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Invermay Primary School

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We are proud to be an inclusive school
community representative of many
cultures and backgrounds

Commitment Cooperation Respect Responsibility Honesty & Excellence

Friday 24th February, 2023

Edition 23-2

DATES TO REMEMBER:

****Prep Rest Days**

Each Wednesday throughout the
month of February

Fri 24 Feb

Gr 1-6 final day to return Tennis,
Guitar, Ukulele & Golf Coaching
forms for those interested in lessons
this year.

Wed 1st March

MARC Van - Gr 3-6

Prep class photo to be published in
The Ballarat Courier

Wed 8th March

MARC Van Gr P-2
School Council @ 7pm

Fri 10th March

Parents & Friends meet @ 2pm
Multi Purpose room - all welcome.

Mon 13th March

Labour Day
Public Holiday

Tues 4th April

IPS P-6 Athletics Carnival
- whole day at Llanberris Reserve

Wed 5th April

SCHOOL PHOTOS from 9am

Thurs 6th April

Final day of Term 1
2:00pm Assembly
2:30pm finish

WELCOME TO 2023

Today we officially recognised our 2023 student leaders at our afternoon assembly and presented their leadership badges. I'm pleased to introduce our student leaders for 2023 to you below:

2023 SCHOOL LEADERSHIP & STUDENT VOICE

Following student presentations & elections conducted in December, we were
pleased to announce the following Junior School Council leaders for 2023:

2023 School Captains

Damon Stinchcombe & Claire Jenkins



2023 School Vice Captains

Siena Campbell & Victoria Robertson



Also elected were:

JSC President
Isabella Sinclair



JSC Secretary
Anise Warren



JSC Treasurer
Matt Zuidland



JSC Rep
Tyler Dyson



Wellbeing Warriors:

Konnah Wood



Lucy Rickard



Amy Sargent



Addi Perry



Zhara Norris-Kerr



Jaxon Hunt



Tori Innes



Our 2023 student leaders are and will continue to be a great support to Mr M and staff in organising many areas of our school life throughout 2023, including leading weekly assemblies, school tours, community work, special events & fundraising.

Congratulations on your presentations & being elected by classmates and staff.

FIRE DRILL COMPLETED

Throughout the school year we will conduct fire and emergency drills in line with our Emergency Management Plan. Last Friday 17th Feb we walked our children through a Bushfire Emergency Drill. Our Bushfire Plan and strategies for families to follow should our school day ever be threatened by bushfire was included on our first newsletter of the school year. They can also be accessed on this link to our website at any time. http://www.invermayps.vic.edu.au/uploads/1/2/3/2/12327842/ips_bushfire_information_for_parents.pdf

PARENTS CLUB MEET - Friday 10th March - 2pm in the Multi Purpose Room

We have a super friendly and active Parents & Friends committee who enjoy getting together socially, as well as to meet and brainstorm school fundraising, school improvement projects and school celebrations. A focus of their work this year will be the 150th anniversary of our school.

We invite all interested Mums, Dads & Carers to catch up for the first time this year to set a P&F meeting calendar for 2023 and brainstorm fundraising opportunities, social events and celebrations for our students and wider Invermay community throughout the year.

Our P&F already have a number of ideas and activities booked in for this year - some with a focus on **fun** ... others with a focus on **fundraising**! More help is always appreciated, so please feel free to join us if you can for an informal chat in our IPS Multi Purpose Room staffroom from 2pm. Tea & coffee will be provided. Call in and meet some lovely, like minded people if you have the chance and please feel free to bring along any new or interesting social or fundraising opportunities you may have to share for consideration in 2023-24. All welcome!

SCHOOL COUNCIL - Wednesday 8th March

This year we have parent vacancies for our school council. If you would like to nominate or seek further info regarding School Council for the 2023-24 school years and how you can be involved, please speak with Mr M in the office. Parent reps on school council hold a 2 year position. We meet on Wednesday evenings, usually 6-8 times per year and for 2 hrs per meeting 7-9pm.

