**Afternoon Specialist Timetable**

**Mon**
- Foundation (Prep) ART
- Gr 1-3 PE
- Gr 4-6 SCIENCE

**Tues**
- Foundation (Prep) ICT / MUSIC
- Gr 1-3 SCIENCE
- Gr 4-6 PE

**Wed**
- Foundation (Prep) PE
- Gr 1-3 ICT / MUSIC
- Gr 4-6 ART

**Thurs pm**
Optional Sport & Music Coaching: piano, golf, tennis, singing, guitar – beginning Thurs 18th Feb. $70 per term payable to school office.

**Fri**
- Foundation (Prep)
- Positive Behaviours in School program
- Gr 1-3 ART
- Gr 4-6 ICT / MUSIC

**Upcoming Events**

Tuesday is Student Banking Day – please see Catherine in the office before school if you would like your child to start a school banking a/c with the Commonwealth Bank and earn rewards for their deposits.

**March**
- Thurs 3rd Lesson 3 Singing, Guitar, Piano, Tennis and Golf

- Fri 4th IPS School Athletics Day
  * Held at Llanberris Aths track, Mt Pleasant (9am-3pm) all parents & family members welcome to come and spectate, support our kids, bring a deck chair & enjoy a family picnic lunch etc
  
- Wed 9th School Council 7pm
- Thurs 10th Lesson 4 Singing, Guitar, Piano, Tennis and Golf

- Mon 14th PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Labour Day
- Thurs 17th Lesson 5 Singing, Guitar, Piano, Tennis and Golf

- Mon 21st PUPIL FREE DAY–Staff Maths PD
- Thurs 24th School Photos
- Fri 25th Good Friday

**School Payments**

All booklist, iPad and Sport/Music specialist payments are now overdue. We still await payment from a handful of families.

If you would like to pay 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

Congratulations to our most recent IPS Students of the Week.

Super effort Lewis, Dilana, Rajha, Sierra, Jude, Kyra, James, Pat, Malachi, Brodie & Ella!

HOUSE POINTS UPDATE

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IPS House Athletics – this Friday

(No Breaky Club at school this Friday)

This Friday’s annual House Aths carnival is promising to be an absolute ripper for all who can join us, with every child in our school competing in at least 8 events.

Bring a deck chair and a family picnic along and enjoy cheering on your child/ren at what promises to be a great day. Forecast is fine and 30deg, so please pack sunscreen, hats and plenty of drinks. The Little Aths Club will also have their canteen in operation on the day.

The focus of our day will be on achieving our personal best, as well as representing our ‘houses.’ All students will receive ribbons to recognise their effort in their sprint and team relay. In other events, they will be representing their IPS house affiliation – Muscatel, Swinglers, Alkera or Dead Horse Gully for our IPS house sports trophy.

Last week all students brought home a detailed flyer with key info for all families included. If you somehow missed it, here are the key planning points to consider:

VENUE - Llanberris Aths Track
Located at 201 Barkly St, Golden Point, Ballarat

STUDENT ARRIVAL
Aim for 8.45am

COST
$6 per student venue hire
– pay to teachers at check in on arrival at start/finish line.

MORNING PROGRAM
Marshalling for first events will begin at 9:05am.
• 400m & 800m (only certain students who have pre qualified)
• Individual sprints & hurdles (all students)
• long jump (all students), shotput, discus, vortex (all)

LUNCH
Approx. 12:15 - 12.45pm

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

- High jump (all students)
- House Relay (all students)
- Snr Kids vs Parents vs Staff relay (optional)
- Presentations
- Pack up and students ready for collection from approx 2:45pm

**All students have the option to dress in house colours, or their normal uniform with a splash of their house team colours (Red, Blue, Green or Yellow) and show their team support on the day.

**Clothing must be suitable for athletics competition. Students should also bring a named water bottle.

**Parents who are dropping children off but not staying – we ask you to walk your child in to the start/finish line of the running track and check in with Miss Ashmore, Miss Moir or Miss Booth, who will be marking an attendance roll and providing id group tags and ribbon pins to all students.

Please make sure you have your child marked off the roll by these same teachers at collection time following presentations from approx. 2:45pm.

The weather forecast is for 30degC and fine at the moment, however in the event of inclement/unsafe weather, an SMS message reading IPS ATHS CANCELLED will be sent at 8am to your listed family contact phone that morning and a normal school day will proceed.

From The Principal’s Desk

UPCOMING PUPIL FREE DAYS
Please note that Monday 14th March is the Labour Day Public Holiday in Victoria.
Monday 21st March will be a School Council approved Pupil Free Day at Invermay PS. Whilst students remain at home on March 21st, our staff will be attending Maths professional development at Miners Rest PS for the day.
We ask all families to make suitable care arrangements for their children on these dates.

