Invermay Primary School

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We are in Wadawurrung Country

We are proud to be an inclusive school community representative of many cultures and backgrounds

Edition 26-5 **Thursday 2nd April 2026**

Commitment Cooperation Respect Responsibility Honesty & Excellence

2026 School Dates

****Weekly Assembly**
3:10pm each Friday
inside or outside (weather dependent)

IPS BREAKY CLUB
Open from 8:00-8:45am each Monday, Thursday & Friday morning
Cereal, toast, juice, milo & fruit provided.
Escort your child into our school gym and check them in with our friendly Breaky Club host Deb.

MARC Van Fridays
Mobile School Library
Each IPS student is able to borrow one book weekly

Thursday 2nd April
Final day of Term 1
2pm Assembly
& Easter Raffle prize draw
2:30pm dismissal

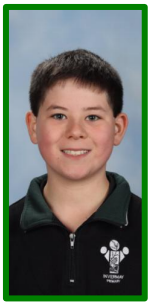
Monday 20th April
Term 2 classes resume

Thursday 23rd April
IPS Aths Carnival - all grades
$9 per student

Friday 8th May
P&F Mothers Day Stall

Wednesday 13th May
School Council 7pm

STUDENTS EXCELLING: *Congratulations to the following recipients of my Principal's Medallion over the last fortnight:*



***Charlotte McPherson: Charlotte is a fabulous student and role model, always committed to doing her best and becoming the best learner and TBird she can be. Our staff love working with Charlotte and having her on our team!*

Owen Bykersma: There's an old saying that states "It's nice, to be nice! Owen is kind, respectful and happy to help whenever asked. In fact, he led the way in his classroom during the month of March by earning the most green TBird points for **Cooperation.
Thank you for your ongoing kindness and selfless approach to life Owen!

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We've had a fabulous Term 1 here at IPS, with learning growth, skills developed and friendships forged along the way.

As part of their Animals & Ecology unit of learning this term, our Gr 5-6 class enjoyed an inside tour of Ballarat Trout Hatchery earlier this week. Our Junior School Council presented a donation of $165 to the hatchery staff and left with a far better understanding of the work required breed and stock our local waterways. Thanks to Gr 5 student James, who wrote an introductory letter to the Ballarat Trout Hatchery team seeking a tour for he and his classmates, along with staff Leigh, Paul and Tahlia for supervising.

Our Prep & Gr 1 students have been so excited in recent days as tomato seeds they had planted began to shoot, as part of their unit on *Where Our Food Comes From*. Whilst Gr 2-4 have completed some eye catching portraits in Art.

In Term 2, our collective focus will turn to our whole school athletics carnival, our P&F Pie Drive, celebrating our beautiful Mum's & Nan's on Mother's Day, mid year assessments and for interested Gr 5-6 students, travelling to Adelaide to represent IPS in the Australian Pedal Prix cycling race.

We can also look forward to the prospect of getting to play on our new court surface, which will feature dedicated soccer, pickleball and cricket pitch markings that will complement the netball, basketball and running lane markings we had installed in 2023.

Have a beautiful Easter break everyone with friends and family.
- Justin & team @ IPS.

IPS Athletics Carnival - Thursday 23rd April: Please find inside today's newsletter a full page flier with all of the details you'll require for our IPS Aths Day. We hope you can join us!

PARENTS CLUB UPDATE

A big thank you to the many families who have been in a position to sell Easter Raffle tickets, or donate an item to our Easter Hamper Raffle. We really appreciate your support. Close to 20 prizes were drawn and collected at our final assembly this afternoon. Happy Easter everybody!

Our fundraising this year will assist our saving for a few wishlist items including new netball rings, a new playground slide and a decorative wall mural.

STUDENT LUNCH ORDERS: delivered direct to Invermay PS Monday - Friday ..... order online

Lunch orders can be purchased for delivery Monday - Friday at IPS through ***www.quickcliq.com.au***

If you are considering trying a lunch order, download the Quick Cliq app and follow the first time instructions to get set up and place an order. Fresh SUSHI is now available for delivery to school on a Tuesday & Thursday, but must be ordered 24 hours before as it made to order from a specialist sushi supplier.

