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

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

**Tues/Thurs**
Optional Sport & Music Coaching: piano, golf, tennis, singing, guitar—beginning Thurs 21st April. $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.

**May**

**Mon 9**
**OUT – Catherine (Training in Melbourne)**

**Tues 10**
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**Wed 11**
**Gr 3 & 5 NAPLAN Testing - Spelling & Writing**

**Gr 3-6 PE at Basketball Stadium 2-3pm**

**OUT – Catherine (Training in Melbourne)**

**Wed 11**
**Gr 3 & 5 NAPLAN Testing - Reading**

**Staff CPR training**

**Thurs 12**
**Gr 3 & 5 NAPLAN Testing - Maths**

**Fri 13**
**OUT - Mr Borchers / IN - Mr Mooney**

**Mon 16**
**OUT - Mr Borchers / IN - Mr Marshman**

**Wed 18**
**Positive Parenting Ideas – cuppa & chat led by our Engagement Officer, Sharalle Raven, held in Invermay PS staffroom or Art room (depending on numbers). Open to all IPS families.**

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**T-Birds Breaky Club**

From 8.00 – 8.45am Monday, Thursday & Friday mornings in our IPS hall.

For $5 your child will receive all they can eat cereal, toast, sliced fruit, juice, milo, flavoured milk + fun activities ... all in a safe, supervised environment with friends. This may also assist Mums & Dads seeking an earlier start to their working day. Deb Hines, our breaky club host, also offers delicious pancakes on Thursdays!

Payment needs to be made to Deb on arrival please. As a special offer, this year every 6th Breaky club visit by a student is free. (Deb records all visits on her kitchen scorecards) Enjoy kids!

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**House Points**

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Students of the Week

Congratulations to our most recent IPS Students of the Week.

Super effort Cooper, William, Lucy & James!

From The Principal’s Desk

Welcome to edition 7 of our fortnightly IPS newsletter for 2016. I hope all of our beautiful Mum’s & Nan’s had a lovely Mother’s Day yesterday.

A big thank you to Miss Ashmore for coordinating the production of gifts, cards & wrapping paper by all students. I can’t imagine how many hours she & Catherine spent at their ovens at home, firing all of the crockery pieces after our kids had painted them.

Last week I hosted a visit by Mr Peter Devereux - Area Manager for the Central Highlands Region of schools. Peter heads up more than 150 primary and secondary schools in our part of the state. He was keen to see and hear firsthand some of the innovative work we are doing in our Positive Behaviour in Schools program; student feedback; 1:1 iPaddng; & sport & music specialist coaching. Mr Devereux also analysed our last 4 years of student achievement, parent opinion, staff opinion & student opinion survey data in a discussion with our School Council President of the last 7 years, Lindsay King, as well as a follow up visit last Thursday with Mr M.

Peter was genuinely excited with the advancement of programs at IPS over the last 4 years. He was aware even before he visited of our continued growth in enrolment during that time and also the reputation our staff & school are developing, both within Ballarat and beyond, as we are regularly fielding calls for staff from other schools to visit our classrooms, or in turn for our staff to present and share our work at their schools. Mr M has presented to numerous schools in Ballarat and Ararat already this year. Mr B has been asked to present to Ballarat Nth PS staff this term. We also have another district school coming to look at our 1:1 iPad program next week. We really are leading the way at Invermay in quite a few aspects of public education.

This term, our Gr 3-6 students are undertaking a seven week basketball unit during PE with the Ballarat Miners and Lady Miners each Tuesday afternoon. In coming days, I’ll be able to release dates and times for an 8 week block of gymnastics lessons for all P-2 students. Both the gymnastics & basketball programs include free tuition, free venue hire & free bus transport for all, thanks to a successful application made by our staff to the Federal Government’s Sporting Schools Program. Both provide great body awareness, coordination and hand-eye development that transfer nicely into many other elements of sport & daily play. I hope you enjoy these experiences kids.

This week, our Yr 3&5 students will be busy completing NAPLAN assessment. NAPLAN is a nationwide assessment of Reading, Writing, Spelling, Punctuation and Mathematics skills. Completed tests are sent to Melbourne for marking and results are forwarded back to families and schools late in Term 3. Results from NAPLAN are one of the measures teachers use in calculating end of year report assessments. They can also be excellent discussion starters between teachers, parents and their children and a helpful tool in identifying new learning goals. We can support our children through a fairly rigorous 3 days of testing this week by ensuring they are in bed at a good time and come to school each morning rested and with a good breaky under their belts.

Congratulations and best of luck also this week to Jade Tjerkstra, Amee Lee Williams, James Bawden, Jett Marshman & Tom Rivett, who have each qualified to compete in their respective age groups at the Ballarat Zone Cross Country event this Friday. Rain, hail or shine, each will compete over their age group distance of either 2km or 3 km at Victoria Park. Go T-Birds!

Finally, thankyou & thumbs up to:

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The Taylor, Warren & Porter families, who have put their names down to help warm up hot lunches each Friday between noon-1pm.

(We do still need a few additional helpers to ensure hot lunches can be provided every Friday. Please see Mr M if you can volunteer an hour on any particular week)
School Council

Our May meeting of Invermay PS Council will be held this Wednesday 11th May from 7pm in Mr Borchers classroom. All new and returning councillors to attend please.

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

2017 Prep enrolments

We are currently accepting new enrolments for 2017. We have a number of siblings who will begin their Foundation year with us and 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.

Hot Lunches

**We still seek more helpers to share the Friday hot lunch load and give these lovely helpers a week off when required.

There is a roster on display at our staffroom door with plenty of spaces for willing helpers to add their names to. Please call in and pop your name up if you can assist with food warming and bagging between 11:30-1:00pm on any of the Friday dates for this term or next. We aim to always have 1 or 2 other parent helpers in attendance to show you the ropes and share the load.