COASTHILL NEWS

THE IKPS NEWSLETTER

EVERYWHERE, ALL THE TIME

Active Learners, Safe and Respectful

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Diary Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 13th May	IKPS Cross Country
Wed 14th - Fri 16th May	Grade 4 Camp - CYC Phillip Island
Friday 16th May	Years 5 & 6 Winter Sport
Thursday 22nd May	Division Cross Country - Stony Creek
Friday 23rd May	Years 5 & 6 Winter Sport
Monday 26th May	Sorry Day - Reconciliation week
Thursday 29th May	Walk for reconciliation
Thursday 5th June	Region Cross Country - Drouin
Monday 9th June	Kings Birthday Public Holiday - No School

Principals Message

WEEK 4/11 TERM 2, 2025

WORKING BEE

I have one word to describe what was achieved by the Inverloch school community at the Working Bee on Election Day……**INCREDIBLE!**

I have personally never seen so much work completed in one day. When I stopped to look around and reflect on each of the areas that we worked on and the projects that were completed, it was equivalent to the amount of work you might expect to see at 3-4 working bees.

The list of work included:

- Clearing and pruning the garden at the front of the school and adding mulch
- Removing the old concrete and brick gate pillars from the front of the school
- Clearing and pruning of the inlet garden and planting of 100 plants into the blank garden beds around the grade 3/4 buildings
- Concreting a dangerous section of the paved walkway.
- Creating a new gravel that wraps around the junior playground
- Construction of a new stage/deck that completes the rock hill area.
- Construction of new steps from basketball up to the orchard
- Pruning back of the orchard and netting removed.
- Orchard fence repaired, reo mesh installed and old pickets recycled.
- Spreading of 5 cubic metres of soft fall mulch into each of the junior, middle and senior playgrounds.
- Spreading of 250 cubic metres of mulch into the back track area.
- Chipping and mulching of cuttings and branches from across the whole school site.
- Running of the classic democracy BBQ to feed the voters

The list of volunteers and contributors is huge. On behalf of everyone involved with the Inverloch school community, I want to say a huge thank you to every single person that helped out in some way. Without the generosity of so many people, a working bee like what we saw on election day just wouldn't happen.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!		
Michael Hetherington	Sharni Sharp	Karen Sluiter
Matt Donohue	Travis White	Brad Lester
Shane Ward	Chloe Gray	Michael Croatto
Will Hume	Jess Deery	Flynn Jungwirth
Belinda Kent	Chris Terlich	Big K
Damien Sorensen	Sally Dunn	Nic Hillam
Kaj Lofgren	Zoe Rothier	Chloe Stephens
John Kilsby	Dan Wells	Rhys Staley
Tanith Ryan	Shannan Little	Jim Soumilas
Matt Williams	Linsey Boddy	Angela Hawkes
April and Jayden Harrick	Leanne Edwards-Sword	Shane Fitzpatrick
Simon and Ethan Harrick	Stacey Hislop	Alison Olden

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Mary Tye	Anna Cardillo	Simon Olden
Eric Johnson	Deslee Close	Lenny Johnston
Jodie Truman	Clint Davidson	Elly Pellizzer
Ken Truman	Daniel Close	Olivia Walkley
Matt Johnston	Kerry Golding	Nick Carver
Andrew Buchanan from CUT360	Doug McRae from Bass Coast Rubbish Removal and Bin Hire	Mel and Chris from Wonthaggi Garden Supplies
Brendan Ryan from BeesTrees ($10,000 donation of mulch)	Christy from Plants on A'beckett (donation of 100 plants)	Tim Perrett (Donation of timber for stage/Deck)

If I have missed anyone on the list, I am sincerely sorry. It was quite a collection and listing people always comes with a risk that someone was missed.
If you would like to contribute but you weren't able to help on the day, we're still looking for some parents to continue the pruning and clearing of the garden at the front of the school. We also have a huge pile of mulch that we need help getting into the Inlet garden and the front garden. Later in the year, we'll need help putting the net over the orchard too. Please contact the school if you'd like to help us with any of these jobs.

