# Afternoon Specialist Timetable

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Tues/Thurs Optional Sport & Music Coaching: piano, golf, tennis, singing, guitar

- $70 per term payable to school office.

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# Upcoming Events

**Wed 2nd November**

& **Wed 9th November**

3.30-4.30pm

After school Science & Technology Club

Sessions 3 & 4 for interested Gr 3-6 students.

20 places only. No cost.

**TERM 4 SWIM & GYM LESSONS**

- 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

**RACV Energy Breakthrough Bike Race at Maryborough**

**2017 Preps - TRANSITION DAYS**

#1 Tuesday 8th November, 2016 9am - 10am

#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

#3 Tuesday 22nd November, 2016 9am - 12noon

#4 Tuesday 29th November, 2016 9am - 1.45pm

#5 Tuesday 6th December, 2016 9am - 2.30pm

**GRADUATION DINNER – Thursday 15th Dec**

Nth Ballarat Sports Club  6-8pm

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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!
We welcome to our school community this week Shaun Ferguson, who joins us on a Federal Government 26 week work placement as a gardener, for 8 hrs per week. We hope you enjoy your time with us Shaun.

I can also announce that our 2016 Graduation Night dinner will be once again hosted by North Ballarat Sports Club, on Thursday 15th December. Last year was bigger than Ben Hur, with 203 students, staff, parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters and extended family joining us for dinner, some musical entertainment from our kids and also the chance to recognise some amazing student achievements from across our P-6 classrooms. Of course, it’s also our chance to celebrate the achievement and graduation of our departing Gr 6 students.

Stay tuned for booking details, menus & prices, which will be sent home later this month and promoted on our social media pages.

Upcoming public holidays & pupil free days

All Ballarat schools will be closed for Ballarat Show Day on Friday 11th November.

At Invermay PS we also have 1 x pupil free day remaining for this school year, which is proposed for Monday 5th December (subject to School Council approval next week)

Staff will use this day to review student performance data from 2016 and to review staff roles, student groupings and department & school based expectations of staff for 2017.

We ask families to please make care arrangements for their children on these days.

House Points

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Students of the Week

Congratulations to our most recent IPS Students of the Week, who have been recognised for exemplifying our school values of COMMITMENT, COOPERATION, HONESTY, RESPONSIBILITY, RESPECT & EXCELLENCE over the last fortnight.

Super effort Ava, Jade, Milly, Jett, Harry Mc, Cooper M, James C, James N, Hunter, Jack, Xander & Sierra!
Our Gr 3&4 team of ten girls & boys competed in the Ballarat Primary Schools T20 Blast Cricket tournament last Monday, winning all three of their matches on the day – congrats team!!

Our Gr 5/6 mixed team competed last Thursday, enjoying their day and winning one of their three matches. Thanks to Mr B and all team members for their sportsmanship & dedication, not just on the day, but also during recess training sessions in the month prior.

We also had 11 students compete in the Ballarat District Primary Schools Golf Tournament last week at Midlands Golf Club. A special mention to Pat Hart, who finished with a score of 43 for nine holes and has therefore qualified to compete in the upcoming Victorian primary school finals. Also to Pryce Barbera, who as a Gr 1 was easily the youngest competitor there last week against predominantly Gr 5&6 students. Look out for Pryce in years to come!

Mr B has our HPV cycling team undergoing final preparations for their 15 hour race in Maryborough later this month at the RACV Energy Breakthrough. MR B will be in touch with competing students and families with a timetable, travel and permission details for families to consider. We won’t be camping out this year, but will instead travel out over Thursday, Friday and Saturday to compete. Go T-Birds!!

Prep- 2 students will be offered the same later this term.

No cost – we’ll provide everything kids. Just bring a creative mind and a willingness to work and problem solve as part of a team. Here’s a few pics from session 1 last week.

Dallas Warren @dr.dbw · 5d
T Bird Tinkerers starting tonight #STEM4Kids.
Can you guess what subject we are covering?
@InvermayPS #STEM

School Council

Remaining meeting dates for 2016 are Wed 9th November and Wed 7th December.

A big thank you to our team of committed parents and staff on school council: Dallas Warren, Ineke Boddington, Bonnie Ashmore, Susan Nicholls, Michael Porter, Neisha Sargent, Paul Borchers, Simone Bawden, Ed Hart, David Hoare & Justin Marshman.

School Uniform

Members of our P&F plan to run a 2nd hand uniform stand throughout late November / early December.

Interested parents will be asked to wash and present their item/s ready for sale on a coathanger, with a pinned tag indicating family name and price sought for the uniform item.

Items for sale can be dropped off, inspected or purchased in our school hall on the following Friday mornings between 9am-10am and 3:15-3:45pm.

Friday November 18th
Friday November 25th
Friday December 2nd
Friday December 9th

This service will be for our updated uniform only (ie no green polos or windcheaters, which are phased out at the end of this 2016 school year).

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
“T-BIRD TINKERERS CLUB”

Mr Borchers, Miss Booth and our School Council President Dallas Warren are excited to be offering free after school technology tinkering sessions on Wednesdays this term.

Our after school T-Bird Tinkerers club will be a great opportunity for kids to get hands on, create and build using science and technology theories. Gr 3-6 students will be offered a four week block of Wednesday afternoons running 3:30-4:30pm.
For new uniform, IPS families can now order new uniform online directly from Crockers – with the option of home delivery to your door, or having your parcel ready and waiting to collect instore.

