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
Tues 26th - Thurs 28th August	Jungle Book Production
1st - 5th September	Dental Van Visit
Friday 5th September	Fathers Day Stall
Thursday 11th September	R U OK? Day
Wednesday 17th September	Footy Colours Day - Wear your favourite footy team colours
Thursday 18th September	Grade 2 Sleepover
Friday 19th September	Grade 1 Big Day Out Excursion Last Day Term 3 - 2.20pm Finish
Monday 6th October	First Day Term 4
Tuesday 7th October	Grade 1 & 2 Swimming

Principals Message

WEEK 6/9 TERM 3, 2025

THE JUNGLE BOOK

The reviews are coming in for our musical and the audiences are raving about the cast, the show, the theatre....in fact people are talking about the whole experience. There has been an incredible amount of planning, rehearsing, coordinating and hard work from many people to bring this opportunity and experience to life. Watching our students skip down the laneway into the theatre and then sitting in the audience each night to watch the performances, seeing the colour of the costumes and make-up pop and listening to the audience only further reinforced to me that it is all worth it. Our staff and volunteers don't take on these monumental projects for recognition and thanks. They do it because they're passionate about providing children with the experiences and opportunities that they deserve.
With that in mind, they certainly still need to be thanked. Check out the list below from the digital program and a few others added. I apologise that I have missed some helpers that assisted on different nights. If you personally know any of the people below, please take them a moment to give them a personal thank you. They'd all love to hear that you noticed and appreciated their contribution and what you thought about the show.

PRODUCTION TEAM

DIRECTOR – NICK CARVER
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR & ACTING COACH – PEARL HUNTER
CHOREOGRAPHER – BRIANNA ROBB
STAGE MANAGER – ORLA MCCARTHY
SHOW MANAGER – MEL MCRAE
BACK STAGE – MARCI KATZ. DANIEL EARLE. FIONA MOLDRICH
REEF METSELAAR. BIANCA DE BELLIS. ELLA WILSON

HAIR – NIKYA TOOMEY
FACEPAINT AND MAKEUP – SARA MAHER
COSTUMES – VICKY BRISTOW
SEWING – VICKI EDDY. INGRID HUITEMA. OLIVIA WALKLEY.
KRISTY LOENEN. TANITH RYAN. WENDY BOYD
PROGRAM – JOEL MCRAE
SOUND CUES – GRAYSON HUTHER
PROJECTIONS – JOEL MCRAE
TECHNICAL PRODUCTION & SOUND – MARK DRURY
& BRETT VAN HOORN

Facepaint and make-up - Carrie Bruce. Ticket reallocations - Lindee Benson and Dannielle Gheller
Front of house – Della King, Tash Bird, Riley McRae, Ella Wilson, Matilda Abraham, Lucas McRae, Daisy Soumilas, Dannielle Gheller.

BOOK WEEK

What a fabulous sight to see so many children and staff coming to school dressed up in costumes of their beloved characters. Whether it's a full body one piece slip-on outfit from the store, a look that has been 'thrown together' with random items from home or a carefully planned and executed costume that required countless hours with craft scissors and glue, they all added to the fun festivities of the day. It's always a thrill to see our parents inside the school and the joy on their faces watching the children proudly parade around.

PARENT, CARERGIVER & GUARDIAN OPINION SURVEY

Thank you to those people those who have already completed the 2025 Opinion Survey. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will remain open online until Friday 19 September 2025.
It's important for us to hear the opinions of our families. It helps us to see what we are doing well and where we can focus our efforts in the future. The information we collect will contribute to identifying areas for improvement, professional development needs and improvement strategies. The department uses the results from the survey for research purposes and to improve outcomes for students.
Check out the current response rate below:

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Inverloch PS

Number of families invited	Number of survey responses (count)	Response rate (%)
314	42	13%

Kongwak PS

Number of families invited	Number of survey responses (count)	Response rate (%)
22	4	18%

ATTENDANCE...EVERY DAY COUNTS

We're making a concerted effort to improve our student attendance at both Inverloch and Kongwak Primary Schools. We're sending out messages, making phone calls, asking for parents to provide reasons for absences.

It's because we know that missing school has an impact on the learning and wellbeing outcomes for our young people. Our staff have been reviewing the Attendance policy and our practices around following up students who are not at school.

As I've mentioned before, I would've been super proud to get an 80 - 90% on a maths test when I was at school, however 80% for attendance means I've missed approximately 40 days of school. That's nearly a whole term of interruptions to learning and socialising.

We're here to work alongside our families to ensure students are in class with their peers and teachers and enjoying all the opportunities and experiences that are on offer at our two schools.

