



We are in Wadawurrung Country

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 March, 2023

Edition 23-4

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Friday 24th March

Hot Cross Bun, Pie & Donut orders
with payment due back to IPS office.

Wed 29th March

Hot Cross Bun, Pie & Donut orders
available for collection from IPS multi
purpose room (double portable at Nth
Carpark)

Sunday 2nd April

High Tea fundraiser at Invermay Bowls
Club - raising money to replace the
fence around our new playcourt.
2pm start.

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 Frisay
10th March. See Karen in our office
for additional forms.

Thurs 6th April

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

Mon 24th April

First day of Term 2
for Victorian Govt Schools

Tues 25th April

ANZAC DAY Public Holiday

Principal's Update

Hi Team Invermay! In our last newsletter, school council were seeking some feedback from our community on the value and readership of our fortnightly newsletter at the moment. To help measure this, we asked families reading pg 2 of our March 10 edition to send a simple SMS to our school mobile with their name and the word NEWSLETTER. In doing so, you'd let us know that you'd made it that far in reading the newsletter, as well as gain entry into a draw for a voucher to the Lake View Hotel and Cafe.

Reponses & entries closed last Friday 17th March. For those who did have a chance to respond and gain entry into the voucher draw, thanks for joining the fun and helping us to measure current newsletter readership in a simple and fun way.

The winner of a \$25 Voucher to the Lake View Hotel & Cafe was drawn from a hat by Prep teacher Jan Westlake at assembly. *Congratulations to the Bykersma family.*

Looking toward the end of Term 1, we still have a number of events and activities to look forward to, including:

- Hot Cross Bun, Pie & Donut orders. Orders will be sorted by our Parents and Friends and ready for collection between 2:30-3:30pm next Wednesday afternoon from our multi purpose room.
- Tennis, guitar & ukulele lessons continue for a number of kiddos who have signed up this year;
- All IPS students continuing their event training training for our upcoming IPS Aths Carnival at Llanberris Athletics Reserve - York St Ballarat.
- School Photos - order and pay online directly to Master School Portraits before photo day (see Karen in our office for extra or replacement order forms)

Additional detail for all of these events can be found within your family XUNO account in the CALENDAR, NEWS or EVENTS sections. Back copies of all of our fortnightly newsletters can also be accessed at any time on our IPS website <http://www.invermayps.vic.edu.au/newsletter.html>

Finally, thanks to all who have been in a position to support our hot cross bun / pie drive and also our upcoming High Tea at Invermay Bowls Club, hopefully enabling us to replace the old fence around our new synthetic playcourt and have our kids safe and school grounds looking tip top for our 150th school celebrations later this year.

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 were held in classrooms between Wednesday 15th March and Monday 27th March. A big thank you to Mr B for coordinating the process for both our Yr 3 & 5 cohorts. The results of the tests provide a snapshot to students, parents, teachers and principals of both strengths & gaps in student literacy & numeracy. Results are distributed to schools and families nationwide later in the school year.

SCHOOL CAR PARK SAFETY

Invermay PS Car Parking Plan

= Parking for
IPS families
& staff

= NO PARKING

Closest to school gate quick access /
roll through pick up and drop off point for
parents not getting out of their car.

= 4 x carparks
inside school
grounds for staff
vehicles only.

Staff

SOUTH Car Park

NORTH Car Park

No Parking - Nature Strip - No Parking

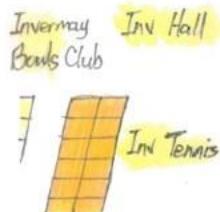
SWINGERS ROAD

Legal Parking - unmarked spaces over the road

NOTES



Site plan



Campus Address:
SWINGERS ROAD
INVERMAY
VIC 3358

Region No: 29
GRAMPLAND



Department of Education and
Early Childhood Development

These drawings were prepared by CHILLIE Pty Ltd for the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. Any queries relating to these drawings should be referred to Asset Management E-mail: assetmanagement@ed.gov.au
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THESE DRAWINGS ARE FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY. APPROXIMATE SCALE ONLY

School Asset Management System
INVERMAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

INVERMAY PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMIN CENTRE

Revised: 12 JUL 2019

School No: 0882

Campus No: 1

Sheet 1 of 4



The diagonal lines are our roll through zone for a quick drop off or pick up. Please stay in your car and exit our car park once your kids are in if you use this zone.
If you'd like to hop out and chat/stay for a play after school - do not park on these diagonal lines. Pedestrians - please keep this area clear at end of day for cars rolling in and out seeking express pick ups.



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.



Drivers - please be aware of pedestrians walking from centre carparks using this walkway to the school gate.

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 7

Gus, Damon, Ronan, Reuben,
Charlotte and James



Week 8

Owen, Victoria, Huey,
Zoey, Emi and Ivy



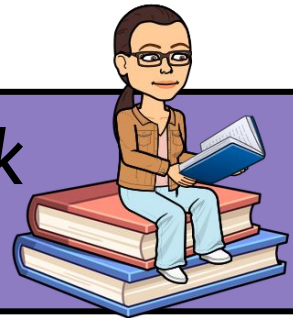
Classroom News 2023

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](#)

ATTENDANCE: How many days has your child missed this term?