All other orders must be placed before 8:15am on the day of delivery, but can be placed days, weeks or even months in advance if necessary. Parents receive an email confirmation once an order has been successfully placed, which summarises lunch order delivery date; student name & classroom; as well as items ordered.

Paul & Sally Doyle, owners of 3on3 Professional Catering, are our hot lunch order providers. Paul and Sally are both trained chefs, who have been providing hot lunches to Ballarat primary & secondary schools for more than ten years. Online orders are delivered at lunchtime to our classrooms by Paul & Sally. Each order comes in a brown paper carry bag with an order sticker detailing student name; classroom; order contents; & any special dietary needs as requested by parents. Some delicious menu choices are available, including Gluten Free options.

IPS SCHOOL DRESS SURVEY

Recently our school council received a letter from one of our students re. adding a dress option to our student uniform. Whilst we already have culottes on our uniform list, we sought to find out each family's thoughts on how many of your children would look forward to the option of a school dress in their IPS uniform?

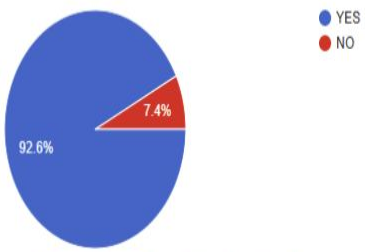
We had a great response to our survey of families, so our school council will look to identify suitable options that represent our school well, are attractive to students and priced appropriately.

March 2026 School Dress Survey - Results

SURVEY QUESTION 1

Would you support the addition of a school dress as an ***option*** for IPS students?

27 responses

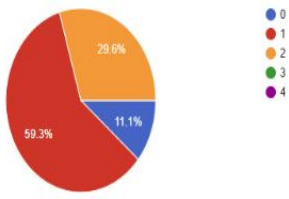


- Yes = 25/27 families that responded would support the addition of a school dress as a uniform option

SURVEY QUESTION 2

Whilst we already have culottes on our uniform list, how many of your children would look forward to the option of a school dress in their IPS uniform?

27 responses



- 3/27 (11.1%) families who responded had 0 children who would consider wearing a school dress
- 16/27 (59.3%) families who responded had 1 child who would consider wearing a school dress
- 8/27 (29.6%) families who responded had 2 children who would consider wearing a school dress

MHiPS
Mental Health in Primary Schools

I can't believe it's already the end of term 1, and what a fabulous term it has been. I have been fortunate to be involved in the teaching and learning across all classrooms this term and it is clear to see that our T-Birds are having and showing success across many domains. I look forward to seeing what they are capable of next term!

Our Junior School students recently enjoyed reading the delightful book '*All the Ways to Be Smart.*' While we often think of being smart as reading, spelling, and maths, this story beautifully reminds us that there are many different ways to be clever.

During our discussions, the children proudly shared their own strengths. We heard wonderful examples of riding bikes confidently, creating beautiful drawings, building amazing inventions out of boxes, and showing impressive physical skills through handstands, flips, and cartwheels.

It was heart-warming to see every child light up as they recognised and celebrated their unique talents. We encourage you to continue these conversations at home. Talk with your children about the many ways they are smart – whether it's through creativity, kindness, physical coordination, problem-solving, or simply making others smile.

Remind them that everyone is smart in their own special way.

Respectful Relationships (RRRR)

During term 1 all T-Birds were involved in activities around emotional literacy and personal strengths. We played games, talked about our emotions, and the emotions of others. How we can use our strengths in positive ways at school, in the yard and at home. Next term our T-Birds will be learning all about *Positive Coping and Problem Solving*. We will learn ways to manage our emotions, ways to regulate and also to cheer ourselves up! We will discover respectful ways to work together and to solve real-world (or playground) problems. All lessons are age appropriate and facilitated by me, Mrs Mac, each week.

