# 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 |
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| 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 9th May | Years 5 & 6 Winter Sport |
| Friday 9th May | IPS - Out of uniform day Gold coin donation - Do it for Dolly anti bullying fundraiser. Come dressed in Blue! |
| Friday 10th May | Years 5 & 6 Winter Sport |
| Tuesday 13th May | IKPS Cross Country |
| Wed 14th - Fri 16th May | Grade 4 Camp - CYC Phillip Island |

# Principals Message

**WEEK 2/11 TERM 2, 2025**

Well done to all of our staff, families and of course our students for such a positive start to Term 2. The three day 'soft landing' to start the term off was welcomed by many. It was like a having a little taste or practice of getting back into school routine. It's pretty much full steam ahead now with so much to look forward to in term 2 including Grade 4 camp, winter sport for 5/6's, Cross Country, Walk for Reconciliation, Multi-age days, Moonlit Sanctuary excursion for Preps, Kongwak Book Fair and more. Our teachers are also planning for the semester reports at the end of the term. Be sure to stay connected with your classroom teacher to keep them up to date about any information that helps them to cater for the needs of your child.

**WORKING BEE 8:00am to 12:00noon**

The working bee is nearly upon us and with May the 3rd finally arriving there'll be two positive outcomes. Firstly, we'll make some wonderful improvements to our school environment and secondly, you'll stop receiving reminders from me looking for volunteers.

At this point in time we've had 39 responses to our 2025 Working Bee Job List . I'm hoping we can still get a few more people to sign up to help out this Saturday. There's lots of jobs to get done on the day.

We've also had many generous offers of support and donations from members of the community including:

- Landscaping rocks from **Wonthaggi Garden Supplies (Mel and Chris Carlisle)**.
- Tubestock of native ground covers, grasses and small colourful shrubs from **Plants on A'Beckett (Christy)**.
- Machinery and labour from **Matt Donohue and Owen and Shane Fitzpatrick**.
- Timber for stage/deck from **Tim Perrett at Kongwak Primary School**.
- Mulch for back track at a value of approx. $10,000 from **Cut 360 Arborists (Andrew Buchanan)**.

**Please note: Access to the working Bee will be from Murray St. Every volunteer needs to sign in at the Murray St gate and we can direct and allocate jobs from there.**

**VOTING ON ELECTION DAY**

If you haven't already visited an early voting centre or cast a postal vote, then it's likely that we'll see many parents onsite at Inverloch Primary School this Saturday. The Australian Electoral Commission will transform our gym into a polling centre. Be sure to buy a sausage and a can of drink once you've dropped your vote into the ballot box.

For Kongwak residents, voting will remain at the Kongwak Public Hall.

**Please note: Entry for voting will be from the front of the school through the bike shed gate. There will be no access to the polling centre from Murray St or Edgar St**.

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**REPRESENTING US ALL IN THE COMMUNITY**

How wonderful to see school leaders from both of our schools representing us all with distinction at both the Kongwak and Inverloch ANZAC Day services last Friday. A huge thank you to our students and teachers who continue to acknowledge the significance of ANZAC Day, take the time to learn more about our country's history and make respectful contributions to the local services.

**ATTENDANCE...EVERY DAY COUNTS**

At Inverloch and Kongwak Primary Schools, we want to prioritise regular school attendance. We're here to work with families to ensure students are in class with their peers and teachers and enjoying all the benefits that brings.

Attending school every day means experiencing what counts - the learning, friendship, fun and opportunities that can shape your child's future.

Last year, students at our school missed on average 24 days of school. This is close to 5 weeks of school missed and equates to nearly 3.5 terms missed over the seven years of primary school.

We understand that there are times when your child will need to miss school but to ensure minimal disruption to their education, please consider scheduling family holidays or medical/dental appointments outside of school time. If your child is well enough to attend but is worried about friendships, schoolwork or assessments, please encourage them to come to school. Avoiding school can make these feelings worse and can create a negative pattern of behaviour.

If your child is having difficulty attending school, talk to their teacher or contact Tash Bird our Inclusion Leader or a member of the Principal Team about getting support.

We know that parents and carers can be juggling challenges daily to get your children to school. If your child must miss school, notify us as soon as possible via Compass so we can work together to support them.

For more information about the importance of everyday attendance, see Attendance and Missing School.

