**Afternoon Specialist Timetable**

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**Fortnightly newsletter goes home on Tuesdays**

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**Wed morning Japanese lessons Gr 3-4 & Gr 5-6**

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**Upcoming Events**

**TERM 4 SWIMMING**

- Fri 14 Oct - lesson 1: skill testing & groups formed
- Fri 21 Oct - lesson 2
- Fri 28 Oct - lesson 3
- Fri 4 Nov - lesson 4
- Fri 11 Nov – no swimming due to Ballarat Show Day public holiday

**Next year’s Preps - TRANSITION DAYS**

- Wk 1 Tuesday 8th November, 2016 9am - 10am
- Wk 2 Tuesday 15th November, 2016 9am - 11am

***Parent from each Prep family to attend info session 11.00 – 11.30am please whilst children enjoy morning recess outside***

- Wk 3 Tuesday 22nd November, 2016 9am - 12noon
- Wk 4 Tuesday 29th November, 2016 9am - 1.45pm
- Wk 5 Tuesday 6th December, 2016 9am - 2.30pm

**Upcoming Events**

**Thur 1st Sept**
Gr 3-4 Ballarat Schools Footy Comp
Nth Ballarat Eureka Stadium – Creswick Rd
Kids in the team please arrive 9am, for a 9.30am start

Gr 5-6 Ballarat Schools Basketball Comp
Ballarat Minerdome – Dowling St
Kids in the team please arrive 9am, for a 9.30am start

**Fri 2nd Sept**
$5 Fathers Day gifts go home for Dad or Pa

**Tues 13th Sept**
IPS Family Dinner at Freight Bar – Peel St

**Wed 14th Sept**
School Council - From 7pm in Gr 5/6 classroom

**Fri 16th Sept**
September Footy Colours Day
Whole school – wear your fav team colours; bring a gold coin donation to support the Fight Cancer Foundation; optional $5 footy lunch (large hot dog + soft drink/water) provided by IPS Parents Club

**Fri 16th September - final day of Term 3**
1:30pm finish
NO HOT LUNCHES TODAY

**Father’s Day**

This year, Parents Club have suggested a handmade and personalised gift from students to be made for both Mother’s & Father’s Days.

All gifts are being created in class – 1 made by each child in our school. The cost will be $5 per student to cover some materials we have had to order in especially.

Each gift will be unique and fantastic for students to present to Dad, Pa, a favourite Uncle or special someone on Father’s Day. Please budget to send $5 per child along in a named envelope to your classroom teacher ASAP. Thankyou.

***only 1 gift to be created per student***
It's been a super busy fortnight at IPS with Mr M attending the Victorian Principal’s Association annual conference in Melbourne; online Sensory Processing training for integration staff; Science Week activities; a full house turning out for Grandparents Day; and our new Family Welfare & Engagement Officer Di Colbert enjoying her first week on the job with us.

Our senior students and staff served 78 meals at last Wednesday’s Grandparents luncheon, held over at the Invermay Bowls Club. Well done to all students who contributed to making this event a success. I think it’s important to ensure our kids get a taste of giving back to others.

Thankyou to the Invermay Sports Club committee, led by Mr Geoff Fraser (former student at IPS back in the 1950’s and School Council Pres in the 1980’s) for donating the venue and having it in great order for our special day. Miss Ashmore’s pumpkin soup was sold out in no time and there was barely any veg soup left in the pot either. The lovely fresh sandwiches served to each table certainly hit the spot also. Thankyou to our sandwich creators Eloise, Deb, Mick, Michelle, Susan and Kirsty for preparing them.

Thanks also to Miss Moir and her band of singers, as well as Lauren and her kiddy keyboard players, who performed a lovely, varied set of songs for those parents and grandparents in attendance.

But most of all, thanks to our very special grandparents, who came from far and wide to join us on the day.

