COASTHILL NEWS

THE IKPS NEWSLETTER

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EVERYWHERE, ALL THE TIME

Active Learners, Safe and Respectful

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Diary Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 1st April	Senior House Athletics
Friday 4th April	**Last Day of School - 2.20pm Dismissal**
Tuesday 22nd April	**First Day Term 2**
Friday 25th April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday - No School
Thursday 1st May	State Swimming Sports
Friday 2nd May	Years 5 & 6 Winter Sport
Saturday 3rd May	IPS Working Bee please let Soum know if you can help out
Tuesday 6th May	District Athletics - Leongatha
Friday 10th May	Years 5 & 6 Winter Sport

Principals Message

WEEK 10/10 TERM 2, 2025

GRADE 6 CAMP

I had the pleasure of joining the Grade 6 students at Wilson's Prom in week 9. What a treat for our staff and students to spend time in such a beautiful place that is literally in our backyard. I'm reminded every time I drive into the park and especially when you come around that bend to get the first glimpses of Fairy Cove and Whiskey Bay, of what a special place it is. I'm also trying to retrain my brain to use the name 'Wamoon' (the Bunurong and Boowurrung name for the Prom) when referring to the national park, I love the sound of 'Wamoon' and it feels like it matches up with the magic of the place.

You'll be pleased to know that the students from both Inverloch and Kongwak were wonderful in the way they approached the challenges and opportunities presented to them. They are an incredible bunch of young people who I saw treating each other with kindness and understanding. I heard from many students that the highlight of the camp was the 'surf rafting'. In pairs the students rode an inflatable canoe and it was described as a mixture of sea kayaking and dodgem cars on waves. I just love camps. I think our camp program provides students with a such valuable opportunities to stretch out of their comfort zones, develop their independence and hone their interpersonal skills. A huge thank you to the staff who planned, attended and cared for the students. And a huge thank you to the parents who volunteered their time to come along and support the program.

CURRICULUM DAY AND ADULT LEARNING

Whenever I had a curriculum day as a young person I remember narrowing my eyes and wondering with scepticism 'what do the teachers even do on a curriculum day?' I was never quite convinced that they were up to much good and felt that they were just getting a day off to do whatever they liked. But you can all rest assured, our staff did not waste even one minute during the curriculum day in week 9. Our staff met in the morning to learn more about the Elements of Learning. Our staff arrived with open minds and got stuck into the learning at 8:30am sharp. We spent time in groups, were challenged to think about our beliefs regarding how students learn and even audited out planning documents to reflect on what we have learnt. After our shared experience, we all have a better understanding of the important elements that need to be considered when supporting anyone to learn. They are: Attention and focus, Knowledge and memory, retention and recall, mastery and application. This new learning has us well prepared to explore the elements of teaching that we'll focus on at our next curriculum day. The middle part of our day saw staff engaged in how to utilise an AI writing assessment tool to compliment the feedback that students receive about their writing. We're looking forward to putting this to good use. Finally, the staff spent some quality time together planning for term 2.

PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR TERM 2

The first week back in term 2 is looking like a nice 'soft' landing for our students, parents and staff. It's potentially a great way to transition back into the school routine after the freedom of holidays. We'll return on Tuesday 22nd of April and only have 3 days of school before the Anzac day long weekend. I've been doing some reading and listening around anxiety and I've been particularly interested in what Steve Biddulph has to say regarding his book Wild Creature Mind. If anyone in your family is experiencing 'anxiety overloads' that is impacting school and life, then you might like to check it out. As a new parent I remember reading and learning from Steve Buddulph's books "Raising Boys' and 'Raising Girls'. The advice and strategies I learnt about were invaluable. This more recent book appears to provide a great insight to how our brains work and addresses a challenge that every single family is experiencing in some way.

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ANNUAL REPORT
The annual reports to both our school communities were presented at each of our school councils in week 9 and will soon be published on our website. If you're interested, it's worth a read to check out the performance summary of the school and some highlights from the past year.

WONDERFUL TO SEE
It was wonderful to see so many family members around the recreation reserve to cheer on and support our senior students as they gritted their teeth and gave their all to achieve a personal best result and a point for their house team.

How wonderful to see all the former IKPS students who are now in year 9 at Bass Coast College come along to the Aths to support us in each event. The day runs like clockwork with their support. Some of our students get to reconnect with their old buddies, our staff get to check in on the old alumni and all of the students are hopefully inspired to come back and give back to the school in the future. What a great tradition to have embedded in our culture.
Wonderful to see so many parents respond to our form asking for feedback around grade 5 camp. Thank you. Feedback is always welcome. Feedback is the things we say to someone so they can learn.
Wonderful to see people looking at our Inverloch PS Working Bee form and adding their name to the list. The more people we get that can support us physically or with sourcing some materials or equipment, the bigger the difference we can make. I was blown away by the way the Kongwak community rallied together in term 4 last year and the incredible improvements that we were able to make in a day. I'm hoping we can have a similar impact on the Inverloch site. People Power, bring it on!
Wonderful to see so many students giving me advice and encouragement with my magic tricks. I've seen a lot of people learning this term and learning can be hard. I thought I'd try to learn some magic and unfortunately I've made a few mistakes along the way. I'll keep trying though, with some help from others, people believing in me and lots of hard work and practice....I'm pretty confident I can pull off some magic at the next assembly.