### Sport & Music Specialists

All students participating should have now made payment for Term 1.
$70 per term to the IPS office.
Please ensure payments are up to date for your child so that coaches do not withdraw your child from lessons.

This year we have 12 Gr1-6 children learning **PIANO/KEYBOARD** with Lauren McKenna; 16 children learning **TENNIS** with one of Australia’s best accredited jnr coaches – Peter Joyce; 12 children learning **GOLF** with Ballarat Jnr Golf Academy coaches Andrew Cartledge & Ben Roberts; and 3 children learning **GUITAR** with Paige.

Concentrate, work hard this year and enjoy developing your special talents kids.

A big thanks to Invermay PS Council, who will for the 4th year subsidise these programs for all students who are keen to develop a special musical or sporting talent. Thanks also to our talented coaches – all of whom have negotiated special group tuition pricing for our IPS Special Talents programs.

At $10 per week, participating in our optional sport & music specialist program is less than half the cost of seeking private lessons outside with these very same coaches, with no travel involved for parents.

We ask that families involved please make sure you have made payment this week, so that your child can begin lessons.

### School Council

Our first 2016 meeting of Invermay PS Council will be held on Wednesday 9th March, in Mr B’s new classroom from 7pm. All councillors from last year to attend please.

Parent reps on school council hold a 2 year position. We meet on Wednesday evenings, usually 8 times per year and for 2 hrs per meeting 7-9pm.

This year we anticipate a couple of openings. If you would like to nominate or seek further info regarding School Council for the 2016/17 school years and how you can be involved please speak with Mr M in the office.

### Support/ Chaplaincy Program

Dear Families,
Welcome back to the 2016 school year. A friendly reminder that if you are experiencing any parenting difficulties with your child/ren e.g. behaviour, routine, discipline, sleep, anxiety ect. I am available Wednesday and Friday 9-3pm. It is essential that a consent form be filled out prior to your child being seen. It is also a requirement that I meet with the parent/guardian to discuss your individual situation as you are the expert with your child.

Remember:- Don’t sweat the small stuff!
 Regards - Sharalle Raven

### Junior School

Our foundation students have been working on their writing over the last few weeks. We decided to make up our own version of the story 'There’s a Hippopotamus on my Roof Eating Cake'. Here is some of our amazing writing.
This week for SWPBS our value was to "be a team player, not just a player" and to "make it fun for everyone". throughout the school this week our students have been demonstrating the values of team players by participating in team activities during our SWPBS time.

The Junior school took part in some team challenges including the hoop game, where the aim was to pass a hula hoop around the circle without letting go of each other hands, as well as the human knot, where the aim was to work as a team to untie ourselves. There are some great videos on Facebook for you to check out if haven’t seen them already.

Our preps and seniors also got involved by making some short videos with our grade 4/5/6 during buddy hour on Friday. They were teaching us how to be a team player. Make sure you check out the videos on their iPads or on Facebook.

Each fortnight Mia and I will give you classroom updates. This week I will share Math’s and Athletics.

In Math’s we have explored Number. We have become Place Value Detectives, learnt about Prime Numbers, Factors, Multiples and Squared Numbers. Bring on next weeks topic of Measurement!

Athletics - We are really enjoying Athletic training. We have done High Jump, Hurdles, Sprint, Long Jump, Shot Put and all of the other events. Everyone is doing incredibly well. A special mention goes to Jett Marshman who jumped 114cm during high jump training. Should be one to watch on Athletics day!

School Captain Mia

Hi I’m Mia and I’m one of the 2016 School Captains. When we were being told who was going to be in our leadership group my heart sunk. As I hadn’t got Treasurer or President (which I also nominated for) and believed I wouldn’t be School Captain. So to then have Mr B read my name out as Captain, well it left me speechless. I look forward to being the best leader I can be. I want to help raise money for the school.

Each fortnight Jude and I will give you classroom updates. This week I will share Literacy and introduce Class Dojo’s.

In senior literacy we have been developing strategies on how to be ‘stronger’ writers. Making sure our work is full of correct punctuation and good structure. Our focus this week has been compound sentences and including these into our Narratives.

Grade 3-6 now have Class Dojo’s. This is a web-based app that links to our T-Bird points. When the teachers think we have been doing a great job, they award us a Green Dojo or if we have been off task it is a Red Dojo. We all have our own little character (Dojo). Thank you to our new teacher Miss Moir for introducing such a fun app to our school.