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, however we do ask families to consider scheduling family holidays or 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 and seek support. Avoiding school can make these feelings worse and unintentionally reinforce unhelpful patterns of behaviour.

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

We appreciate 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	Our target
Inverloch PS	86.3%	87.9%	87.8%	88.2%	90%
Kongwak PS	84.9%	85.5%	84.9%	82.1%	90%

Kind regards

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Inclusion News

Book Week Celebrations at Inverloch Primary School

On Friday the 22nd of August, Inverloch Primary School celebrated Book Week with a day full of fun!

The day began with a colourful parade, where students proudly showed off their imaginative costumes inspired by their favourite book characters. It was wonderful to see the children getting involved and showcasing their creativity and passion for stories.

Our teachers also joined in the fun, dressing up as much-loved characters - we spotted a whole group of Where's Wallys, lots of different coloured sheep, Alice in Wonderland characters, and Mrs McRae transformed into a life-sized Care Bear!

Following the parade, students participated in a multiage day, working in mixed groups across the school. They rotated through three engaging activities to celebrate the theme for this year 'Book an Adventure'. You can see a summary of the activities below.

Rotation 1	Rotation 2	Rotation 3
Making chatterboxes with a 'choose your own adventure' focus.	Creating a travel flyer for a made up country.	Write your own ending to an adventure story.

These days are a fantastic opportunity for students to build connections with peers of different ages, as well as teachers they may not usually work with.
The energy and excitement of the day highlighted what Book Week is all about - coming together to share stories, creativity, and a love of reading.

Kongwak News

TREE PLANTING AT KONGWAK PS

A huge thanks to Joanne at Bunnings Wonthaggi for donating plants for us to plant around the school yard and to Jane Taylor (Friday's Junior teacher) for her organisation! We had a fabulous time planting native trees around our yard, including around our iilk path at the front of the school. We are quite experienced tree planters now, and know how to use each other's strengths- everybody knows that Billy is the best at getting the tricky plants out of the tubes!

Sustainable Kongwak

In SusWak with Donna, we looked at identifying the different native trees in our yard, drawing their leaves and gum nuts and describing the bark. Autumn has also brought plenty of work to be done- raking, weeding, labelling, cleaning and planting!

Kongwak News

SENIOR ROOM NEWS

As part of our text-based unit on L. Frank Baum's ' The Magic BonBons', we learnt a lot about the Victorian era and the strict rules on manners, especially for women. Did you know that if you had rude dinner party guests you could become a social outcast? We also learnt some great vocabulary such as 'discord', 'daintily' and 'elocutionist', explored hyperbole (making things sound much more than they are- like 'my life is OVER!') and looked at how to effectively use dialogue in our work. Before reading the end of the story, we wrote our own possible endings. Drop into the Senior Room to read our work on the wall- here is the fabulous work of Letty-Brooke as an example.

The magic bonbons part two by Letty-Brooke

Meanwhile the senator was getting ready for the speech to open the talent show that night when he passed Claribel and in a kind gesture he handed her the bonbon he handed her the bonbon from the night before,
"You have my sincere thanks," said Claribel under her breath. The senator replied,
" You're very welcome," and then he added "and would you be interested in performing at the Boston talent show tonight?" Clarribel thought for a moment and then remembered that she had lost the bonbons and wouldn't be able to perform so instead she said,
"Unfortinaly , I have a extremely low tank full of talents but thanks for asking,"
"Okay , but do come and watch it though because it is going to be splendid," Claribel nodded and walked away.

The senator was originally going to a haberdashery shop to get a red carpet for the floor of the talent show's opening night. So that's what he did. As Claribel was rather ravenous she ate the magic bonbon and then started to feel the urge to dance. And that's what she did . She danced up Main Street , down the Dunny Man Lanes and into the Community Hall up the red carpet and onto the stage. The audience applauded . Clarribel danced for what felt like forever , but luckily the next actor came on to the stage and dragged Clarribel off the stage into the stage wing and out the door of which the performers entered. After being pushed around a lot, Claribel's peel of dance stopped.
"What is all this?" said Claribel , annoyed, and pulling away from the grip of the performer ,
" You must be mad! You are a total social outcast! Barging in like this and ruining a night that could be a fabulous night." screamed the performer,
" Well, if this is what you call a social outcast then you should get out of here yourself," whispered Claribel tears pooling in her eyes,
"I beg your pardon?" said the performer bluntly.
"Don't beg it is rather rude," said Claribel turning on her heel and walking away.