On Wednesday 17th August our teachers and students put on a lovely tribute morning tea to thank our Education Support staff – Karen, Catherine, Deb, Eloise and Marie – whose work with individual & small groups of students in class; first aide; office admin; book club; student banking; family support; school finance; and outside supervision is valued and super important to the sanity of us all! Thanks so much to each of you. 😊

In our School Wide Positive Behaviours program, we have over the last fortnight placed an emphasis on:

RESPONSIBILITY
‘Know the rules before you join in’

&

EXCELLENCE:
‘Be the best you can be’

Each of our classrooms discuss what these positive behaviours can look like on a weekly basis and children are rewarded or reminded about these positive choices through our green and red T-Bird points. Children who achieve a greater balance or green than red points each month are entitled to participate in end of month classroom reward time.

This week, our Positive Behaviour in Schools focus is ‘be cybersmart.’

Miss Ashmore heads overseas next week, for the trip of a lifetime to the United States. Whilst on leave for 4 weeks, her class will be taken by Mrs Mandy Polkinghorne, Mrs Marie Bajada and Mrs Melinda Turkenburg, all familiar faces for our kids with more than 60yrs of teaching experience between them. Miss A has completed all planning and task groupings for her period of leave and held briefings with her replacement team, to ensure her champion Preps do not miss a beat during her absence. Have a fantastic trip Bonnie & Tim!

Finally a big thanks to the Warren, Porter & Taylor families for putting together our hot lunches each Friday during Term 2 & 3. Our kids really enjoy and appreciate this treat! Friday 9th September will be our final hot lunch Friday.

Happy Father’s Day to all Dads and Pa’s this weekend! – Mr M

Our new Wellbeing and Engagement Officer is Di Colbert. Di grew up in Ballarat attending Dana Street Primary and Sebastopol Primary, then Sebastopol Technical School. Di travelled with Covenant Players, a drama and communications company for 19 years, performing in schools and community organisations. In 2004 she settled in Sydney where she worked in Social Welfare and Mental Health. Last year Di returned to Ballarat to be more available to her family. Di will be at school each Thursday and Friday – based in the office - if you have a parenting question or social concern about one of your kids. Di has already made contact with many families who had worked with Sharalle, our previous Wellbeing & Engagement Worker.

For those that have received updated Chaplaincy consent forms, could you please return them to the office this week.

Student & Family Wellbeing

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 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.
Tues 13th September
IPS Family Dinner 6.00 - 6.30pm
FREIGHT BAR & RESTAURANT (cnr Mair & Peel St)

Sign up family name and expected numbers this week on the A-Frame board outside of the office.

Ask the families who attended our July dinner and they’ll tell you how good the meals were.

Enjoy a night off from cooking & dishes and raise money for our next school project – completing our fitness track

2 Course meal: Choice of main + dessert
Adults $25 ($10 donated back to IPS by Freight Bar)
Kids $12.50 ($5 donated back)

Adult Mains choice of:
1) Chicken Parmigiana with Beer Battered fries and salad
2) Beer battered Barramundi fillets served with Beer Battered fries, salad and house-made tartare sauce
3) Big Freight Burger served with beer battered fries

Adult Dessert choice of:
Choice of 2 to be confirmed by Chef

Kids Mains choice of:
1) Kids Slider
2) Kids Schnitzel
3) Kids Fish and Chips

Kids Dessert choice of:
Frog in Snow
Frog in Pond

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 thank you

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 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.

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

Students of the Week
Last week’s SWPBS focus was ‘Being on time to places’
Congratulations to our Students of the Week Charlie, Lily, Brock, Ava & Gabbi!
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.

Classroom Update

Japanese

I had the pleasure and very difficult task of judging this year’s Japan Challenge posters. It was very pleasing to have so many wonderful posters to choose from. The Japan Challenge poster competition is in its 11th year and opened to any student learning Japanese in the Ballarat area. This year’s topic was Manga and Anime. Both the 3/4 and 5/6 literacy classes had some class time to work on their posters. The top 3 posters for the 5/6 category were Jude Connor, Patrick Hart and Mia Tjerkstra. The best 3 for 3/4 were William Porter, Ella Tjerkstra and James Bawden. These 6 posters are now on display in the Ballarat Library until Monday 3rd October. If you get a chance, please pop in for a look at the range of posters from students all over Ballarat.

Junior School:

On Wednesday August 24th we had Grandparents Day. Here are some recounts of the day written by our Foundation students.

Ms Bawden