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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 4th August, 2023**

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Swim & Gym

For all grade levels at  
Ballarat Aquatic Centre  
Tuesday 8th, 15th, 22nd  
and 29th August

### Wednesday 9th Aug

7pm SCHOOL COUNCIL  
meet at Midlands Golf Club

### Thursday 10th August

2-3pm Golf lessons begin with  
Ballarat Jnr Golf Academy

### Monday 14th Aug

NAIDOC themed indigenous  
studies in IPS classrooms  
this morning

### Monday 21st August

BOOK WEEK FANCY DRESS  
DAY for all kids and staff  
(see details inside newsletter)

### Thursday 14th Sept

R U OK Day @ Invermay PS  
Wear a splash of yellow with  
your uniform, or go crazy and  
wear all yellow today!  
Optional \$1 sausage sizzle run  
by JSC instead of hot  
chocolates today

### IPS Beanies - \$25 each

IPS Beanies available from our  
school office until sold out.  
See Karen or Justin if  
interested.

## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

### Great news for IPS families ..... After School Care is coming in 2024-25



Demand for After School Care is present and growing right across Australia. So in Term 2 I invited our existing IPS families to indicate their family need for after school care. The results:

- 24 x IPS families responded to our survey, with 12 of those indicating YES that they would make use of after school care; 9 indicating MAYBE and 3 families indicating they likely WOULDN'T utilise such a service.
- Families responding YES and MAYBE will represent 33 TBird students in 2024 ... 3x Prep; 9x Gr 1; 7x Gr 2; 3x Gr 3; 5x Gr 4; 4x Gr 5 and 2x Gr 6. These figures do not include new families to IPS in 2024.
- Likely days of identified need (per family/not per student): Monday = 7 families; Tuesday = 10 families; Wednesday = 8 families; Thursday = 9 families; Friday = 9 families
- 2 families indicated they currently source off site after school care.
- 7 families indicated they would likely use After School Care sparingly - perhaps only once per week or less.
- 67% of families listed cost as the biggest perceived barrier, however 75% stated that After School Care would enable greater employment opportunities for their family.

Out of pocket costs for after school care are largely determined by your family eligibility level for the *Child Care Subsidy (CCS)*. Many of our families will be eligible for a proportion of the Child Care Subsidy, which can reduce the daily cost of Outside School Hours Care by up to 85%.

In other Ballarat District schools I have communicated with this year, parents may find themselves out of pocket between \$5 - \$35 per afternoon session based on the base rate set by the registered After School Care provider and also a family's Child Care Subsidy eligibility.

This week I was notified that an application I compiled for a Victorian Government After School Care School Start Up Grant has been successful. This start up grant will make it financially viable for our school to engage a registered After School Care provider at IPS for during 2024-25 - even if numbers of attendance are limited initially - whilst we build up patronage and ascertain usage rates and viability beyond 2025.

Following an upcoming information session for Principal's, later this term we will tender for a registered Out Of School Hours Care provider to run afternoon sessions containing play based experiences, games, snacks and more in our hall, multi-purpose room, art room and outside play spaces from 3:30 - 6:00pm on school days and all day on curriculum days. School holiday options will also be explored once our afternoon service is up and running. The successful registered provider will provide staffing, as well as an online booking/billing service for our families to utilise in 2024-25.

Invermay PS will provide our facilities, equipment and promotion of the service only.



## BOOK WEEK @ Invermay PS

### FANCY DRESS DAY

MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023

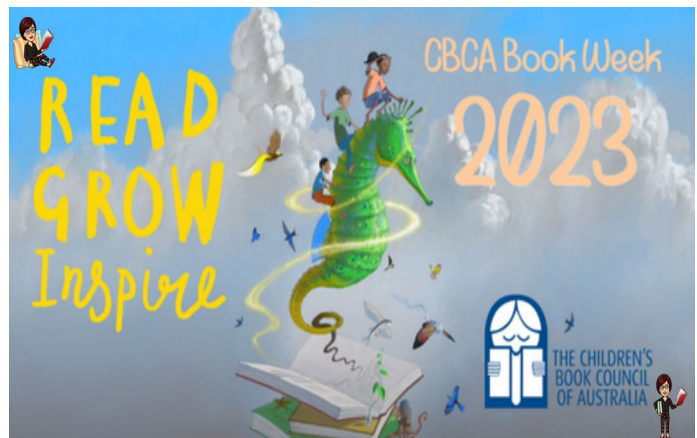
All IPS staff and students are invited to dress up for the day as a favourite book character from any story they love.

*Activities include:*

**\*\* Fancy Dress Day**

**\*\* Costume Parade**

**\*\* Rotation of Book Week activities across the school**



### Parent Opinion Survey

An annual Parent Opinion Survey is conducted in all government schools by the Department of Education and Training. It is designed to assist schools to gain an understanding of parent's perceptions of school climate, student behaviour & student engagement.

Similar surveys for staff and Gr 4-6 students are conducted annually also. Our school leadership & school council will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

Next week, all families will be emailed a link to participate in the 2023 Parent/ Carer survey. This years Parent/Carer Survey will open online from Monday 7th August and can be accessed at any convenient time on a smartphone, desktop computer, laptop or tablet. Your input would be greatly appreciated.

The Invermay PS survey link will remain open for parents/carers to complete until Friday 8th September.

### Wellbeing news from Chaplain Leigh Yates - **RU OK**

In the final week of Term 3 on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September, our Junior School Council are planning on holding **RU OK** day, where we will raise a voice to everyone that it is "Ok to not feel ok every day" and that it shows kindness and care to check in on friends and family every so often.

