COASTHILL NEWS

THE IKPS NEWSLETTER

EVERYWHERE, ALL THE TIME

Active Learners, Safe and Respectful

Edition 9 - 10th June 2025

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Thursday 19th June	AFL Girls / Boys Netball
Thursday 19th June	Prep Moonlit Sanctuary excursion
Thursday 26th June	Division Winter Sports
Friday 4th July	Last Day Term 2 - 2.20pm Dismissal
Monday 21st July	First Day Term 3
Thursday 24th July	State Cross Country - Yarra Valley
Wednesday 30th July	Regional Finals AFL - Maffra Soccer - Sale Netball - Sale
Mon 4th - Fri 8th August	Scholastic Book Fair

Principals Message

WEEK 9/11 TERM 2, 2025

RECONCILIATION WALK
It was a privilege to participate in our reconciliation walk in week 6 that saw the whole school, Inverloch Childcare and many people from our school and broader community in attendance. I just love that learning, celebrations, events and respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture in our country have become embedded in our everyday actions and activities across our two schools. Australia's history... our history of reconciliation is not a linear one. It has not been a neat straight line of improvement. Yes, there are occasions when our country has made great strides, however we have experienced disappointing setbacks.

Participating in a Reconciliation Walk is a call to action. It's a time for students and adults to learn more about the rich heritage and culture of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The more you learn about people, the better we understand each other. When we understand each other, we become more kind and inclusive. If we're kind and inclusive together we are building a more united and respectful country.
Listening to everyone singing 'Solid rock' was a great way to finish the event. A huge thank you to Tash Bird, Marci Katz, Sarah Reark, Julie Jackson, Nick Carver and all the staff who made sure the event was a success.

DEVELOPING OUR LEADERS
On Wednesday June 4, 20 of our grade six student leaders were visited by our new Federal MP for Monash, Mary Aldred, to speak about leadership.

Speaking to the group in the library, Mary's message to our students was that leadership is about always being there for your team, drawing on the life of Sir John Monash. Describing her own upbringing which included becoming a farmhand in high school, and dreaming of becoming an Olympic showjumper, Mary spoke of how journeys can take many twists and turns but that it was important to always have a goal to work toward.

Students had fantastic questions for Mary about what an MP does, what made her want to be a politician, and how the different levels of government work. The biggest fun fact of all was learning more about the Prime Minister's bullet-proof car!

Inverloch Primary School was honoured to host Mary's first ever school visit and our students were appreciative of her taking the time to meet with them to ask questions and learn more leadership and being a Member of Parliament.

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Wonderful to see

- It's wonderful to see that our school councils at both schools are so strong and active. It can be common for schools to have challenges finding willing members of the community to join their school council, but not here at IKPS. Our Kongwak SC continues to be an active and positive group with Katie Davis as President and at Inverloch we have recently had a change in president. Hamish Duckmanton has taken on the role with enthusiasm after outgoing president Brad Lester stepped aside. On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to thank Brad Lester for outstanding service to our school community. He has been an active member of our Inverloch school council for many years and has contributed to the broad direction of the school, monitoring of our strategic plan and ensuring we are compliant with all regulations. On a personal level, Brad has been a wonderful support to me. He sat on the panel that made a recommendation to appoint me into the role and he has continued to regularly check-in and support me along the way. Thank you Brad, your contribution has been greatly appreciated.
- What a joy it was to recently sit in the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre to watch The Adams Family and see some of our very own people shining onstage and behind the scenes. The whole show was quite the spectacle and so many of the cast are incredibly talented but it was wonderful to see Alanna Eddy performing as a member of the ensemble. You can call me biased... I don't care, in my opinion she stole the show in each of her scenes. The other notable contributions from IKPS were Fiona Moldrich as Musical Director, Nick Carver as a member of the band down in the pit and a couple of ex students Kaylee and Hayden as members of the ensemble. It is so wonderful to see people involved in the performing arts and making the most of the opportunities available in our local community.
- It was wonderful to see the students working together in multi age groups in week 7. The spectacular turtle artwork that was produced looks fabulous in our front foyer. I'd love to see our foyer turned into an art exhibition more often in the future.
- It's wonderful to see parents coming along to our even week whole school assemblies. It's been a thrill to watch the student leaders develop their skills in conducting the assembly, the leaders reporting on events, the celebration segments that are presented and the return of some music performances from classes.