If you have any questions relating to the RRRR curriculum, please reach out.

Christine McShane
Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

*Congratulations to the following T-Birds who have been recognised for exemplifying our school values of **Commitment**, **Cooperation**, **Respect**, **Responsibility**, **Honesty** & **Excellence**.*

Term 1 Week 9

Congratulations:

Locky, Gordy, Eden, Michael, Ivy, Charlotte, Willow, Harper, Bowen, Scarlett, Hudson & Oliver

Term 1 Week 10

Congratulations:

Owen, Gus, Emi, Noah, Riley, Louie, Austin & Yazmyne

Absent: Alice

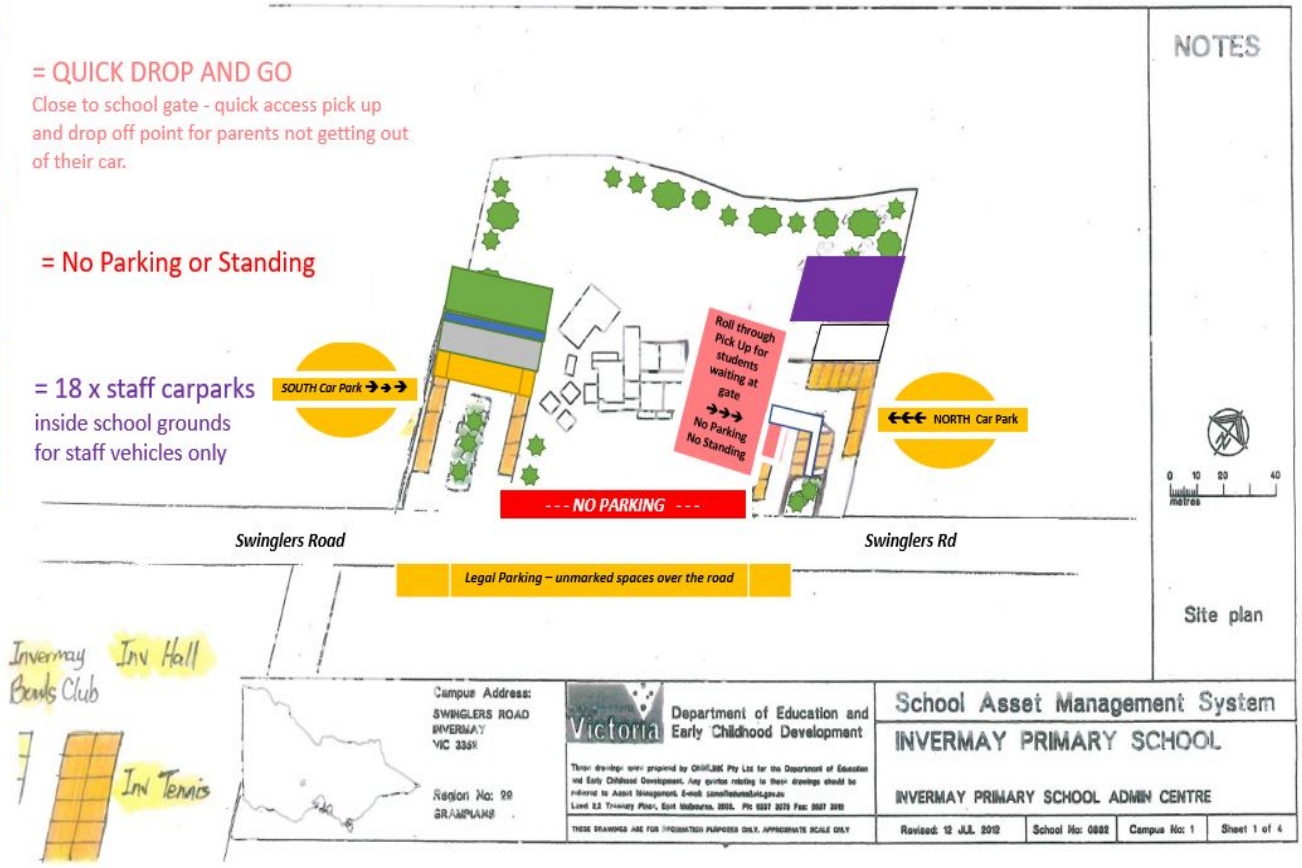
Invermay PS Car Parking Plan

= Parking for IPS families

= QUICK DROP AND GO
Close to school gate - quick access pick up and drop off point for parents not getting out of their car.