WONDERFUL TO SEE

- The Kongwak PFA is doing such a fabulous job of raising money for the new school equipment. Last year the fundraising target was aimed at the installation of new monkey bars and they have been a huge hit. The PFA is already well on the way to reaching their target of installing a new junior height basketball ring. With a successful bulb fundraiser, Easter Egg raffle and now a firewood raffle currently available, it looks like we'll be placing an order for a basketball ring soon.
- What a thrill to see our grade 5 and 6 students proudly wearing the new sports uniforms during their Interschool Winter Sports program against neighbouring schools. We have been able to purchase new uniforms for all students to wear as a result of the fundraising efforts to sell zooper doopers on Fridays during Term 1 and in 2024. It's a nice change from having to dust off old worn out uniforms. I hoped the students felt as good as they looked.
- It's wonderful to see Breakfast club starting back up at Inverloch PS. The changes have been welcome too. The students can now meet up in the STEM room to socialise, check in with staff and get a little bit of tucker in their bellies. Both Inverloch and Kongwak schools are fortunate enough to be part of the Foodbank program this year. This gives both schools access to regular ordering of fresh fruit, bread, cereals, milk and other pantry items. Students and families across both schools can benefit from the program. Students have access to a range of food items at school and family food boxes that include a range of food items can be ordered for families that are experiencing food insecurity in the home at any given time.

I'm looking forward to sitting with all the students across grades 4, 5 & 6 soon to complete the student Attitudes to School Survey. It's a great opportunity to listen to the voice of students and the results always help us as a school to narrow our focus on where we should be trying to improve.

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Our Wonderful working bee helpers

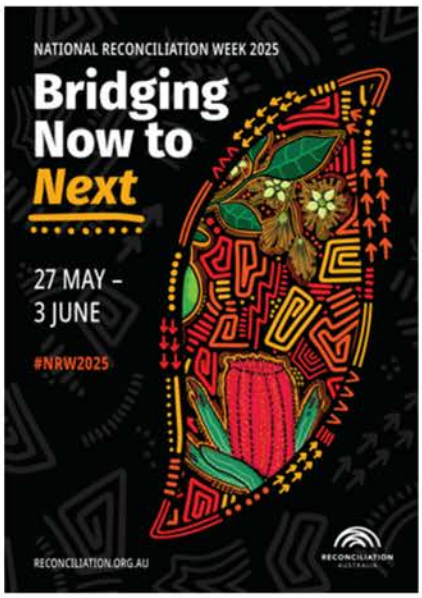
Inclusion News

END OF TERM PRIZES

This week, 5 classes were lucky enough to have a class celebration for the Term One SWPBS raffle. 56R, 12M, 56H and 34G had class parties. They had some chips and lollies, and got some balloons and prizes for a class party. PR had a hot chip lunch. Congratulations to our winners, and keep up the great work. The more tickets your class gets, the bigger the chance that your class will be a winner at the end of this term.

SOME UPCOMING EVENTS

Reconciliation Walk



To celebrate Reconciliation Week, we will be holding a **'Walk for Reconciliation' on the 29th of May from 2:20pm**. We would love parents and community members to join us! We will start outside the school and walk around the football oval, and then gather outside the clubrooms to hear our choir sing 'Solid Rock'.

In the leadup, classes will be learning about Sorry Day (26th May), and the importance of reconciliation. They will create banners, which will reflect on our journey as a school. We will use these ideas to help us progress our future vision.

More information will be communicated through Compass closer to the event, but **SAVE THE DATE!**

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CAMPFIRE CONVERSATIONS- FAREWELL

Last week, we had a special Campfire Conversations session to farewell Terence and Elsie Koorobubba. The Koorobubba family are relocating to Northern Territory, and will be missed by our school community.

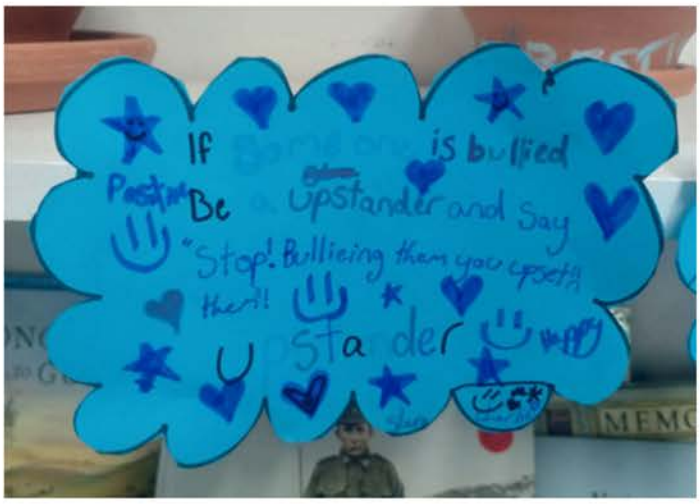
Our KESO (Sonya Hunt) helped us to farewell Terence and Elsie by preparing special gifts for them. Thanks to Steve Parker and Sonya Hunt for creating these beautiful gifts for the children to take on their journey with them. Steve made a digging stick for Terence, and Sonya made Elsie some jewellery with emu feathers. We wish the Koorobubba family all the best in their move and will look forward to seeing them when they come back to visit, (and on the big screen).