I hope everyone has the break they deserve over the next two weeks. I'm thinking of a few sleep-ins, a souvlaki in Melbourne (not sure I want to watch the Demons though), watching some netball, practice some Footloose dance moves and I've got some comics to read in my hammock. Other than be safe, I'd say... enjoy some fun time, some downtime and some 'do whatever-I-want-to-time'.

See you all back in Term 2 ready to be kind and learn.

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Inclusion News

Harmony Week and The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

On Friday the 21st of May, we had our first multiage day for the year. Students were separated into mixed age groups. It was so wonderful to see our grade 5 and 6 students being excellent leaders to help our day to run smoothly. The grade 6's helped to get the groups organised by holding up signs and leading the groups off to the first classroom. The grade 5's collected their Prep buddies in the morning and helped them to feel safe and supported throughout the day.

The multiage day was planned around the theme of Harmony Week and The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Harmony Week recognises our diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. While Harmony Week is a wonderful celebration of Australia's rich cultural diversity, it is important that we also recognise particular actions that we need to take to eliminate racism. Each group participated in 3 rotations for the day.

Rotation 1

We read a book called 'The Other Side' which helped us to learn about racism and how we can take actions to stop racism in our school. Then, we worked together to create a team name/logo.
Here are some examples of what the groups came up with:

Rotation 2

We learnt about culture and celebrated our cultural diversity by creating a community artwork 'diversity quilt'. Each group contributed one part to create a collaborative piece to decorate the hall in time for assembly in the afternoon.

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Rotation 3

We celebrated diversity and inclusion through team work. We had lots of fun together playing games.

Thank you to the staff and students for a wonderful day. Watch this space for our next multiage day!

BEING FRIENDS DOESN'T MEAN THAT YOU WILL NEVER FIGHT

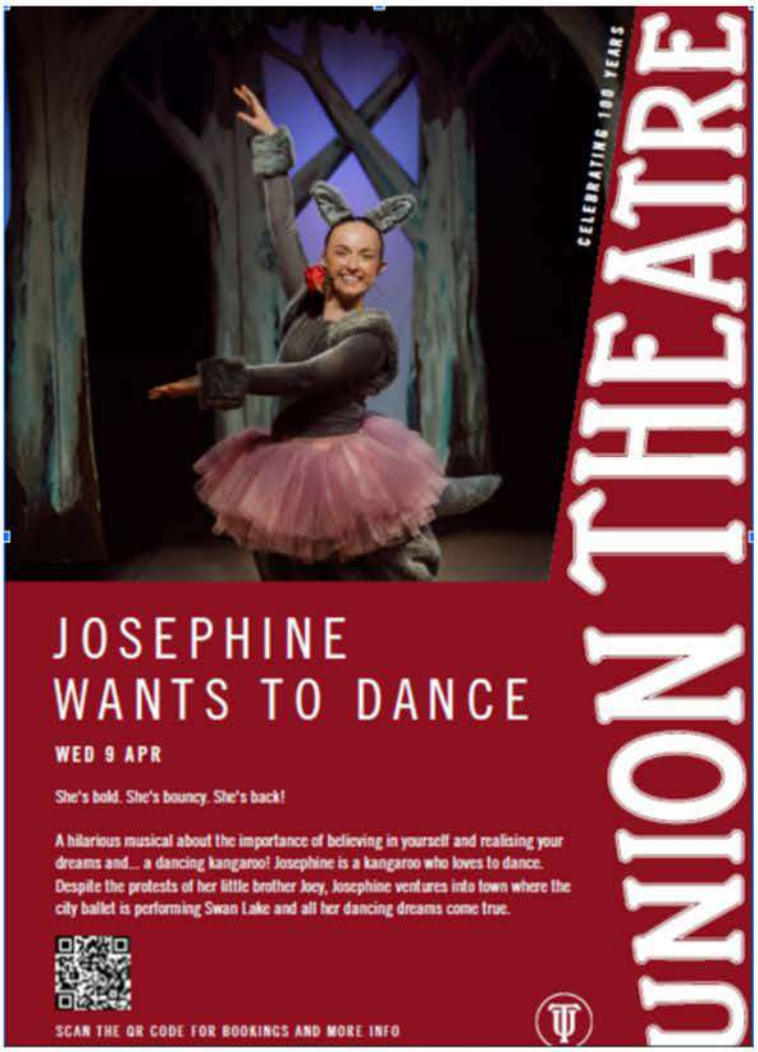
It is common for friends to have fights or to have trouble getting along. Sometimes fights are easy to move on from and can make your friendships stronger and closer. Sometimes small fights can turn into big fights and you may have to work harder to sort things out.