Please see the flyer attached to today’s newsletter with simple instructions for first time set up.

One of the key discussion and planning tasks for our school council last year was to identify a local retail uniform provider for our families. Our key selection criteria focused on an overall package of:

- A functional uniform that keeps our children warm in Ballarat’s harsh winters.
- A uniform that our children are proud of and keen to wear.
- Design
- Ordering options for families (in store, by phone, online etc)
- Pricing,
- Availability/stock held in store
- Fabric quality and Australian made where possible.

Importantly, IPS Council also approved for 2016 to be a transition year, where students may choose to wear existing green or new uniform styles. This will be our last term where green windcheaters and polo shirts, hats or jackets are accepted.

In 2017, all students are expected to join us in wearing our new uniform design that many have enjoyed throughout 2016 already.

**School Hats**

Invermay PS is a sun smart school. The standard policy for all Aussie Sun Smart schools is to ask students to wear a broad brimmed school hat during playtimes in Term 1 and 4. If they don’t have one, they will be asked to play in shaded areas. Hats can be purchased at Crocker’s in Armstrong St.

**Lunch Orders**

Just a reminder that there will be no Friday lunch orders or morning play hot chocolates this term.

A big thank you to the families who assisted in providing a warm, value for money lunch option each week during the colder months in Terms 2&3. Your time and effort is much appreciated.

**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:

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*** 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

**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
Family Accounts

Later this week, all families will receive an up to date family account with relevant Term 4 charges included. We ask all families to be up to date with 2016 payments before the end of the school year please. If you have any questions about your account, Karen is available each Thursday in the school office to discuss payments and charges.

Digital payments are now a fantastic way of clearly tracking accounts, but we do also keep each and every payment envelope that comes to school with students also with a receipt voucher attached.

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.

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CLASSROOM UPDATES

Over the last few weeks students from Foundation to Grade 2 have been working on partner writing. This task has helped us to develop skills not only in writing and spelling but also cooperation, teamwork and helped to further our listening skills. We have taken our stories from the planning stage right through to publishing our stories as a picture book. All students should be proud of their efforts, they have all written some wonderful stories. Here is a sneak peek of some of our stories...

A Day at the Beach.
One sunny morning Fred and John decided to go to the beach. At the beach it was hot so they decided to go for a swim. When they got in it cooled them down. After they got in they drifted out to sea. In a minute they found out that they were in the middle of the sea. After a while they saw a whale. Then it offered them a ride back to shore. They said “yes.” So they whale took them back to shore. The end

By Dilana and James C

One Monday morning when it was school holidays Jai, Jessy, Maddi and Erin walked to the beach. While Erin and Maddi went and put their bathers on Jessy and Jai hopped in to the water. Jessy and Jai saw a big grey shark coming closer to them. Both of them felt very worried. Jai pulled Jessy forward and they quickly swim back to land. The girls came down to the beach and found Jessy laying on the ground. Maddi called 000 and the ambulance came to see if Jessy was ok. After the ambulance came Jai, Maddi and Erin had a snack.

By Jessy and Erin

The Day at the Beach.
One Sunday morning Miss A and Miss Booth went to the beach. They swam in the water then they got an icecream. Their icecream melted. They got another icecream and sat in the shade. After their ice cream they played with a beach ball.

By Ava and Adrea

On a sunny morning Bobby, Alice and Scarlett went to the beach. The beach was lovely and sunny. Bobby got sunburnt and he had no sunscreen because he dropped it in the water. Bobby asked Scarlett to help him clean it up. Scarlett got Bobby a towel. He was wet so Scarlett another towel. Then they were happy friends again.

By Lily and Arliah

Last week the Foundation students were excited to participate in their first Science lesson for the year! The Grade 1-6 classes have been learning about the Earth; what is the inside is made of and what and how that can affect the outside environment. The Foundation class and the 4-6 class took a step back in time to look at what the Earth was like in the time of the dinosaurs. We watched a Magic School Bus video about dinosaurs and all the changes the Earth has been through over millions of years. We then paired up with a buddy to create and name our own dinosaurs!
SWPBS

Our T-Birds have had an awesome October with our students receiving a total of >>>>>>>>>>>> for this month! We celebrated our SWPBS rewards day today by hosting our own Invermay Cup races this afternoon, as well indulging on some fish & chips while watching the race that stops the nation, The Melbourne Cup.

Our SWPBS focus for the next two weeks include learning from others and being weather smart. As well as these, we will be on the look out for T-Birds displaying all of the qualities we recognise for receiving green T-Bird points to have our best November yet!

Gr 3-6 Movie Making

REMINDER!

This term our senior students are writing, producing, directing, acting and filming in their own movies.

They have drafted their own scripts, incorporating many different themes and characters.

Our students are now nearing time to begin filming and have been asked to consider what costume items they may have at home that would add to their movie making production.

Each student knows who their character is and what they need to bring. We have made props at school and no student is being asked to purchase a costume or props, just bring along something from home that may suit.

A few pointers to consider:

All costumes need to be at school by this coming Friday 21st November.

Costumes need to be in a named bag.

Please note these items of clothing need to stay at school until week 10 (mid December).

Please don’t send your child to school with an item of clothing they will miss or need at home during this time.

If you do want to purchase something for your child, please do so of your own accord.

Many thanks - Mr B and Miss Moir