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Inclusion News

The last couple of weeks have been HUGE for our inclusion team.

RECONCILIATION WEEK 2025

As part of Reconciliation Week 2025, our students took part in a Walk for Reconciliation, proudly carrying posters they created to express their commitment to reconciliation. We were joined by parents, Inverloch Childcare Centre, members of the Bass Coast Reconciliation Group, Jordan Crugnale and members of the wider community. It was so wonderful to see our community walking together.

The posters were inspired by Kaldadoon artist, Bree Buttenshaw's artwork which features native plants symbolizing strength and renewal. The them for this year is From Now to Next. Each class wrote on a leaf what we are doing now to support reconciliation, and what we will do next to help build a fairer future. Their thoughtful reflections showed respect and hope for fairness.

The messages displayed on the posters will be used to refresh our school's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), ensuring that student voice continues to shape our ongoing journey. The Reconciliation Group will be meeting on Wednesday the 25th of June at 330pm. All are welcome- staff, students, parents and members of our wider community. If you would like to be involved in our school's Reconciliation Group, please contact Natasha Bird at natasha.bird@education.vic.gov.au

MULTIAGE DAY- WORLD TURTLE DAY

On Friday the 6th of June, we had our Term Two Multiage Day. Multiage days help our students and staff to build connections across the school. The children worked in mixed age groups for the day and rotated to 3 different teachers.

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The theme for our multiage day this term was World Turtle Day. A special thanks to our specialist team for planning all the activities. They were so fun and creative. Here is a summary of what they did:

Rotation 1	Rotation 2	Rotation 3
Learnt about Matilda Nona's artwork which shows the turtles swimming against the strong tides during Sageraw Thonar, the dry season that runs from May to December. During these months, when the southeast trade winds blow and tides run strong, the turtles float closer into the seagrass reefs of the island and become easier to hunt. Created a turtle (1 between 2), to create a collaborative art piece in the foyer.	Learnt to sing Yimenda Papaguneray by Emily Warramurra. This song is about a turtle, and perfomed in Andilyakwa language, from Groote Island NT. Afterwards, the children started to brainstorm rhyming words and phrases to help Mr Carver write a turtle song in English. He performed the song at the school entrance at the end of the day with some students and it was posted to social media.	Learnt about the importance of disposing of rubbish properly to protect turtles. The children worked in groups to create a poster to help teach people which bin rubbish should go into.

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During the song writing workshop, Education Support staff members Jodie Truman and Josh Bertacco were so inspired by the theme that they penned their own poetry. This is their work:

The Turtle by Jodie Truman

Swimming around was a gorgeous green turtle
Catching some waves, full of force he would hurtle,
After some fun he just lazed in the ocean
Enjoying the rhythmic pulsating motion.
Rolling and floating, waving his flippers
Ducking and diving was like the big dipper
Getting close to the sand and the sheltered bay
Would today be the day new friends come to play?
Watching and waiting to see a new baby
Will they make it? Hopefully, maybe.

Murtle the Turtle by Josh Bertacco

There once was a cute little turtle named Murtle,
Was only a baby and craved the deep navy
Blue ocean to soak in his skin just like lotion,
He wanted some fun but the heat from the sun
Beamed upon him so strong that he wanted to run,
His flippers were stuck in the sand just like slippers,
He tried to escape from the bugs and the critters
His desires and feelings he couldn't obey,
Till a cloud came up over providing some shade
That eventually turned into small drops of rain.
Young Murtle took sips of the drops for his thirst,
Reached out his small flipper took a step- was his first
One step, two step, his body in motion
Till he finally arrived in the great deep blue ocean.

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Sewing Helpers Needed

Hello wonderful parents.

We are on the hunt for anyone who may be skilled in the art of sewing and crafting to help with props and costumes for the Jungle Book (onstage last week of August). We have enlisted the services of the amazing Vicky Bristow for our main cast. But there is still room for more involvement! We need everything from costumes to props. And we are excited to hear people's creative ideas!