Notice that bullying is only one of many reasons for fighting. It is really important that we help children to understand that there are lots of different reasons for disagreements with friends, and that fighting does not always equal bullying.

Natasha Bird (she/her)
Learning Specialist (Inclusion)
Inverloch & Kongwak Primary Schools

Kongwak News

Monkey Baa productions is coming to Wonthaggi with their latest kids production Josephine wants to Dance on the 9th of April. Kongwak is super excited to have one of their Victorian Teaching Artists come to our school to do a workshop with us. If you would like to see Monkey Baa production of Josephine wants to Dance you can get tickets here: https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1313869



SUSTAINABLE Kongwak

We are lucky to cover both STEM and Sustainability in our SusWak sessions this year with Damian! In Week 8, we fertilised our veggie garden beds. Thanks Janelle for the three trailer loads of manure. Damian is currently working with William's dad Daniel setting up an irrigation system for the garden as well. Week 9, the students created a new balance agility course with tree stumps from our school ground and beams from Amber Creek Mill in Fish Creek.

Kongwak News

Donating to us: cans and bottles!

Over the past year, Kongwak PS has been fundraising with Can Collect. If you have any 10c cans and bottles that you would be happy to donate to us, please either let the staff member know when you take them to the Wonthaggi Depot, or bring them to school to put in the blue bin in the sports shed. Our 2025 fundraising goal is working towards a new junior basketball ring system.

3-6 House Athletics

- House Athletics Day ALL DAY Tuesday 1st April (drop off and pick up at Inverloch PS, wear house colours and your runners)
- Junior students will spend the day at Kongwak as normal.

Kongwak's Got Talent! - Wednesday 2nd of April

We have been working on our acts in Performing Arts with Fiona this term. Singing, dancing, skits, dress ups, jokes, secret talents, magic tricks...lots of roles for kids on and off the stage! KPS' Got Talent will be on Wednesday 2nd April in the afternoon in The Multi. All family members are welcome.
The PFA will also draw the Easter raffle at the conclusion of Kongwak's Got Talent.

Easter Raffle

Thanks to the families that have made a donation towards the Easter raffle hamper. There is a donation box in the staff room if you would like to contribute. Raffle tickets and money need to be returned by 9am - Wednesday the 2nd of April. All money raised will go towards a junior basketball system.

SWPBS

FORTNIGHTLY WINNERS

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.

Cyril E 3/4B, Tiana T 3/4K, Pei J 3/4T, Rio P PR, Loki H 1/2M, Charlee M PG.

Maths Problem Winners

Congratulations to our inaugural Maths Problem winners:

Annabelle W (5/6M)
Maddie S (3/4R)
Olivia H-B (1/2B)

Artist of the Week

Our artists of the week are the grade 1/2's Inverloch pinch pots, made from hand building earthenware clay, fired and hand painted with their own designs.

Our Kongwak artist is Letty-Brooke with her Kusama inspired pumpkin marker drawing on a wax resist background.

Inverloch

Kongwak

EASTER EGG COMPETITION

CAN YOU GUESS HOW MANY EGGS ARE IN THE JAR?

Guess the eggs before & after school, last week of Term 1 at the table outside the foyer

WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT ASSEMBLY

PRIZES FOR JUNIORS & SENIORS

$1 PER GUESS

Community News

goodfridayappeal
THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

All proceeds donated to
The Phillip Island Good Friday Appeal

COME AND JOIN US

Pyjama Party
Disco Bowling Night

ENJOY

1 GAME OF TENPIN BOWLING
1 LAZER ZONE MISSION
30MINS FREE ARCADE

100% DONATED!

LOLLY BAGS

DOING IT FOR THE KIDS!

Monday 31st March

$15 ENTRY FEE

5:00PM TO 8:00PM

AMAZING DOOR PRIZES

DONATE TO THE GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL TODAY!

FUN GIVEAWAYS

Phillip Island Tenpin Bowling & Entertainment Centre

FREE Kids HOliday Event

10am - 11:30am Thu 10th April

@ Inverloch Community Hub, 16 A'Beckett St

Primary & pre-school age children's games, craft, activities

Bookings not required, parents to stay with children

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Community News

☀️ NETSETGO at IKFNC! 💙💛🤍
IKFNC's 2025 NetSetGO Registrations are NOW OPEN!

📆 Program Dates: 30th April – 18th June
🗓️ Day: Wednesday
⏰ Time: 4:30 – 5:15 PM
$ Cost: $99

📩 If you have any questions or would like to lend a hand, email us at iknetsetgo@gmail.com

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