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Friday 10th March, 2023

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Mon 13th March Labour Day Public Holiday

Wed 15th March
NAPLAN Reading, Writing and Maths
Assessment begins for Gr 3 & 5
students across Australia.

Fri 17th March
Parents & Friends off site visit to
Overwrought Garden Art 1:30pm.
Complimentary cuppa. RSVP to parent
Tarlea Bykersma or IPS office.

Wed 22nd March
Gr 3-6 ROBOTICS INCURSION in our
senior building. S11 per student.
Permission and payment details to join
the fun are now on XUNO.

Friday 24th March
Hot Cross Bun, Pie & Donut orders with
payment <u>due back</u> to IPS office.

Wed 29th March
Hot Cross Bun, Pie & Donut orders
available for collection from IPS.

Sunday 2nd April
High Tea fundraiser at Invermay Bowls
Club - raising money to replace the
fence around our new playcourt.
2pm start. Information flier with all
details inside today's newsletter

Tues 4th April
IPS P-6 Athletics Carnival
– whole day at Llanberris Reserve
Families to meet there at 8;45am for a
9:00am start to events.

Wed 5th April
SCHOOL PHOTOS from 9am Order
Forms sent home with students today.

Thurs 6th April Final day of Term 1 2:00pm Assembly 2:30pm finish

Principal's Update

Hi Team Invermay! Term 1 is absolutely flying by, with so many teaching, learning, professional development, fundraising and extra curricular activities already underway.

In the next fortnight alone:

- our Gr 3&5 students will undertake NAPLAN Assessments;
- our Parents & Friends will have a field trip for grown ups to Overwrought Garden Art in Blampied;
- paper Hot Cross Bun, Pie & Donut Order forms will be sent home with the eldest student in the family;
- $\hbox{- tennis, guitar \& ukulele lessons continue for a number of kiddos who have signed up this year;}\\$
- our Gr 3-6 students will enjoy a ROBOTICS incursion at school;
- ... and all IPS students will continue their event training training for our upcoming IPS Aths Day.

Additional detail for all of these events can be found in today's newsletter, as well as within your family XUNO account in the CALENDAR, NEWS or EVENTS sections.

NAPLAN: National Assessment Program - Literacy And Numeracy

NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

NAPLAN 2023 assessments for Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 students across Australia will be held in classrooms between Wednesday 15th March and Monday 27th March. The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals that informs us of strengths & gaps in student achievement. Results are distributed to schools and families nationwide later in the school year.

Please contact our NAPLAN coordinator Paul Borchers (Gr 5-6) should you have any questions.

Uniform

We've had a real mix of weather over the last fortnight with jumpers and jackets going off and on regularly. Sometimes uniform may have been named on tags 12 or 24 months ago, but after many washes, the names can no longer be read.

If grown ups at home could assist or direct their young TBirds at home to name / re-name the shirts, jumpers, hats & coats in their cupboard this long weekend, it would be a massive help to students, staff and families alike. This should help us to re-acquaint 95% of lost and found items to the correct owner. It may also help identify any uniform with another students name mistakenly taken home

Notes Coming Home - School Photos & Hot Cross Bun/Pie/Donut Orders

Keep an eye out in school bags tonight for Hot Cross Bun Order Forms and School Photo order forms, which are coming home with the eldest student in the family today in paper copy (as supplied by distributors). These activity notes will not be distributed on XUNO.

PARENTS CLUB MEET - Friday 17th March - 1:30pm at Overwrought Garden Art - Blampied

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.

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*! 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!

Our next meeting will be a social outing to Overwrought Garden Art 1:30pm. Complimentary cuppa.

RSVP to parent Tarlea Bykersma or IPS office. Numbrs essential in advance for this event

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our first school council meeting for 2023 was held on Wednesday evening. Items discussed included Finance Reports for end 2022 and January 2023; buildings and grounds tasks completed over the Summer; quotes for a proposed fence upgrade around our new play court; enrolments; a report on our recent Queenscliff Beach Camp; newsletter ideas and format suggestions for assembly.

We also gave thanks to our School Council President of the last eight years, Dallas Warren, with mention given to the many hours of service and the countless hands on projects, working bees and school improvement initiatives Dallas has contributed to in that time. We will be seeking a new School council President at our next meeting. Thanks so much for your contribution Dallas.

Our school council would appreciate some feedback from our community on the on the value and readership of our fortnightly newsletter at the moment. To help measure this, we ask families reading this edition to send a simple **SMS** to our school mobile 0475 326396 **with your name and the word NEWSLETTER**. In doing so, you'll let us know that you've made it this far in reading this newsletter, as well as gain entry into a draw for a voucher to the Lake View Hotel and Cafe.

