### Afternoon Specialist Timetable

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### Students of the Week

Last week’s SWPBS focus was ‘Being on time to places’

Congratulations to our Students of the Week

Mark, Blake, Xander, Rajha & Amelia!

### Lunchtime heat ups

Defrosted pie/pastie/sausage roll in tin foil that staff will put in our pie warmer pre lunch. Heat up day will run on the following timetable:

- **Monday** = Prep
- **Tuesday** = Gr 1&2
- **Wednesday** = Gr 3&4
- **Thursday** = Gr 5&6
- **Friday** = Parents Club Hot Lunches only

*** no frozen meals; no packet meals such as 2 min noodles / Mac & Cheese packets or similar meals requiring additional preparation should be sent to school thankyou

### Upcoming Events

**Wed 24th August**

**GRANDPARENTS DAY LUNCHEON**

- **Performance** = 11:30am
- **Lunch** = 12:15pm
- **Optional playdate at school** = 1:15pm

(Max 4 adults places per family available)

First in, best dressed.

$5 per adult entry at door

**Thursday 1st Sept**

- Gr 3-4 Ballarat Schools Footy Comp
- Gr 5-6 Ballarat Schools Basketball Comp

**Fri 16th September** - final day of Term 3

**1:30pm finish**

**NO HOT LUNCHES TODAY**

### House Points

| 1<sup>st</sup> | Swinglers | 2067 |
| 2<sup>nd</sup> | Dead Horse Gully | 1977 |
| 3<sup>rd</sup> | Alkera | 1626 |
| 4<sup>th</sup> | Muscatel | 1483 |
Last Friday Mr Borchers and myself attended the Ignite, Innovate & Integrate Conference at Kingswood PS in Melbourne. We left at 6am and arrived back in Ballarat at 7pm, but had a brilliant day hearing from international keynote speakers – notably Lee Crockett (Canadian author, designer, education consultant and inspirational thinker); Andrew Churches (NZ classroom teacher, author and Vice President of the Global Digital Citizen Foundation); and Suan Yeo (Google Ed Associate for Asia-Pacific schools), as well as joining in small workshops with teachers from across Victorian schools to explore and experience the use of Google Ed apps & Coding in the classroom. It was a really thought provoking day with Mr B and I identifying a number of opportunities we’d love to follow up further and plan for integration into our own classroom programs in 2017.

This fortnight I will be attending the Term 3 Central Highlands Principal Forum on Tuesday here in Ballarat, as well as the Victorian Principal’s Association annual conference in Melbourne on Thursday & Friday. Miss Ashmore will be Acting Principal in my absence on these days should you require any immediate feedback or support.

Thanks to all families who returned a Parent Opinion Survey for the Education Department. These have all been posted to Melbourne for collation. Schools will receive results in Term 4.

On a local level, I last week invited families to give feedback on their Parent-Teacher interview experience through a 1 minute survey online. We have received feedback from 20 families so far, which is brilliant and will be really useful feedback to staff as we continue to refine our reporting and feedback process.

**Key responses included:**

**Q1: Was your recent Invermay PS parent teacher interview…..**

- a) Worthwhile attending 95%
- b) Not worthwhile attending 5%

**Q2: How well did staff communicate your child’s current achievement and future learning goals?**

- a) Very well 100%
- b) Somewhat 0%
- c) Not at all 0%

**Q3: How helpful was the interview in providing you with knowledge, skills or strategies to better support your child at home with their learning?**

- a) Most helpful 65%
- b) Somewhat 35%
- c) Not at all 0%

**Q4: Was a 20 minute appointment suitable for you to understand your child’s current achievement /needs/ future goals?**

- a) Yes - it was fine 95%
- b) No - we needed longer 5%

**Q5: In previous years we have timetabled a parent-teacher interview at the beginning of the school year to set parents and children up for success in their new classroom. This year, we ran them mid year with a stronger focus on achievement and celebration of work that children were proud of. When is the best time of year to run this process?**

- a) Beginning of the school year 10%
- b) Mid year 60%
- c) End of year 5%
- d) All of the above 25%
- e) Not at all 0%

**Q6: Overall, how would you rate your parent-teacher-student interview?**

- a) Excellent 65%
- b) Very Good 35%
- c) OK 0%
- d) Unsatisfactory 0%

**Q7: Finally, do you have any suggestions for information that you would like to see added to our student reports or parent teacher interviews?**

- a) Feedback that your child is not working hard enough 35%
- b) Feedback that your child is consistently getting involved in class discussions 65%
- c) Feedback that your child is not working hard enough 35%
- d) Feedback that your child is consistently getting involved in class discussions 65%
- e) Both of the above 100%

Next Wednesday should be another fantastic day with our bi-annual Grandparents Luncheon. Hopefully lots of Nan’s & Pa’s are able to get along for a fun afternoon with their grandkids. See the advertisement below for booking details.

