safety, care may be refused on the day should the appropriate documentation or medication or medication not be supplied.

Changes to your booking

Simply log into your account anytime to make the relevant changes or call us between 6:30am – 9:00pm weekdays on 1300 072 410.

Fees for changes to your booking

More than 5 days	Less than 5 days *	On the day
No Charge	$10.00	Full Fee

*Less than 5 days from the start of the booking (120 hours from the start of the session).

When making additional bookings, the $10.00 fee is waived for eligible families for the Child Care Subsidy, which means you may only have to pay the gap, depending on your families' circumstances.

If you have any questions, please speak with one of our friendly Educators or call Customer Support on 1300 072 410.

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Excursion & Super Excursions days: Arrive at the service by 9:00 am. Pick-up after 2:30 pm. Wear runners & socks.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6 JAN	7 JAN	8 JAN	9 JAN	10 JAN
Ultimate Game Shows	Double Dare	Moana 2	STEM Buccaneers	Craftopia Showdown
Step into the spotlight for our ultimate Game Show Day! Compete in exciting games like Family Feud, Celebrity Heads, and Who Wants to be a Millionaire. Test your improvisation skills in Whose Line Is It Anyway?, then work as a team in the Blind Folded Obstacle Course!	Get ready for Double Dare! Take on exciting dare challenges and laugh through a day of fun games like The Silly Laughing Statue and Feather Table Hockey! Test your speed with the Tail Catch Game and British Bulldogs, then get creative with Nature's Stamps. It's a fun-filled day of challenges, laughter, and teamwork!	Walt Disney Animation Studios epic animated musical "Moana 2" takes audiences on an expansive new voyage with Moana, Maui and a brand-new crew of unlikely seafarers. Moana must journey to the far seas of Oceania and into dangerous, long-lost waters for an adventure unlike anything she's ever faced.	Ahoy, young engineers! Set sail on an exciting STEM adventure with our STEM Boat and Pirate Kit! Afterward, the fun continues with pirate-themed games like Pirate Ships and Pirate's Treasure, and craft your own pirate hats to complete the adventure!	Step into Craftopia Showdown, where creativity meets competition! Create works of art using only recycled materials with The Block, take on the Egg Drop Challenge, and test your artistic skills with the Draw on My Back Challenge. Get crafty with Salt Dough Creations and make beautiful Flower Paper Fans!
From as low as $7.46 Full fee $74.60**	From as low as $7.46 Full fee $74.60**	From as low as $11.27 Full fee $112.74**	From as low as $8.29 Full fee $82.91**	From as low as $7.46 Full fee $74.60**

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13 JAN	14 JAN	15 JAN	16 JAN	17 JAN
Reality Reimagined	Wilderness Wonders	Bear-y Cool!	Camp TheirCare	Junior Master Chefs
Step into the future with our VR Incursion! Using provided VR headsets, we will explore immersive worlds and play a variety of exciting VR games. After the virtual fun, enjoy creating your own Paper Craft Video Game Controller, test your flexibility with Hand and Feet Twister, and take on the Elastic Band and Ball Challenge!	Join for a wild day of fun at the Wildlife Park and Mini Golf! Get close to amazing animals, then hit the greens for a thrilling round of mini-golf. Afterwards, leap into Leap Frog Frog Tag, create Slinky Pets, craft Swirling Snails, and play Sardines for more extra fun! It's a day filled with wildlife and creativity!	Today, we are getting into some creative goodness with Drip Bear Money Box Kit! Watch as the paint satisfyingly drips down in layers to design your very own bear-shaped money box! Afterward, the fun continues with Bear-y Cool Creations, the Shaking Bear Sno... Painting!	Today is going to be an action-packed day with Camp TheirCare! With high-energy activities like Ultimate Tag, you'll be on the move, dodging and weaving. Take on the Ninja Warrior challenge, bounce your way through The Floor is Lava, and chat down with the Water-Based Relays!	Ready to become the next Master Chef? In this culinary adventure, children will compete in a game of Chopped Jr! Then, let's get creative with Nature's MasterChef, test your memory in the Fruit Salad Memory Game. The keeps going with Recycled Craft Cake Boss and Fruit Foam Marbling for a tasty artistic twist!
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Bake it or Fake it	Summit Seekers	Octopus Art Attack!	Sonic the Hedgehog 3	LEGO Shark Tank
Step into the Cake Boss Challenge and get ready for a creative, hands-on experience! Kids will use a variety of materials to design their very own cake masterpieces. Afterward, enjoy crafting mini pizzas in Pizza Boss, followed by a fun Paper Plate Taco Craft and Musical Fruits and Vegetables group game to get everyone moving!	Get ready to reach new heights on an exhilarating indoor rock-climbing adventure! Challenge yourself as you climb the walls, build strength, and conquer obstacles. Afterwards back at service, challenge yourself in a kick ball group game, create bright and vibrant happy hand flowers, and craft a beautiful Paper Plate Starfish!	Dive into a sea of fun with our reversible emotion Octopus! Create your own vibrant octopus using blow spray and stencils for a colourful, under-the-sea craft. Afterward, the fun continues with DIY Pufferfish STEM experiments, an Octopus Group Game, and some creative Paper Craft Octopus designs!	to the big screen this holiday season in his most thrilling adventure yet. Sonic, Knuckles, and Tails reunite against a powerful new adversary, Shadow. Team Sonic must seek out an unlikely alliance in hopes of stopping Shadow and protecting the planet.	Today we are in for a day of building and creativity! Design and construct your own Lego masterpiece, then show off your invention in a Shark Tank-style challenge! Dive into fun with the DIY Carnival Shark Tank Toss, launch your DIY Cup Rocket, and test your skills with Paper Airplane Launchers!
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27 JAN	28 JAN			
Service closed!	Back to School Pa r ty			
	Celebrate the start of summer with an epic back-to-school party! Get ready for hilarious fun with Pin the Cherry on the Ice-Cream, Bounce into Balloon Games, and test your flexibility with Crab-walk Limbo. Plus, unleash your creativity with a back-to-school collaborative art piece, and get messy with some edible Lake Snot slime!			
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There are 2 types of Child Care Payments.

1. Child Care Subsidy

Up to 90% of Child Care costs can be covered by Child Care Subsidy!

2. Additional Child Care Subsidy

Claim these subsidies via myGov

For more information, call Theircare on 1300 072 410

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Community News

SHARING OUR SHORES

1 December - 30 April

Please do your best to help wildlife rest and nest

- Stick to paths, avoid dunes
- Keep your distance from wildlife
- Leash your dogs, keep cats indoors
- Take your rubbish with you
- Scan for latest dog regulations

SURF LIFE SAVING

Enjoy our beaches safely this summer by downloading the Surf Life Saving Beachsafe app.

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we live, work and learn, the Bunurong and pay our respects to Elders past and present. We recognise their role in caring for this Country over thousands of years.

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Community News

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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