DO IT FOR DOLLY!

Last Friday, we dressed in blue to raise money for Do It For Dolly. Every day, young people across Australia experience the pain of bullying. **This is why Do It For Dolly Day is so important**. When you join us and go BLUE for Do It For Dolly Day, you help speak up against bullying.

Kindness is being nice and caring to others, showing respect and helping people when they need it. If everyone was kind, there would be **NO BULLYING!**

12J created a Kindness Garden, and Kongwak created Kindness Bubbles.



Do it for Dolly every day- remember to be kind!

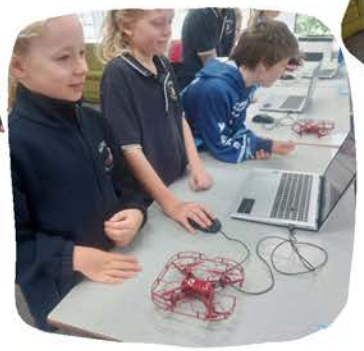
Natasha Bird (she/her)
Learning Specialist (Inclusion)
Inverloch & Kongwak Primary Schools

Kongwak News

Happy Mothers' day to our wonderful mothers, grandmothers, great grandmothers, aunts, sisters and special people who love, care, support and raise the students at Kongwak. Over the last two weeks in Sus Wak with Damian, your children have worked hard to make your homemade Mother Day gifts with love and creativity.

Congratulations to Percy, William, Archie, Lucia, Jane, Buley, Charlotte and James who have read for 50 nights. Norah, Hugo, Calla, Georgia, Charlie, Daisy, Andie and Letty-Brooke have reached the 75 night milestone. These students were presented with certificates of congratulations at assembly. We are excited to see students working towards 100 nights of reading.

Robotics Incursion:
It was fantastic to start our week with a drone workshop, followed by a robotics workshop for our Grade 2-6 students. Jameson from Red Dirt Robotics was fantastic! We all practised our problem solving skills in trying to make our drones fly between the landing pads and having our robots battle each other.



THINGS WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO.....

Cross Country and Year 4 Camp this week.

2026 Prep information Tuesday afternoon at Inverloch. We are looking forward to potentially meeting some families that will be joining us in 2026.

National Simultaneous Storytime is on May 21st. This year the chosen story is: The Truck Cat by Deborah Frenkel. A beautiful story about cats and humans, friendship, immigration and identity, and homes lost and found.

Walk for Reconciliation
On Thursday, May 29 Kongwak is looking forward to heading into Inverloch to join IPS for our second Walk for Reconciliation. Last year it was great to see both schools, family members, students and the wider community come together to support this event as part of Reconciliation Week.

Kongwak News

Book Fair arrives on the 13th of May. We are hoping to have it up and running for the 14th. Families are welcome to browse and buy before and after school. 10% of all money spent goes back to our school in credit with Scholastic to add books to classrooms.

MARC Library News

Hopefully everyone has returned from holidays feeling well rested and relaxed. It sounds as though many books were read and enjoyed by during the break and students are returning to school eager for another new title. The holidays provided a great opportunity to get out and purchase lots of new fiction, non-fiction and picture books for the MARC van and these have been covered and catalogued ready for a new term of reading.

Students can borrow a book for two weeks and then return and borrow another two. We currently have many students with overdue books and reminders will be coming home with students in the next few weeks. If your child has overdue books, could you please help them to locate and return them. The books are labelled and have a distinctive green dot on the spine. Thank you.

In Term 2 our preview of learning looks like this:

Week	Topic
1	Students were read ANZAC stories which shared the meaning of ANZAC and the bravery and sacrifices made during wartime.
2	All students will share and look forward to, newly published literature.
3-4	This week we will delve into the genres of humour and fantasy. The common features will be discussed and noted in a variety of texts.
5-7	To coincide with National Reconciliation Week, students will be reading books written by First Nations authors.
8	World Ocean Day is on the 8th June. Students will read and enjoy books that celebrate our oceans and sea creatures.
9-11	Topic Study. For three weeks students will be immersed in books on a particular topic including pets (juniors), nature storybooks (middle years) and biographies (seniors).

New books available to borrow in the MARC van now!

Kongwak News

our New monkey bars

Last Friday we officially opened the new addition to our playground, the junior monkey bars. We would like to thank the following contributors, who made the purchase of our wonderful new monkey bars possible: Wattle Bank Farm, Into the Roots, Nick and Kaylene Chapman, H&F Custom Joinery, Lee Stori, Daiman, Duane Predron at Aspire Strategies property, accounting, finance and Prom Coast Cheese.