We invite all staff and students to wear a splash of yellow on the day and bring a gold coin donation to support RUOK awareness in schools.

Junior School Councillors will conduct a few fun activities and giveaways for students. Plus, instead of our usual Thursday hot chocolate stand, there will be an optional sausage sizzle at lunchtime with snags in bread for \$1.





## 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 2

Ronan, Xavier, Tyler and Leo



### Week 3

Anise, Audrey, Reuben, Bayleigh, Ivy and Yazmyne



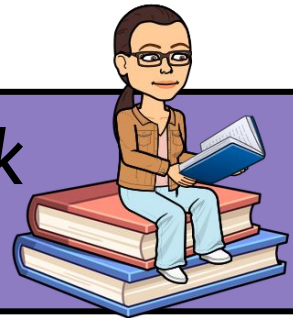
# Classroom News 2023

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](#)



# SCHOOL CAR PARKING

In both carparks, 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 carparks, we ask all students to follow the yellow line and not walk behind parked cars.

We ask parents to support this message also for the safety of our children.



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.



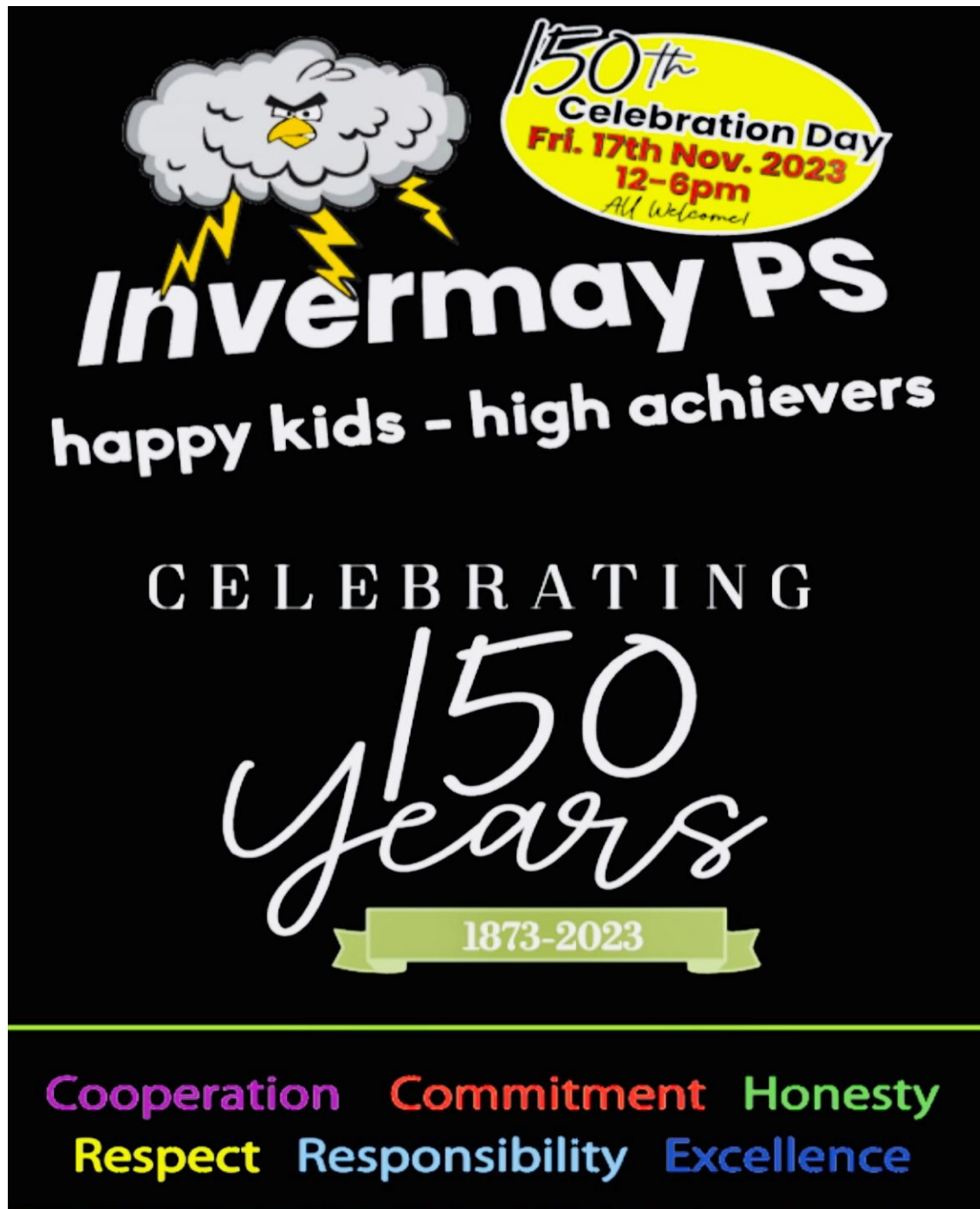
Cars – 5km/h speed limit in our carparks.

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.

*Save the date!*



All past and present students, staff, families and community members are invited to join us at school in the afternoon of Friday 17th November to celebrate the 150th anniversary of our wonderful school.

Activities include - open classrooms, historical displays, school community assembly, story sharing, photo booth, ice cream & coffee vans, kids activities and drinks at bar prices back at the Invermay Sports Club from 4:30 - 6:00pm.