"How rude, I finally got a talent and they go and throw it away like someone else's junk!" thought Claribel while walking past the chemist.
" I must go and ask for some more of those bonbons, for I lost the other ones the chemist got me," so after that being said she walked up the stairs to the chemist's home and knocked on the door with the big door knocker. Misses.Daws came to the door.
"Greetings, My name is Claribel Sudds and I would like to see Mr.Daws please,"
"Mr.Daws is fully booked today, sorry," said Misses.Daws.
"Good day," said Claribel . And then she walked away and back to her home.

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.

Jax E 3/4R, Patrick J 3/4D, Reef M 5/6H, Lennox B-M 5/6K, Ava T 1/2C, Kyla C 1/2C, Jack S PG.

Fishy Stories

WRITING CHALLENGE 2025

The Fishy Stories 2025 Writing Challenge!

The Writing Challenge and Picture Stories is open to students from Year 1 to Year 8.

Let your imagination run wild and submit up to 350 words or a picture story on your favourite topic. Twenty stories selected and performed at the Fish Creek Festival of Stories on Saturday 15 November 2025.

Entries open - 21 July 2025

Entries close - 19 September 2025

Judging Decision - 3 October 2025

Final Selection Performance

Fish Creek Festival of Stories - 15 November 2025

For more information head to: www.fishystories.org/writing challenge

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TERM 3

NEWSLETTER

August is here!

As we kick off another exciting term, we're thrilled to welcome all our families—old and new—back to our vibrant OSHC community. Term 3 promises a blend of wintery fun, warm connections, and engaging activities that support every child's curiosity and growth. From cozy craft sessions to outdoor play adventures that embrace the season, there's plenty to look forward to. We're also continuing to focus on fostering kindness, independence, and creativity in all our programming. Keep an eye on upcoming dates and special events—Term 3 is packed with moments that bring us together and make memories that stick. Here's to another term of connection, laughter, and learning

Gosh do we have an exciting Spring Holiday Program planned for you!

Secret Garden

BOOKINGS OPEN 15th AUGUST!
Book to secure your child's spot in this magical journey of fun and discovery at TheirCare.com.au

Science Week Is Bubbling Over!

Get ready for a spectacular splash of experiments and explosive fun at Inverloch PS TheirCare! From August 11th to August 15th, we'll be diving into the world of science with hands-on activities that spark curiosity and creativity. Look forward to:

- 🌋 Volcano eruptions you can (safely) feel!
- 🧪 Slime that stretches the imagination
- 🪥 Elephants Toothpaste—because BIG reactions deserve BIG smiles!

Whether your child loves gooey textures or fizzy eruptions, this week will be full of learning that sticks—and maybe stains (don't worry, we've got smocks!). Come curious and leave amazed.

FEEL GOOD FIESTA

Date: Thursday 11th September
When: After School Care
Where: At Your TheirCare Service!

Join us on R U OK? Day for a magical afternoon of fun and feel-good vibes at our wellbeing party. It's all about happiness and mindfulness as we take part in a selection of calming and self-care activities.

To join in, simply book into service.

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INVERLOCH TENNIS CLUB

WHEN

Monday 1st September (Inverloch)
Tuesday 2nd September (Inverloch)
Wednesday 3rd September (Wonthaggi)
Thursday 4th September (Inverloch & Wonthaggi)
Friday 5th September (Inverloch & Wonthaggi)

TIMES

KIDS (Ages)

Kindy (3-5) 9am - 9:30am
Red (5-8) 3:45-4:15pm
Orange (8-10) 4:15-5pm
Green (10-12) 5-5:45pm
Junior (13-18) 5:45-6pm

ADULTS

Adult Group Coaching
6:30PM - 7:30PM

Cardio Session
6:30PM - 7:30PM

Community News

You're Invited!

Circle of Security™ Parenting Program

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At times, all parents feel lost... Imagine what it might feel like to truly understand what your child is asking from you.

The Circle of Security™ Parenting Program helps you make sense of your child's emotional needs and deepen your connection. Based on decades of research, this program supports stronger, more secure parent-child relationships. The focus of this Program is for parents with children from 0 to 5 years.

THE PROGRAM WILL HELP YOU:

- Strengthen the bond with your child.
- Understand and respond to their emotional needs.
- Build your child's self-esteem and security.
- Support emotional development.
- Boost your confidence and joy in parenting.

Location: Leongatha Early Learning Centre 13 Symmons Street, Leongatha

Time: 10.00am to 11.30am

Start Date: Wednesday 8 October – runs for 8 weeks

RSVP: Monday 24 September

This course is completely FREE of charge – materials all provided

Please note this Program is for parents only. However, babies under 4 months are welcome.

To RSVP please scan the QR code or contact Maternal Child Health on 5662 9294 or email mch@southgippsland.vic.gov.au

For more information please visit: **circleofsecurityinternational.com**