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 29th & Wednesday 30th	IPS Parent Teacher Interviews - bookings can be made on Compass.
Wednesday 30th July	Regional Finals AFL - Maffra Soccer - Sale Netball - Sale
Thursday 31st July	Naidoc Deadly doors open afternoon 2.20pm
Friday 1st August	**Curriculum Day - No students at school**
Mon 4th - Fri 8th August	Scholastic Book Fair
Wednesday 6th August	Year 4 Art Excursion - Latrobe Regional Art Gallery
Wednesday 13th August	Year 3 Art Excursion - Art Crawl Wonthaggi and Berninneit Phillip Island
Friday 22nd August	Book week multiage day
Tues 26th - Thurs 28th August	Jungle Book Production

Principals Message

WEEK 2/11 TERM 3, 2025

A LOT TO LOOK FORWARD TO

Welcome back to term 3 everyone. Hopefully our families and staff have enjoyed the mid year break and are all recharged for the short term ahead. Hold onto your hats (or beanies) because Term 3 is only 9 weeks and it will fly by quickly. There is so much to look forward to this term, including Deadly Doors, NAIDOC Week, 100 Days of Prep we seek, Campfire Conversations glow, Australian Maths Competition go.

Parent, Teacher, Student talk, Kinder Visits, Prep enrolment walk, Book Week, Jungle Book Musical play, R U OK Day, check your way.

Dental Van, Footy Colours Day, Grade 2 Sleepover, night away, Grade 1 Big Day Out, State Netball, hear them shout.

State Cross Country, strong and fast, Teacher Aide Week thanks that last, Grade 3 Art Excursion fun, Grade 4 Art Excursion run.

National Science Week explore, Grade 4 Melbourne Stars Visit, we want more, Division Athletics, running pride

Regional (AFL, Soccer & Netball) Finals, champions stride.

Tree Planting, nature's cheer, National Landcare Week each year, Multi-Age Day, learning free, Indigenous Literacy Day, read with glee.

PARENT, STUDENT & TEACHER CONFERENCES

Be sure to make the most of the opportunity to connect with your child's classroom teacher. There are always opportunities to share an email or a phone call, but nothing quite beats sitting around a table and connecting face to face. Having your child participate is a wonderful way to reinforce the things that you value about their education. Talk about how kind they are to their peers, celebrate their effort and persistence when learning is hard, acknowledge the individual progress they are making rather than comparisons to their peers and agree on some actions that could lead to further improvement. A strong partnership between school and home plays a huge part in your child's success.

CURRICULUM DAY

We have a student free day this Friday 1st of August. Our staff will spend time reinforcing that our schools are also a place for adult learning. All of our teachers and Ed support staff will spend time with a guest speaker who will present information on the School Wide Positive Behaviour Support framework. For some of our staff this will be new learning and for others it will reinforce some of the knowledge they have from prior professional learning. It will help us to keep improving many of the practices that we have introduced in recent years and ensure there is even more consistency across our school. Our teams will then prioritise a strategy from the Positive Classroom Management Strategies resource to learn more about and apply to their planning and practice. We'll throw some fun team building in too, even though we're the adults here we still like to act like to keep in touch with our inner child.

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WONDERFUL TO SEE

It was wonderful to see the 100 day 'old' Preps at both of our schools. Lots of grey hair, walking sticks and knitted clothing was on display along with an outrageous level of cuteness. We've currently got 67 Preps enrolled across our two schools (61 at IPS and 6 at KPS) and I was thrilled to see how well our older students supported the Preps to have the 'spotlight' shining on them. Friendly reminder, if you have a child or a friend with a child who is Prep next year, make sure you let us know if they're coming to one of our schools. We're already working on our preliminary staffing plans for 2026. It really does help us budget if we have a strong idea about how many Preps are coming in compared to how many grade 6's are leaving.

I could feel my mouth salivating at Kongwak last Thursday with the return of Hot Food Thursdays. It was wonderful to see so many students bringing along their lunch item to warm up in the pie heater. I was tempted to taste test a few…. You know, for quality control purposes.

It was wonderful to see so many parents visit onsite last term for the Natural Disasters Expo in our gym. I was equally as thrilled by the quality of work that the students produced as I was with the huge attendance by our families. We just love seeing parents, grandparents and friends coming in to school to support our students and celebrate their learning.

Kind regards

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Inclusion News

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Deadly Doors Exhibition
This year's NAIDOC theme, 'The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy,' is a powerful reminder of the importance of respecting culture, listening to diverse voices, and honouring the past while shaping the future.

We have spent the last 2 weeks exploring the theme in our classrooms and creating a 'Deadly Door' for our school exhibition.

- Prep to Year 2: Exploring strength – drawing from the resilience of culture, community, and connection.
- Years 3 & 4: Reflecting on Vision – imagining a future shaped by inclusive voices and bold ideas.
- Years 5 & 6: Honouring Legacy – recognising the stories, struggles, and wisdom passed down through generations.

We will have an open afternoon on Thursday the 31st of July from 2:20pm, where members of the school and wider community can peruse our exhibition and vote on their favourite design. The winning class will be the first group to work with our KESOs (Sonya Hunt and Khiara Harrison) to create their own class yarning sticks.

