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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 13th October 2023

Edition 23-15

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 16th October (Week 3)

PUPIL FREE

COMMON DAY

School Council Approved

IPS Reading Instructional Model

9am-2pm

School Wide Positive Behaviours

Presentation by Martine

Wakeham 2pm-4pm

Tuesday 17th October

FREE Prep-6 Excursion to

Ballarat Fine Art Gallery
for Ballarat Photo Biennale.

Depart IPS 9:15am

Return 11:45am

Fri 17th November

IPS 150th Anniversary

CELEBRATION DAY

12noon - 6pm

All present and past IPS

families, staff and

community members

welcome

Wed 22nd November

IPS SCHOOL PRODUCTION

6:30 - 8:30pm

Mt Rowan Sec College Theatre

Wed 25th October

Gr 5-6 Cybersafety & Cyber

Use forum for Gr 5-6

students and parents

3:00 - 3:30pm in 5-6 classroom

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Friggatriskaidekaphobia

"A catchy word for fear of Friday the 13th, friggatriskaidekaphobia is cobbled together from "Frigg," the Norse goddess whom Friday is named after, and "triskaidekaphobia," which means the fear of the number 13"

Today is Friday 13th - as kids we were often warned to be wary on such a date. I've survived more than 50 of them so I must be doing something right.

More seriously however, why is the number 13 important to us as parents?

As our kids progress through primary school and prepare for secondary schooling, they will inevitably be confronted by both opportunities and challenges presented through social media. Along with the benefits of friendly banter, planning events, giving and receiving compliments and staying in touch with friends and family far away, there is also the likelihood that a user of social media will at some time experience or be witness to online bullying, anxiety and misuse of personal data - three pitfalls of social media.

Why are we talking about this?

Major social media platforms, including Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and TikTok, require users to be at least 13yo. This includes Australia.

If you are not sure about what your child is up to online, ask them regularly to sit alongside you and share their screen. Encourage them to spend online time in open areas of your family home - rather than in their room. Avoid access to devices once they've said goodnight and gone to bed. Most importantly, strongly consider their readiness for social media before they are legally allowed to engage.

The Victorian Department of Education provide resources for teachers and schools, but also for families to help navigate the challenge of monitoring, discussing and managing your children's online use at home.

Department of Education **CYBER SAFETY flyer for PARENTS:**

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/bullystoppers/sminappropriate.pdf>

Department of Education **CYBER BULLYING flyer for PARENTS:**

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/bullystoppers/smcyberbullying.pdf>

Department of Education **CYBER SAFETY flyer for CHILDREN:**

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

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Just like reminding our kids to apply sunscreen and look both ways before crossing the road - it is equally important to monitor their use and reinforce online safety & respectful use of online platforms.

Mr B is invites parents and carers of Gr 5-6 in for a Cyber Safe discussion and info sharing alongside their Gr 5-6 child from 3:00-3:30pm on Wednesday 25th October.

He'd love to see you if you can make it.

Alternatively, please take a look at some of the above resources from the Vic Dept of Education

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.

Click the QR Code above for a full schedule on our Facebook event page

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**.

Term 4 - Week 1



Victoria
Eden
Yazmyne
Ava
Teddy
Lily
Zaviah



Term 4 - Week 2



Rayleigh
Damon
Matty
Caitlyn
Addi



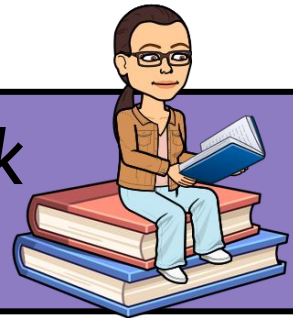
Classroom News 2023

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](#)