MAGNIFICENT MATHS

in the Junior Room

Over the last couple of weeks, the Prep to Year 2 students have explored, created and recorded patterns. We have used pattern blocks to create patterns and recorded our discoveries using pictures and letters, just like true mathematicians. It was fabulous to welcome IKPS Numeracy Learning specialist Chris into our classroom for the first time. We are looking forward to Chris visiting regularly to support students and staff with our numeracy learning.

Ask us: as mathematicians how would you label the following patterns?

Kongwak News

Senior Room English: ANZAC day

Senior Students studied the text 'Alfred's War' by Rachel Bin Saleh over the first two weeks of term, as well as some short non-fiction texts about ANZAC Day and World War I. We wrote diary entries from the point of view of Alfred, the main character, either before the war, after the war, or during the war. Enjoy this work from Jai (Grade 3) and Letty-Brooke (Grade 4)!

1915

Dear Diary,

I can hear the guns cracking every second. I can see the bombs getting dropped every minute. Then I hurt my leg. I had to be ready to wake up to start fighting. Being a soldier is hard work. The animals have helped to bring food and water. We are fighting at Gallipoli.

From Alfred.

April 25, 1915

Gallipoli beach

Dear Diary,

This morning wasn't the nicest one I have lived through. I have never felt so cold and scared at the same time in my life. My boots clogged with water as I waded through the ocean. The firing overhead is normal now.

Sometimes I have to remind myself that the way my fellow soldiers treat me now is much different than the way any Aboriginal man or woman would get treated back home in Australia. Often I find myself drifting off into a dream where there was no war and you could go to sleep without a worry in your head.

As soon as I took my first step on Gallipoli beach I knew there was no turning back. Even though the sounds of bombs and pistols being fired often leaves me fearing for my life, I still keep fighting. Every time I shoot my gun or throw a grenade I hope my opponent doesn't do the same.

From your good friend,

Alfred

Kongwak News

PRIZE: 3m SPLIT TASSIE HARDWOOD – VALUE $750

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SWPBS

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.
Imogen S 3/4T, Cody B 1/2L, Chloe T 3/4T, Ted N-S 1/2L, Asher J 5/6P

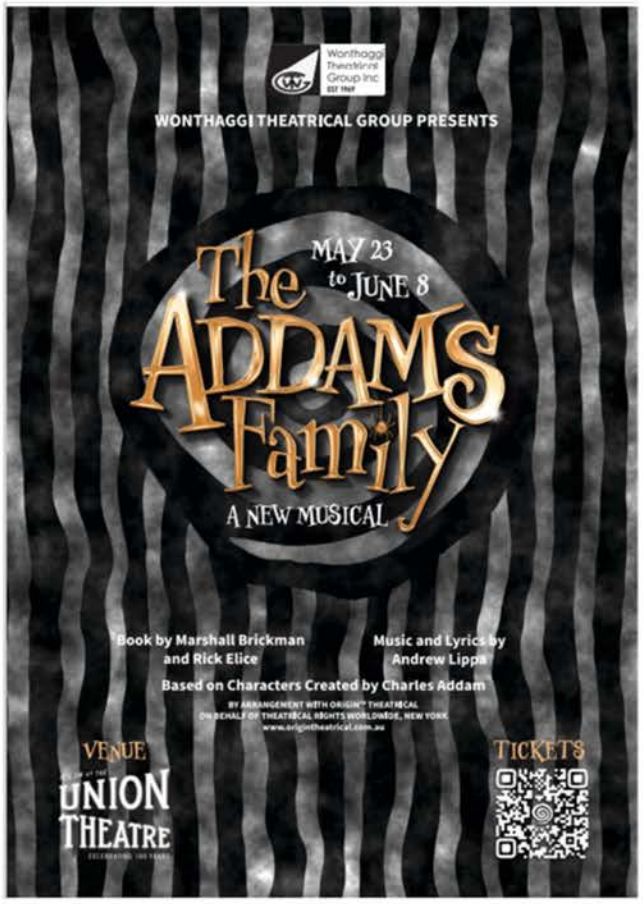
State Swimming

Well done to all of our students who competed in state swimming last Thursday!

Artist of the Week

Our artist of the week is Chelsea in grade 1 with her Abstract Art composition. Chelsea used line, shape and colour to create a balanced piece

Art News

These are grades 3 and 4 artists responding to the work of Kusama. After a study on her flower works these artists designed and created their own ceramic flowers highlighting their understanding of colour, shape and pattern.

Community News