Ngul-birrm Bunwurrung sessions at IKPS

Our Campfire Conversations Group is now known as kiyunganhin. Kiyunganhin is a Bunurong/Boonwurrung/Bunwurrung word meaning 'we are all talking together'. The group have been so lucky over the last couple of weeks! They have had local Elders Aunty Ada Hume and Aunty Melissa McDevitt come and spend 4 sessions with them. Last week, the Aunties spent some time getting to know the children and then shared some of their art with them. Aunty Melissa taught them how to make bracelets, and the children made one each as a gift. After this, they taught them 12 words in Boonwurrung language. The children picked one and designed an image to go with their chosen word.

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The aunties came back again this week, and Aunty Ada shared her painted magnets. She talked with the children about the types of designs used on her magnets, and what the symbols mean. The children then designed their own magnet to represent their chosen word to take home with them. We practised the words orally and the kids became confident reading their own word. I cut the words and meanings apart and gave them 3 or 4 to match. They did a great job of remembering them. The children also took a copy of the words home to practise.

Over the next few days, the children will visit every class in the school. They will teach one word to each class (with the students leading the learning). Some may be a bit nervous about this, so I will be there to support, and get the confident senior students to support them. We will be developing a word wall in the kiyunganhin learning space as a point of reference. It was so wonderful to have the privilege of working with the Aunties and learning from them. This is the first step in a bigger partnership that we are looking forward to building with the Aunties.

A special thank you to Josh Van De Ven (linguist) from Bunurong Land Council for his support in connecting with the Aunties, sourcing the words and providing audio recordings.

Natasha Bird (she/her)
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COME AND VISIT OUR

IKPS

NAIDOC WEEK

DEADLY DOORS EXHIBITION

OPEN AFTERNOON

THURSDAY 31ST JULY 2025

2:20PM-3:20PM

WHAT IS IT?

As a school, we are learning about NAIDOC Week from the 21st -26th of July. Each class will decorate their classroom door to reflect their learning about the theme.

Prep-2 (Strength), 3-4 (Vision), 5-6 (Legacy)

Our Campfire Conversations Group (students who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander) will work with local Elders to learn some Bunurong/Boon Wurrung language. The children will teach one word to each class. These words will be included on our Deadly Door and incorporated into our curriculum.

Come along and celebrate NAIDOC Week, learn some local words and vote on your favourite door!

Kongwak News

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Thank You!

- William, Daniel and Raelene for looking after Lou the Lizard.
- Carley for covering lots of our new library books
- Chicken feeding team of the Jones, Foat/Davis, O'Reilly, Hodges, Taylor and Brain families over the holidays

Welcome Demi Butterworth as an education support staff at KPS. Demi will be working with all students across the school. She comes with experience working with children including TheirCare at Inverloch.

Reminder:- **Don't forget to bring in your brown t-shirt for Jungle Book- Fiona has a tub ready to look after them until our performances.**

Please make sure your children have warm layers they can add when they go outside to play. We go outside in most weather! A warm jacket and boots are a must, particularly when the oval is muddy. Some kids like to bring beanies, scarves and gloves too. See Fiona or Sally if you need a sharpie to label items. A change of clothes in your school bag, especially socks, is a must too.

There are a few events popping up on Compass for different things, please check regularly. You can also book Parent Teacher Interviews for Week 3 on Compass- see Fiona or Sally for help.

Can you help at the KPS Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser?

Saturday 2nd August

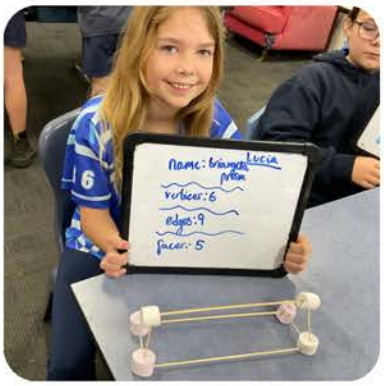
Please contact Kate Davis (Jai & Evie's mum) if you can help!
0432 521 945.

Kongwak News

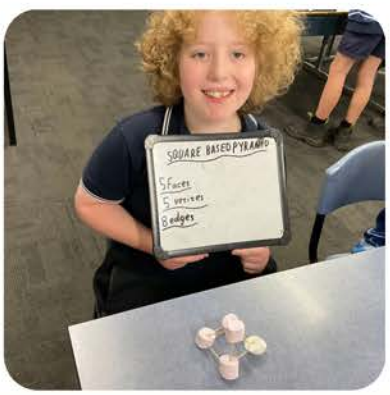
Hot Food Thursdays

Hot Food Thursdays are BACK for Term 3! Students are welcome to bring something that can be heated up in the pie warmer (pies and sausage rolls are popular!.....left over pasta, casseroles etc), wrapped in foil or in a foil container with their name on it. As our senior students handle the heat ups we ask that you DO NOT send food in tin, ceramic or glass as these can become very hot for the students to handle. We'll make sure it's toasty and warm ready for Big Break at 11am.

Readers Theatre



3D SHAPE FUN



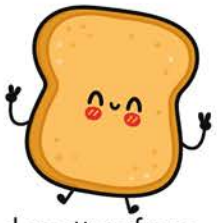
SWPBS

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.

Rosie S 5/6/H, Tyler M 5/6M, Josie R 1/2C, Zara O 5/6M, Cyril E 3/4B, Alex N 5/6H.

Breakfast Club News



We are very excited that breakfast club can now offer toast thanks to a very generous donation from The Wonthaggi Desalination Plant and also some support from the South Coast Prevention Team at Bass Coast Health through their Kids Eat Well Initiative allowing us to purchase a commercial toaster.

Community News

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