In 2022 students in our school averaged over 20 days absence over the year. This is very concerning for many reasons, particularly their long term outlook.

Unfortunately, across the local area of Ballarat this pattern of poor attendance was quite common. At Invermay Primary School, with your support, it is one of our goals to decrease unnecessary or optional days of absence in 2023.. Below you can see the impact of an attendance rate that is below average on your child's education. Attendance can be checked and tracked on your XUNO Family App.

0-4 days of absence per term: This is within normal range. A child with this attendance rate is still able to take advantage of most teaching and learning opportunities available to them.

5-8 days of absence per term: This attendance rate is below average. A child with this attendance rate could miss one- two years of learning between Prep and Year 12.

9+ days of absence per term: This is a critically poor attendance rate. A child with this attendance rate could miss out on 2+ years of learning between Prep and Year 12.

Remember:

- ✓ Students need to attend school regularly to make the most of educational opportunities and to reach their full potential.
- ✓ Being at school helps us build and maintain friendships over time.
- ✓ There is a direct link between school attendance and achievement later in life.
- ✓ Poor patterns of attendance in the early years lead to poor patterns of attendance throughout the school years.
- ✓ When young people are in school every day, they are safer and less likely to become involved in crime in later life

HARMONY WEEK

This week is Harmony Week Monday 20th – Sunday 26th March. So what is Harmony Week?

It is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community. Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it.

Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.

Australia is a vibrant and multicultural country — from the oldest continuous culture of our first Australians to the cultures of our newest arrivals from around the world. Our cultural diversity is one of our greatest strengths and is at the heart of who we are. It makes Australia a great place to live.

An integrated multicultural Australia is an integral part of our national identity. All people who migrate to Australia bring with them some of their own cultural and religious traditions, as well as taking on many new traditions. Collectively, these traditions have enriched our nation and Harmony Week is a great time to acknowledge this.



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!**

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.**

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/carers 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.

Join Invermay For High Tea



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

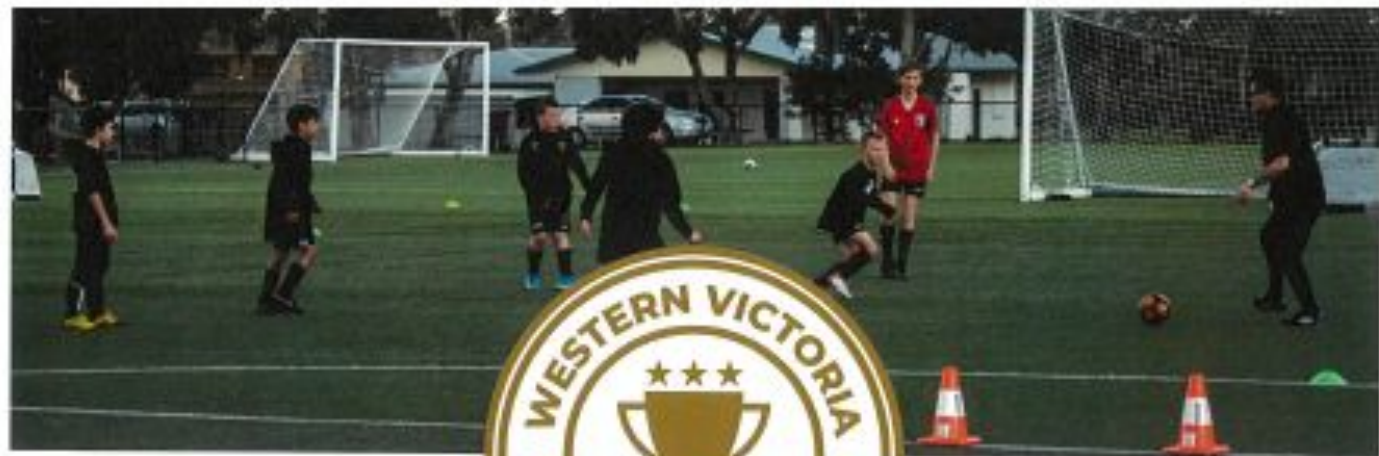
DRESS IN YOUR SUNDAY BEST

FOR BOOKINGS PLEASE SCAN QR

For catering purposes all tickets
require payment by 24th March

Sharon Clark 0419522141 - Jeneene Coyle 0400019366





HOLIDAY SQUAD

WHAT TO BRING

- Sunscreen
- Water bottle
- Warm clothes
- Shin pads / Football boots / Runners
- Any medical requirements

WHAT WE PROVIDE

- Snacks and lunch both days
- Lots of fun!

DATES

Miners Rest Primary School
April 12th-13th 2023
July 5th-6th 2023
September 27th-28th 2023

COST

\$230

Optional extras:
Shorts and T-shirt \$35



BOOKINGS

To book your session scan the QR Code or visit our website.