Please contact Nick Carver on nicholas.carver@education.vic.gov.au if you would like to help!

Thanks In Advance!

T-SHIRTS FOR JUNGLE BOOK

Hello wonderful parents and carers. All students at the school will be a part of The Jungle Book performance during the last week of August in Term 3.

We require all students to bring a T-shirt labelled with their name to school and leave it with their classroom teacher.

These will form the base of their costume, which we will be creating at school. Each class requires a specific colour listed below. We kindly ask that the shirts not have any designs or logos on them. Whatever particular shade of colour is fine, as well as second hand. Please let Mel McRae know if you have any questions about this.

We also ask that all students wear black pants or leggings to the performances. These can just be worn on the night and do not need to be brought to school in advance.

Class colours are:

Prep - Black T-shirt
Grade 1/2 - Grey T-shirt
Grade 3/4 - Brown T-shirt
Grade 5/6 - Green T-shirt

Kongwak News

Fun in Inverloch

Last Thursday KPS spent the day at IPS. The junior students had a lovely adventure in and around Inverloch. We visited the Town Library, Shell Museum and the park. We had some of our IPS friends join in the morning and we are looking forward to connecting with them again soon.

Walk for Reconciliation

Thank you to our family and friends that joined us in Inverloch last week for the Walk for Reconciliation. Thank you Letty-Brooke and Safina for the loan of the flags.

Kongwak News

Parents and Friends

The KPS wood raffle was drawn at the assembly under the tree last Friday. The winner is.... **Dave Jeffries**.
Thank you to everyone who supported the KPS firewood raffle fundraiser. Huge shout out to Chapman Cartage & Earthmoving Contractors for the donation of wood, and to the PFA for the organisation of the successful fundraiser. The money raised is going towards a junior basketball ring.

Around the grounds

Having fun at KPS....

SWPBS

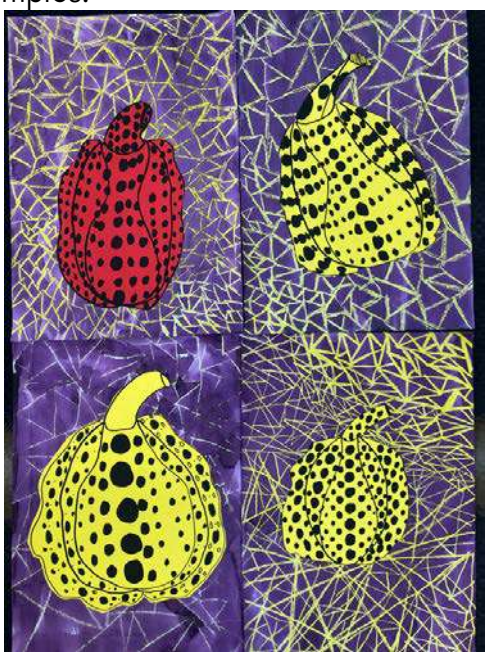
FORTNIGHTLY WINNERS

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.

Lennox 5/6K, Ava 1/2C, Raph 1/2B, Alby PG, Brody 5/6R

Artist of the Week

Our artists of the week are a spotlight on our 3-6's who have finally finished their Yayoi Kusama final pieces. You may have noticed these coming home. These works comprised largely of wax resist techniques and drawing with markers as they addressed the subject matter of pumpkins and mushrooms. Here are some examples.



Community News

Bike Found

A Purple BMX bike has been found in Bayview Avenue. If you are missing this bike please call Martin on 0409 150 357