Our first 2023 meeting of Invermay PS Council and AGM will be held on Wednesday 8th March, in Mr B's Gr 5/6 classroom from 7pm. All continuing and new councillors to attend.

A big thank you to our school council reps from last year - Paul Borchers, Jess Harrison, Emma Rickard, Dallas Warren, James Waghorne, Jan Westlake, Bobby Norris, Tarlea Bykersma & Steve Coyle.

LUNCH ORDERS: delivered Mondays & Fridays to Invermay PS - order online

Lunch orders can be purchased for delivery Mondays and Fridays at IPS through www.quickcliq.com.au

If you are considering trying a lunch order, download the QuickCliq app and follow the first time instructions to get set up and place an order. Orders must be placed before 8:15am on the day of delivery, but can be placed days, weeks or even months in advance if necessary. Parents receive an email confirmation once an order has been successfully placed, which summarises lunch order delivery date; student name & classroom; as well as items ordered.



T-Birds Breaky Club 8.00 – 8.45am Monday, Thursday & Friday mornings in our IPS hall.

\$5 your child will receive **all they can** eat & drink cereal, toast, juice, milo and toasties are available to enjoy ... all in a safe, supervised environment with friends.

No booking required, simply escort your child into our school gym and check in with our friendly Breaky Club host Deb.

Payment made to Deb on arrival.

Enjoy kids!

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
❖ 20 minutes per day.	❖ 5 minutes per day.	❖ 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year.
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
❖ Scores in the 90 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 th percentile on standardized tests.

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.

Mobile Area Resource Centre (MARC) Van Visits

In 2023 we welcome the MARC Van to our school on Wednesdays during Semester 1 and Fridays during Semester 2.

The Mobile Area Resource Centre (MARC Van) is a mobile library which visits six district schools in our local area. There are thirty-five MARC Vans like this one around Victoria, each with its very own qualified MARC teacher & librarian. Ours is based at Skipton, with teacher-librarian Mrs Gayle Munson our new MARC Teacher.

MARC Vans have been operating since the 1970's. There are around 35 MARC Vans in Victoria. MARC Vans are a part of the Department of Education and were introduced to service Rural Schools with less than 100 students to provide the opportunity to borrow books from a Library Service.

The MARC van is filled with picture story books, fictional novels, and non-fiction books for students and teachers to borrow. MARC lessons allow students to share books, discuss different aspects of the books, think critically and explore issues in greater details with an activity that is appropriate.

Teacher - librarian Gayle and her MARC Van will visit our Prep and Gr 1-2 classrooms fortnightly, then our Gr 3-4 and Gr 5-6 classrooms on the alternate fortnight. We welcome Gayle to our team.



Gayle Munson - MARC Van Teacher



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following T-Birds who have been recognised for exemplifying our school values of **Commitment**, **Cooperation**, **Respect**, **Responsibility**, **Honesty** & **Excellence**.

Week 4

Congratulations
*Eden, Ava, Lucy,
Scarlett and Xavier.*



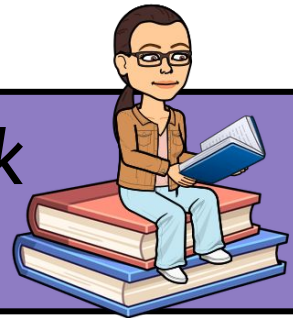
Classroom News 2023

In 2023, classroom teachers will be keeping you up to date with the latest teaching and learning using Google Sites. These sites will provide happy snaps and classroom updates, uploaded by teachers and students. Click the links to visit each classroom!