Remember, Every Day Counts.

| Ave. attendance | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 Year to date |
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| Inverloch PS | 86.3% | 87.9% | 87.8% | 90.3% |
| Kongwak PS | 84.9% | 85.5% | 84.9% | 89.8% |

Kind regards
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# Inclusion News

**SWPBS - BE AN ACTIVE LEARNER**

This term across the school, we will be focussing on Active Learning. We will be exploring personal strengths, stress management and positive coping through the Respectful Relationships program.

**INVERLOCH AND KONGWAK PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**EXPECTED BEHAVIOURS**

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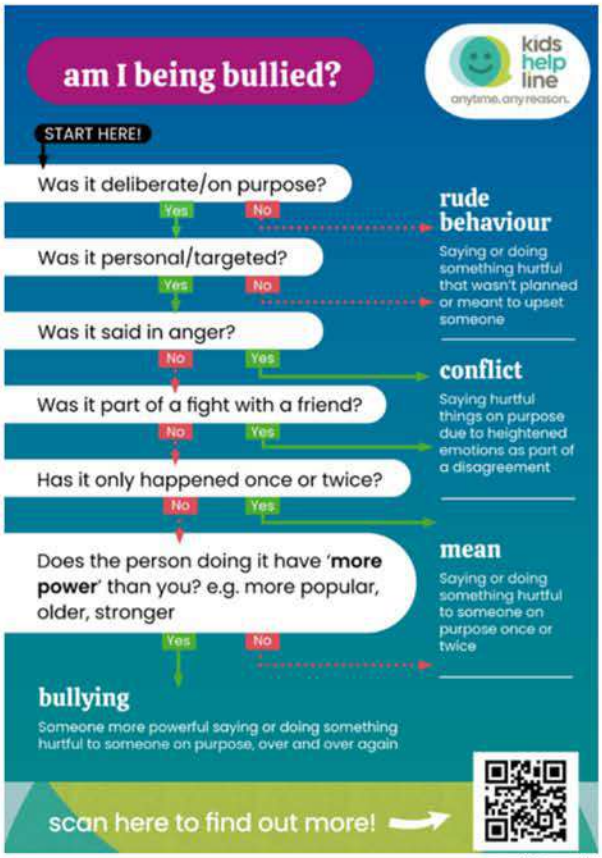
| **Be Respectful** | • We wait for our turn to talk<br>• We follow instructions<br>• We think of others and treat them how they want to be treated<br>• We include others<br>• We seek help when needed<br>• We care for equipment and return it to the area it belongs to when finished |
| **Be Safe** | • We are upstanders<br>• We keep our bodies and other people's bodies safe<br>• We help others<br>• Seek help when we see something or someone being unsafe<br>• We give people who are dysregulated some space |
| **Be an Active Learner** | • We learn with a growth mindset<br>• We give our best effort<br>• We let others learn<br>• We listen and think<br>• We encourage others |

In addition to this, we will be continuing our schoolwide focus on bullying. We spent last term building our knowledge of what bullying means and how it differs from rude behaviour, mean behaviour or conflict. This term, we will be using the flowchart to help us understand the social challenges that arise.

Feel free to use it at home as well.

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## GALAXY GUIDE TO RUNNING MY ROCKET

This term, we will be running our Galaxy Guide to Running My Rocket program again with small groups of students. Students have been selected on the basis of their involvement with our wellbeing team with a focus on the 3-6 area.

This program uses the concept of 'space' to explore emotions. This poster shows what the planets represent...

The students will explore:
-How our emotions (and our flight path) changes depending on what happens to us.
-How our emotions can feel uncomfortable (especially the really fast or really slow ones), but they all happen for a reason and are all a part of being human.
-How emotions look and feel for ourselves and others
-Some power up and power down (emotional regulation) strategies that can help us to move from one planet to another safely.

This term, we are trialling a new small group social skills program in the 5/6 area. This program is focussed around friendship, and the explicit skills that are needed to make friends, resolve conflict, managing our feelings and maintaining friendships. Watch this space for some more information about the program.

**Special Events in Term Two**

Week 3- Friday 9th of May we are doing it for Dolly! We will **GO BLUE** to end bullying and raise money for Dolly's Dream.
Week 6- Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week. We will have a 'Walk About Town for Reconciliation'. Day TBC
Week 7- Multiage Day- theme TBC

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

# Are you able to help??

We are still looking for more people to help cook and sell sausages and drinks on election day **Saturday 3rd May**. If you are able to do a 2 hour shift anywhere between 8am and 1pm could you please contact the school or Soum and let us know. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated!!