Entries close next Friday 17th March. If you are one of our regular readers who submits an entry by SMS - good luck. The winner will be announced in our next newsletter. Thanks for joining the fun and helping us to gauge newsletter readership.



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

For \$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!

KIDS WELLBEING & ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

Chaplain Leigh has started his lunchtime engagement clubs. Leigh's main roles include building good relationships with the students, engagement & wellbeing. The first activities Leigh has started are matchbox cars and drawing/colouring in. These activities are in 3-4 week blocks but are subject to change to suit students. Students are giving Leigh suggestions of what they would like to do.

Some suggestions put forward to Leigh are Cars, drawing and Pokémon, Dodgeball, Card and Boardgames, Chess & puzzles, Beads & necklaces, Craft, Basketball in gym, Minecraft, Soccer, Movies.

These activities will be planned according to weather throughout the year. Leigh has planned for the first part of Term 2 to be boardgames and chess/ checkers. Thank you to all that have already donated games to help these lunchtime activities run, but the more the merrier so if you have any unwanted games or puzzles at home that you are willing to donate please do so to the office. Leigh will be also helping the JSC in running events and any fundraisers throughout the year.



SCHOOL CAR PARK SAFETY (please also see Carpark maps and images on next page)

Whilst we have grown in enrolments in recent years, we still have a far better ratio of car parks to families than most Ballarat schools. Very few schools, other than remote or rural, might have anywhere near one park for each family.

Our NORTH CAR PARK (closest to the P-2 building) has 19 parking spaces available for staff and families wishing to come into school. It also has a dedicated NO PARKING zone marked with yellow diagonal stripes adjacent to the school gate. This is a drop off & pick up zone for parents wishing to drop and collect children in good time without leaving their car.

Our SOUTH CAR PARK (closest to the tennis courts) contains 13 parking spaces for families wishing to park and come into school.

In both car parks, we ask adults and children to exit their family car and walk between cars to the front, where a bright yellow line is painted to guide them safely to each school gate. We are keen to do whatever we can for children **not to walk behind parked vehicles** on their way to the school gate during busy morning and afternoon drop offs/collects. In both car parks, we ask all students to follow the yellow line and not walk behind parked cars. We ask parents to support this message also to model safe car park use to your children and others.

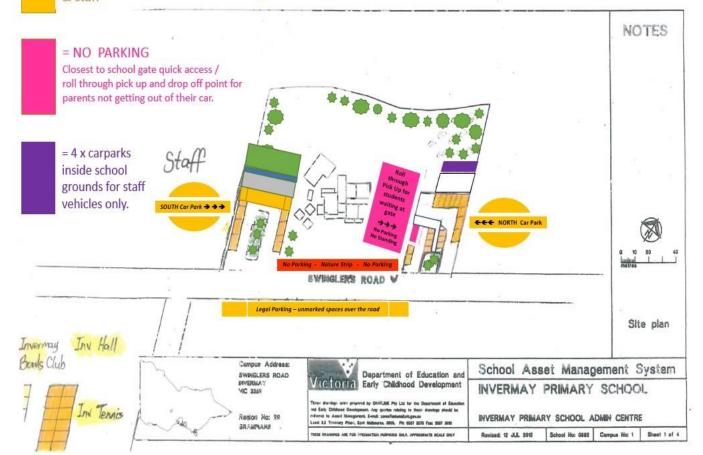
We are still reasonably well placed to have 32 marked car parks for morning and afternoon drop-off, servicing 46 families. We also have an express drop-off & pick-up zone at the northern school gate (which can comfortably have up to two cars idling and waiting at any time), for families to roll through. If needed, families may also park legally & safely across the road from our front fence on a flat, grassed area, but are asked to walk across and collect their children in person. (Again - please note the no standing signs on our own nature strip, which Vic Roads deem too narrow to safely parallel park.)

On rare occasions, some of us also utilise the 50 odd parking spaces at the Invermay community tennis courts and bowls club over the road, only 150m away. We also have the blue-metal car park area inside our school fence line for up to five staff cars, that was put down to free up family parking spaces in our two main car park areas.

We do ask that parking inside the school grounds at the northern end be restricted to staff only please. On occasion families have started to drive in and turn around/park on the school oval from 3pm onward. With student monitors picking up equipment in the yard, classes completing outside lessons or sport etc., the chance is just too high that a little one could be unintentionally injured. As such, we ask that you utilise the parking options listed above instead please.

= Parking for IPS families & staff

Invermay PS Car Parking Plan







Cars – 5km/h speed limit in our carparks.

Pedestrians – stay visible to drivers and follow the yellow line in front of cars – we do not want children or adults walking behind parked cars.



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 5

Addison, Bella, Jaxon, Ivy, Caitlyn, Teddy, Hendrix, Xavier and Billie











Week 6

Paisley, Tori, Jaxson, Addison, Gabby, Audrey, Ned and Max









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.