As we work our way toward Springtime, have a lovely fortnight everybody. – Mr M

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**IPS GRANDPARENTS DAY LUNCHEON**

**WEDNESDAY 24th August**

at Invermay Bowls Club

All Nan’s, Pops, Mums & Dads are invited to fend off the Winter chills and join us in the lovely Invermay Bowling Clubrooms for a jam session of songs performed by our kids, followed by a soup & sandwich luncheon hosted and served by our students

- Performance = 11:30am
- Lunch = 12:15 -1pm
- $5 per adult entry at the door

Max 4 adult seats per family available as we can only seat 110 max for lunch

Interested families please RSVP by SMS to our school mobile 0475 326396 with family name, event name and adult seats required.

First in best dressed! RSVP eg: SMITH - GRANDPARENTS LUNCH - 4 adults
Fruity Fundraiser
For any families interested, Peach’s Fruit Market have supplied gift vouchers for our school community to sell as a fundraiser, with 20% of all voucher sales being donated back to our school council. The vouchers can be used on absolutely any item in store – fruit, veg, confectionery, coffee, cold drinks, plants – whatever you like. The vouchers are also open ended – with no expiry date, however please note that no cash change or credit will be provided at the store should you not be able to spend the full amount of your voucher in the one visit. You can buy as many $10 & $15 vouchers as you like from Justin or Catherine in our school office throughout the school year, then take them just down the road 2-3 mins to the Peach’s Fruit Market store in Wendouree.

2017 Prep enrolments
We still have spaces available for more Prep enrolments for 2017. We have already received enrolment forms from a handful of new Invermay district families, which is really exciting. If you have a little one to enrol for the 2017 school year, please request an enrolment pack from Justin in the school office.

Working with Children Checks
The Working with Children Check helps protect children from physical and sexual harm. It does this by screening people’s criminal records and professional conduct, and by preventing those who pose an unjustifiable risk to children from working with or caring for them. Please see the attached note for more information.
In order to be a helper at school, it is a requirement that you have one. Please read the attached form for details of how to apply.

Attendance
If your child is away for any reason we need to be informed so as that we can enter a reason into the Education Department’s absence & attendance register. This also goes for late arrivals and early departures.
Easy to complete green absence notes are available from your classroom teacher and also from the coffee table located just outside of the school office.

Buddies
Each Friday morning students in Foundation meet up with their Gr 4-6 buddies. This term we will be undertaking a special project called a Buddy Box.
We are in need of shoe boxes to help us with this task. If you have any shoe boxes that you no longer need please drop them in to the Art room.
Thanks - Miss A and Mr B

Family Accounts
Just like our family budgets, there are months where we have more going out than coming in. As such we really do rely on families being up to date with their family accounts for book lists, excursions, sport & music specialists etc. Many families are now direct debiting $15 - $20 per fortnight to keep on top of schooling costs. Please speak with Karen or Justin in the office if you’d like to set up this process for your family.

If you would like to pay for a school activity electronically, here are our school details.

Please return an envelope with payment details and amount to school so that we can match your digital deposit and credit your family account.
Invermay Primary: BSB: 063502
A/C: 10137566

Jnr School Council
‘Buddy Bench’ project
Update from Gabbi (Gr 6), Jack (Gr 5) & Cooper (Gr 4)

Hello T-Birds! Jnr School Council are introducing something new to our school – the Awesome Little Buddy Bench!

It is just about complete. It will be for kids who are worried, sad or lonely. They can sit at the Awesome Little Buddy Bench. Underneath the seat will be a cuddly toy and some games to play to help take your worries away. When you sit there, it will also be a sign for a buddy to come over and check in with you.

Last term we made a design and walked around our school to find where it could go. We got some prices and then organised our Aussie Dress Up Day to raise money to buy everything we’ll need.

We have constructed our buddy bench and it is now ready to decorate. Thankyou to Jack’s Dad for helping us put it together. We hope you enjoy the Awesome Little Buddy Bench.
This week is Science Week and the theme for 2016 is Drones, Droids and Robots!

How can you be involved?
Miss Booth will be holding a robot building competition throughout the week and all of the entrants will be judged during assembly on Friday 19th August!

Miss Booth will have some materials you can use in her classroom, but you can easily find robot building materials around your home, and the recycling bin is a great place to start looking!

Below are some examples of some robots you could take inspiration from:

Here are some links for some activities you could do at home related to the Science Week Theme for 2016.

Building a hovercraft
http://stem-works.com/subjects/1-robotics/activities/197

Build a model robotic hand

Make sure you take some photos or videos if you take on the challenge, I would love to see them!

Enjoy!
Miss Booth