# Do it for Dolly Day

Friday May 9th Inverloch Primary School will be having a free dress day with a blue theme. Come dressed in blue or with a touch of blue and bring a gold coin donation to support "Do It For Dolly Day" which is being run by our local Bendigo Bank Community Branch. When you go BLUE, you are doing more than wearing Dolly Everett's favourite colour. You are are helping raise funds to support the vital work of Dolly's Dream, and spreading the message that no child or family should have to face the devastating impact of bullying alone.

# Kongwak News

## KPS ANZAC Day Service

We commemorated ANZAC Day at Kongwak PS on Thursday. Our students read the Ode of Remembrance and In Flanders Fields, Phil Richards sounded the Last Post and Reveille on his bugle and we had a minute of silence.

It was lovely to see members of our school community also attend the community service at Kongwak on ANZAC Day. Our student leaders did a great job representing us at this event.

Specialist Timetable for Term 2:

Monday: Junior PE with Rob (bring your runners)
Tuesday: Sustainable Kongwak with Damian (Junior and Senior), Auslan with Tanith (Senior)
Wednesday: Senior PE with Rob (bring your runners)
Thursday: MARC Van with Sophie (Junior and Senior)
Friday: Art with Miss Reark (Junior and Senior), Jane in the Junior Room for Sally.

Parents and Friends

Thank you wonderful supporters!
Kongwak's Tesselaar Bulb Fundraiser made over $1200 in sales which means almost $500 comes back to the school to contribute toward the purchase of a new junior height basketball system!
Enjoy your beautiful blooms come spring! 🌹🌸🌷🌻💐

## SUSTAINABLE Kongwak

This week we've been making some TOP SECRET things for the first weekend in May. Stay tuned!

### Term 2 weather: be prepared!

As we move into Term 2, Kongwak will get wet, cold and muddy. We go out in most weather, so it's a good idea to have: boots, coat, change of clothes with towel and plastic bag (especially socks!), perhaps even a beanie and gloves in your locker, ready to go.

# Kongwak News

KPS ASSEMBLY

This term, KPS assembly will move to 3pm on a Friday afternoon in even weeks (first one will be May 2nd). This will allow our student leaders more preparation time to celebrate student achievement and report to the school community each fortnight, as well as prioritising our morning sessions as learning time. As always, we welcome families to join us for assembly if they are able. Assembly will finish at 3:20pm, being the last thing we do together in the week- a lovely way to finish the week.

## Kongwak's Got Talent!

## Penny the PIG

# 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.

Last week & term winners.

Evie F 5/6R, Delilah H 1/2L, Mason L 1/2L, Molly C 1/2C, Addie W 3/4G, Archer C 3/4G, Ava E 5/6H, Zane R 5/6M, Elly D PR, Gus T PR, Tiana T 3/4K, Isla L 5/6H, Lawson J 1/2B, Zoe B 1/2B

## Easter Raffle Winners

Congratulations to Easter Raffle winners:

JUNIORS

1st Sully B PM, 2nd Donovan W 1/2S, 3rd Alby L PG

SENIORS

1st Will H 3/4B, 2nd Zahli K 5/6R (not pictured), 3rd Archie J 5/6H

# Artist of the Week

Our artist of the week is Donny in grade 1 with his boats on the green seas. Donny has used a wax resist technique to create this piece.

Donny had this to say when interviewed by Art Captains Genevieve and Isabelle:

"I liked making the boats. They look cool because they pop out from the background".

## Inverloch

## Kongwak

# Community News

Below is the link direct to our fundraising page:
https://www.dollysdream.org.au/fun.../communitybankinverloch

Every dollar raised goes towards anti-bullying and support programs that empower kids, parents and communitiess to stand up to bullying and its devastating effects.

#doitfordollyday

# AFL FOR GIRLS

Ages 7 - 14

Starting from
Monday 28th April
5.00 pm to 6.00 pm
Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve

Coordinator: Georgia Sharp 0422 255 900
Coaches: TBA

If you are interested in coaching or would like to offer assistance, please contact Georgia.

https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/8901b1

This season, SGJFC is launching the Girls Futures Program for 2025. Our goal is to provide girls with a safe, supportive and inclusive environment where they can develop, engage and enjoy playing Australian Rules Football

- Freedom to be themselves and develop more confidence.
- Care and support in which girls feel comfortable to take risks and ask questions.
- Girls only environment allow them to participate in football free from judgement or stereotypes
- More girls are likely to participate and continue in football when they have opportunities to play with peers of their own age.

# Community News

For information, please like our Inverloch Auskick Facebook page and or contact coordinator Big K on 0408 281953