Foundation - Jan Westlake

Mrs Westlake > [Click Here](#)



Grade 1/2 - Bec Garlick

Mrs Garlicks > [Click Here](#)



Grade 3/4 - Chrissy McShane

Mrs McShane > [Click Here](#)

Grade 5/6 - Paul Borchers



Mr Borchers > [Click Here](#)

Gr 1-6 SPORT & MUSIC SPECIALIST COACHING

All Gr 1-6 students were sent home an information pack for 2023 Sport and Music Specialist coaching opportunities, with dates, costs, profiles of coaches and permission forms included.

These are optional classes at cost to parents, though still highly subsidised by our school council and certainly more affordable than similar lessons you may be able to access with the same coaches outside of school hours.

Applications to participate in **Ukulele (Gr 1-6)**, **Tennis (Gr 1-6)**, **Guitar (Gr 3-6)** or **Golf (Gr 3-6)** coaching this year close on Friday 24th Feb. Please return forms to Mr M in the office if keen to join. Have fun, be committed and enjoy the challenge of learning a skill for life kids.



PERMISSION FORMS & PAYMENTS

Any notes, money, permission forms etc. throughout the year should to be returned to your homeroom teacher at the beginning of the school day in a marked envelope. Each homeroom teacher marks the roll and asks for notes/forms/payments at the beginning of each day. Our homeroom teachers then deliver to the office each morning. As we invite families to transition to our new home-school communication tool known as XUNO throughout the year - many excursion forms and payments will be able to be completed paper free.

Payment Methods to begin the school year:

At his time, our two preferred payment methods for activities during the school year remain:

***Cash** – in a named & clearly marked envelope. Please ask your child to present to their teacher.

***EFT – Invermay PS BSB: 063502 A/C: 10137566**

If you are able to forward a receipt copy of any electronic EFT payment made to school with your child to hand to their teacher in the morning that is most helpful. Alternatively, a screen shot emailed directly to office manager Karen is also very helpful for her in processing online payments accurately at this time. Feel free to email a digital receipt from any electronic transfers you make to Business Manager - Karen Rieniets at

karen.rieniets@education.vic.gov.au



Parent Payment Option Forms have been sent home.
Should you wish/able to contribute please complete the form and return to the school office.

If you require support in completing, please catch Justin or Karen in our office and they will assist wherever required.

2023 PARENT PAYMENT OPTION FORM

This is a Parent Payment Option form to allow you to contribute to the school's operating costs. It is not a request for a refund. It is a request for a contribution to the school's operating costs. It is not a request for a refund. It is a request for a contribution to the school's operating costs.

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2023 FAMILY TOTAL, paid to PS by March 1, 2023

Payment method: ☐ CASH/ENVELOPE ☐ DIRECT DEBIT ☐ Please attach receipt

Parent/Donor Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Donor Signature: _____ Date: _____

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments**; your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances**; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



DIRECT LINK:

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/carer details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

☐ Foster parent under a temporary care order* **OR** ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

**Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card

Is this an application for special consideration (no CRN needed)? Yes ☐ No ☐

Student details

Student's surname	Student's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that

- DFFH will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the DFFH and for State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____ Date ____/____/____

CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below are the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – General eligibility

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or carer of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one
 - on the first day of Term two
- a) be a holder of one or more of the eligible financially-means tested cards **OR** be a temporary foster parent, and;
- b) submit an application to the school by the due date.

For the list of eligible financially-means tested cards refer to the CSEF Policy:

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/policy>

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with the above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Special Consideration

A special consideration category exists for

- Families on a bridging visa, temporary protection visa, in community detention or are asylum seeker families
- Students in temporary out of home care arrangements, including statutory kinship care

For more information, see <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/guidance/eligibility>

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/carer concession card being validated successfully with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (30 January 2023) or term two (24 April 2023).

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see:

www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents/carers so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/CARER DETAILS section.

Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.

If you are claiming as a temporary Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.

If you are seeking special consideration, mark this in the form and provide a copy of the relevant documentation.

2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2023 closes on the 23 June 2023.



NBFNC PLAYERS WANTED

u9, u11 & u13
Football

Contact Tanya on 0407 472 243