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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 27th October 2023

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Friday 1st December (Week 9)

PUPIL FREE

CURRICULUM DAY

Assessment & Reporting

Monday 11th December (Week 11)

PUPIL FREE

Parent Teacher Interviews

&

Student Support Group

meetings

Wednesday 13th December

(Week 11)

Gr 6 Graduation Dinner

Invermay Sports Club

All GR 6 students & families invited.

\$25 adult

\$15 child

2 course meal included

**Booking details will be forwarded to
families early November**

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Buildings & Grounds

We have some exciting ground and yard developments underway, the first being the installation of a magnificent commemorative school gate and archway to celebrate our school's 150th anniversary, along with a new north perimeter fence and undercover seating area just inside that fenceline. We are also giving our built in bbq area a facelift and upgrade. Thank you to the Anchor & Garlick families who have each volunteered time in recent weeks to help out with improvement projects in our grounds. Here is a sneak peak of progress made this week:



Whilst the tradies are working for just a few more days, we ask all families to assist with traffic flow at afternoon pick up time by remaining in or near your vehicle and not congregating around the works area. We'll do our best to keep traffic flowing and pick ups timely.

Cyber Safety

It was great to have a number of families attend our Gr 5-6 Cyber Safety Forum for parents and kids last Wednesday, where Mr B and myself referenced student wellbeing data and also some of the Department of Education resources shared with families in our last newsletter.

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

Gr 6 Graduation Dinner

At the beginning of November Gr 6 families will receive information for our graduation dinner at Invermay Sports Club, where we enjoy a roast meal and presentations by each of our graduating students. A two course meal is included on the night for \$25 Adult & \$15 child.

Did you spot us in the Ballarat Courier this week?



2 THE COURIER Wednesday October 25, 2023

NEWS

Invermay pupils excited for milestone celebration

Michelle Smith

INVERMAY Primary School is possibly the biggest it has ever been in its 150 years of teaching children on the outskirts of Ballarat.

What that means is the biggest party in the school's history, as students, staff and families prepare for the milestone celebration on November 17.

Enrolment numbers have varied over the years, from as few as 16 during the 1960s, but the current crop of 65 pupils is among the largest in the school's history and that could increase further with subdivisions already approved within the school zone.

The school's history has been in the spotlight in recent months as it prepares to celebrate 150 years.

Invermay Historical Society and the school's parents and friends group have been working together to find documents, photographs and other artefacts to display.

Principal Justin Marshman said they had even managed to find letters from the 1850s and '60s from

parents living in what was then known as Dead Horse Gully asking for a school to be built.

"There was a request from parents and Dead Horse Gully Common School was established in a church building, not on our site, then after a couple of years Invermay was formally gazetted and mapped, and in 1873 Invermay State School was built a year after the Education Act of 1872 declared all kids should receive an education that was compulsory and free," he said.

"We've got these (letters) blown up listing the names and signatures of families requesting the school."

Grade five and six pupils have delved into the more recent history of the school, interviewing principals and students from the past 50 years. They crafted a set of 25 questions to ask each subject, including John Mooney, who was principal from 1970-73, and Elke Gunn who was principal in the 1990s.

To celebrate the big day, there will be a two-hour "party" for current students with ice cream, face-paint-

ing, Kelly Sports, other activities and a sausage sizzle before an assembly, performance, storytelling, cake-cutting and an official unveiling of the new gateway, arch and fence built to commemorate the school's 150th birthday. Memorabilia including photos, uniforms, photo albums and more will be on display.

Among the stories to be told is that of Myrtle Elliot, who, at almost 104, visited the school in 2014 exactly 100 years and one day after her first day of school.

"When she visited in 2014 we found a photo of her in year one with her three older siblings and she came back 100 years and one day after her first day of

attendance," Mr Marshman said. "She was in our hall, playing maracas and told the story of learning to recite the alphabet backwards..."

Current and former students, staff and families are welcome at the celebrations on November 17 at the school from noon before shifting to the Invermay Bowling Club from 4.30pm.



Siena, Xavier, Ned and Billie are looking forward to Invermay Primary School's 150th birthday celebrations on November 17. Picture by Adam Trafford

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 3



Zoey

Michael

Isabella

Tully

Term 4 - Week 4



Charlotte

Leo

Huey

Sienna

IPS Whole School Concert



~ SAVE THE DATE ~

Wed 22nd November
IPS SCHOOL PRODUCTION
6:00 - 8:30pm
Mt Rowan Secondary College Theatre



Save the date!



The poster features a cartoon cloud with a grumpy face and lightning bolts. A yellow oval contains the text '150th Celebration Day Fri. 17th Nov. 2023 12-6pm All Welcome!'. The main text reads 'Invermay PS happy kids - high achievers CELEBRATING 150 Years 1873-2023'. A QR code is located in the bottom left corner. At the bottom, a list of school values is displayed: Cooperation, Commitment, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility, and Excellence.

150th Celebration Day
Fri. 17th Nov. 2023
12-6pm
All Welcome!

Invermay PS

happy kids - high achievers

CELEBRATING

150 Years

1873-2023

Cooperation Commitment Honesty
Respect Responsibility Excellence

INVERMAY PS 150th CELEBRATION DAY
Friday 17th November 2023

Schedule:

12:00-2:00pm

- * Fun activities and games for students (Kelly Sports, Plaster Painting, Colouring Comp, Face painting, Fairy Floss, Kids Parade)
- * Guests may take time to explore our school buildings, grounds, historical displays and new features. Walk, talk, reminisce & take pics at your leisure.
- * Luigi's Gelato Ice Cream Van onsite (complimentary for students & siblings)
- * Fairy Floss Machine (complimentary for students & siblings)
- * Kombi For A Cause Coffee Van

1:00pm-2:00pm B.B.Q Lunch/sausage sizzle for all in attendance

2:00 - 3:30pm

Assembly for all students past & present, families, community & distinguished guests

- * Welcome
- * Australian National Anthem
- * Principal and Student Leaders to share a timeline of School history.
- * Introduce past students in attendance through the decades 1950's 1960's etc and invite them up for a 'Class of 1950's photo' etc of each decade group
- * Memories of IPS - Storytelling
- * Songs sung by current students
- * Cut 150th cake and sing IPS song
- * Cut ribbon & unveil our new 150th commemorative entrance gate and arch at Nth Carpark
- * MSP photography - optional individual/group shots of past and present students & families in attendance

3:30-4:30pm

- * Self-serve tea, coffee & cake in School Hall
- * Explore our school buildings, grounds, historical displays and new features. Walk, talk, reminisce & take pics at your leisure.

4:30-6:00pm

- * Drinks at Invermay Sports Club
- * Self-serve Tea/Coffee
- * Commemorative cake to be served
- * Drinks at Bar prices

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

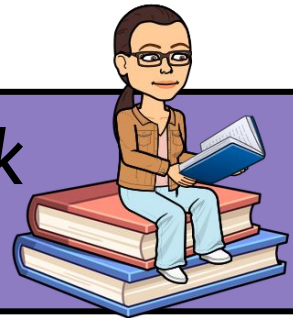
Classroom News 2023

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](#)