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INVERMAY PRIMARY SCHOOL P-6 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Tuesday 4th April, 2023

VENUE: Llanberris Aths Track (Located at 201 Barkly St, Golden Point, Ballarat)

TRANSPORT: Students and families to arrange own transport

STUDENT ARRIVAL: 8.45am ... for a 9:00am start

TIMETABLE: 9am - Individual track events, relay & rotation of field events

12.45pm - 1:10pm Lunch break

1:10pm - Continue field events (High Jump to finish)

2:30-3:00pm - Presentations, pack up and students ready for collection

All Invermay Primary students have been training for a number of weeks now to prepare them for a successful and enjoyable day. Our kids will each compete in a sprint, hurdle, relay, discus, shot put, long jump, high jump and vortex event. The focus of the day will be on achieving your personal best, as well as representing your house. All students will receive ribbons to recognise their effort in their sprint and team relay. In other events, they will be representing their IPS house affiliation - Muscatel, Swinglers, Alkera or Dead Horse Gully, earning points for their house through both their participation and results toward our historic IPS Sports House Trophy.

PLANNING:

- All parents & family members are welcome to come and spectate, support your kids. We look forward to seeing many Mums, Dads, Nans, Pa's and extended family members in attendance. (You may like to bring a deck chair from home)
- Families should aim to arrive at 8.45am. On arrival, we ask all students to head to the start/finish area of the running track and check in with Mrs Westlake & Mrs Garlick - who will be marking an attendance roll and issuing student id and event bands. Children will begin to be marshalled for their first event from 9.00am (400/800m for qualified students).
- **Parents who are dropping children off but not staying we ask you to walk your child in to the start finish area of the running track and check in with Mrs Westlake and Mrs Garlick who will be marking an attendance roll. Children can be collected in the same way from 2.30pm.
- A 30 minute lunch break will be held from approx. 12:45pm for students to have a relax and chat with school mates or family in attendance. Ballarat Little Athletics Club will have a canteen open from approx 11am - with pies, pasties, hot dogs, hot/cold drinks and snack foods on sale. Otherwise, a normal student lunch and drink or a family picnic will be your best options.
- All students have the option to dress in house team colours (Red, Blue, Green or Yellow) and show their house group allegiance on the day. NOTE: Clothing should still be appropriate for athletics participation. Kids should also pack a warm jumper/jacket and pants if necessary to pull over the top during breaks if weather demands it. Students should also have a named water bottle and hat.

In the event of inclement/unsafe weather, an SMS message and Xuno message reading IPS ATHS CANCELLED

will be sent at 8am to your listed family contact phone/Xuno account that morning and a normal school day will proceed.



2023 FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

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 familles 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

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.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit: https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx



DIRECT LINK:

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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.
- 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.

Join Invermay For



2pm Sunday 2nd April

INVERMAY BOWLS CLUB - 161 SWINGLERS ROAD

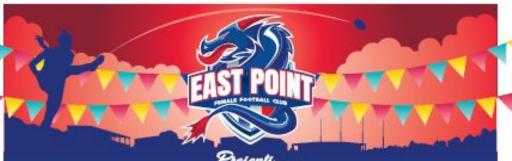
RAISING FUNDS FOR INVERMAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

\$50 Adults - Includes a wine \$40 Students - Includes a soft drink

DRESS IN YOUR SUNDAY BEST FOR BOOKINGS PLEASE SCAN QR

For catering purposes all tickets require payment by 24th March Sharon Clark 0419522141 - Jeneene Coyle 0400019366





Presents...

The East Point Dragons Female Football Club are a local Australian Rules football dub that offers the complete pathway for girls of all ages.

We are based at White Flat Oval (behind Federation University Grant Street Campus), and offer Regional Victoria's first female only Auskick program.

No matter your age we have a team for you to play football. We offer:

Auskick: 5-12 years old Under 14's: 9 - 14 years old Under 16's: 15 - 16 years old Under 19's: 17 - 19 years old Women's: 18 years & older

The Dragons are launching a new club mascot in 2023, and we are looking to give her a name.

We are holding a naming competition with the winner being announced at our Movie Night on Tuesday 21st March. See below.



The Dragons are offering an introduction training session for anyone who would like to Come and Try' football. No matter your age, experience or skill level we would love to see you come along and give football a try.

Where: White Flat Oval (behind Federation Uni Grant St campus)

When: Tuesday 21st March 7Ime: 5:30 - 6:30pm **BBQ** Dinner to follow. The Dragons are hosting a Movie Night extravaganza for the local community to enjoy. This is a family friendly evening for everyone to enjoy:

Movie: Puss in Boots:

The Last Wish

Where: White Flat Oval

Start Time: 7:30pm Finish Time: 9:15pm

PLEASE CONTACT US...

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