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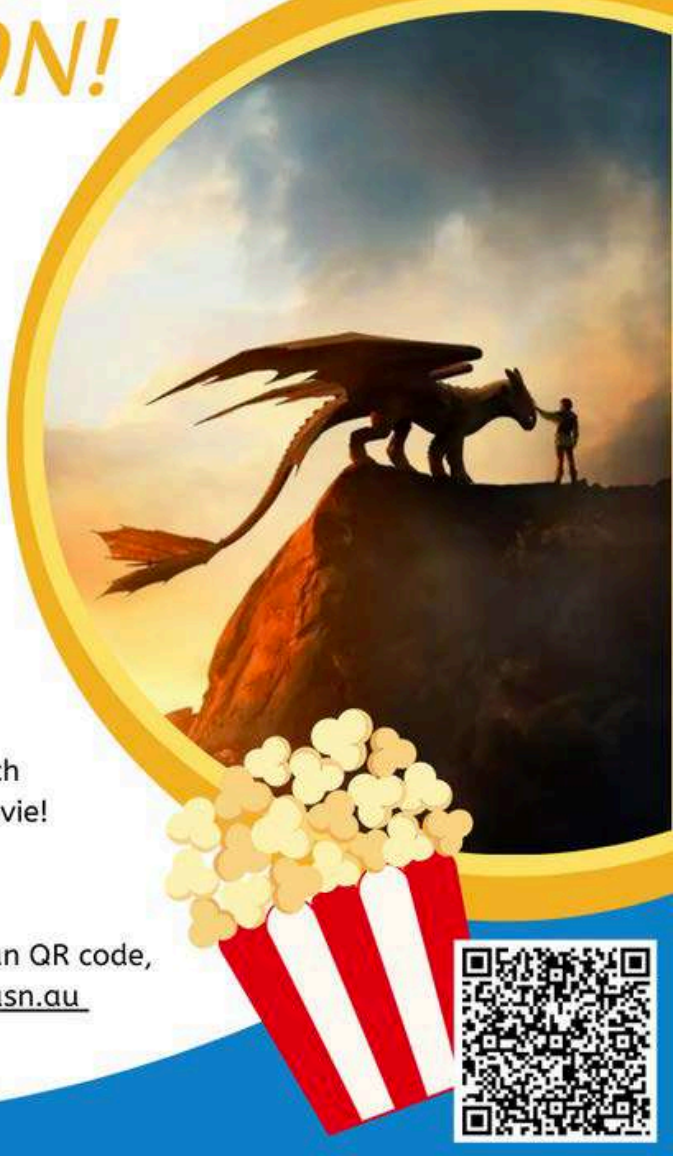
FREE FAMILY ACTIVITY:

CINEMA SESSION!



Date

Sunday 22nd June 2025

Location & Time

Bairnsdale Sun Cinema - 1pm
Traralgon Reading Cinema - 1pm
Leongatha Stadium 4 Cinema - 11am

All ages

Open to all families who care for a child with a disability!

Activity

Enjoy time out with loved ones and watch the new "How To Train Your Dragon" movie!

Expression of interest

Limited spots available for each site! Scan QR code, call 1300 736 765 or email admin@icg.asn.au

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SOUTHERN FUSION

"respect all, fear none"

Southern Fusion Team Registrations Open

Southern Fusion aims to equip players with the requisite knowledge, skills, and understanding to prepare them for the Netball Victoria Development Pathway. Many of Southern Fusion's past players have developed these skills and knowledge to progress into various VNL Programs.

Fusion conducts training sessions on Sunday mornings at Meeniyan & District Sports Stadium. Matches are held on state-of-the-art indoor courts at Casey Netball Association.

The Monday Mixed Youth Spring Season will commence on July 21st and run through to December 1st (plus finals) with no games during the School Holidays.

The Wednesday Junior Spring Season will commence on July 23rd and run through to December 3rd (plus finals) with no games during the School Holidays.

SUNDAY 22ND AND 29TH JUNE
(Possible Call Backs Sunday 6th July)

UNDER 13'S GIRLS & BOYS @ 09:00AM – 10:00AM
13&U age group (DOB 2013-2012)

UNDER 15'S GIRLS & BOYS @ 10:00AM – 11:00AM
15&U age group (DOB 2011-2010)

UNDER 17'S GIRLS & BOYS @ 11:00AM – 12:00PM
17&U age group (2009-2008)

VENUE: MEENIYAN & DISTRICT SPORTS STADIUM
IMPORTANT: - What To Wear: White Or Light Top With Dark Shorts
- Please Arrive 10 Mins Before With Water, Ready To Start Warmup
- Please Register Via The Online Form Below

PLEASE NOTE: Players Must Attend Both Trial Dates - Unless Otherwise Discussed In Advance With Head Coach Leonnie McCluskey

REGISTRATION LINK:
https://forms.gle/aYza3LcPSed5QT7PA