= No Parking or Standing

= 18 x staff carparks
inside school grounds
for staff vehicles only



The diagonal lines are our roll through zone for a quick drop off or pick up. Please stay in your car and exit our car park once your kids are in if you use this zone. If you'd like to hop out and chat/stay for a play after school – do not park on these diagonal lines. Pedestrians – please keep this area clear at end of day for cars rolling in and out seeking express pick ups.

Cars – 5km/h speed limit in our carparks.

Pedestrians – stay visible to drivers and follow the yellow line in front of cars – we do not want children or adults walking behind parked cars.

Drivers – please be aware of pedestrians walking from centre carparks using this walkway to the school gate.

INVERMAY PRIMARY SCHOOL
P-6 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Thursday 23rd April, 2026

VENUE: Llanberris Aths Track (Ballarat Regional Athletics Centre - access via York Street entry)
TRANSPORT: Students and families to arrange own transport
STUDENT ARRIVAL: 8.45am … for a 9:00am start to competition
COST: $9.00 per student - payable with permission via Xuno
TIMETABLE: **9am:** Individual track events, relay & rotation of field events
12.30pm: Lunch break
1:15pm: Continue field events (High Jump to finish)
2:30-3:00pm: Presentations, pack up and students ready for collection

All Invermay Primary students have been training for a number of weeks now to prepare themselves for a successful and enjoyable day. Our kids will each compete in a sprint, hurdle, relay, discus, shot put, long jump, high jump and vortex event. The focus of the day will be on achieving your personal best, as well as representing your house. **All** students will receive ribbons to recognise their effort in their sprint, hurdle and team relay. In other events, they will be representing their IPS house affiliation – **Muscatel**, **Swinglers**, **Alkera** or **Dead Horse Gully**, earning points for their house through both their participation and results toward our historic IPS Sports House Trophy.

PLANNING:

- All parents & family members are most welcome to spectate & support your kids for part or all of the day. We look forward to seeing many Mums, Dads, Nans, Pa's and extended family members in attendance. You may like to bring a deck chair from home to move from event to event.
- Families should aim to arrive at 8.45am. On arrival, we ask all students to head to the start/finish area of the running track and check in with Miss Welch, Mrs Garlick and Mr Watts - who will be marking an attendance roll and issuing student i.d. tabs. Children will begin to be marshalled for their first event from 9.00am (400/800m distance race for qualified students).
  ****Parents who are dropping children off but not staying – we ask you to walk your child to our check-in table on arrival. Children can be collected in the same way from 2.30pm.*
- A 30 minute lunch break will be held from approx. 12:30pm for students to relax and chat with school mates or family in attendance. Ballarat Little Athletics Club will have a canteen open from approx 10am - with pies, pasties, hot dogs, hot/cold drinks and snack foods on sale. Otherwise, a normal student lunch and drink or a family picnic will be your best options.
- All students have the option to dress in normal school uniform or their house team colours (Red House, Blue House, Green House or Yellow House) and show their house group allegiance on the day. **NOTE: Clothing should still be appropriate for athletics participation.** Kids should also pack a warm jumper/jacket and pants if necessary to pull over the top during breaks if the weather is on the cool side. Students should also bring a named water bottle and hat please.

In the event of inclement/unsafe weather, an SMS message and Xuno message reading IPS ATHS CANCELLED will be sent at 8am to your listed family contact phone/Xuno account that morning and a normal school day will proceed.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's financial circumstances and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS and EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school excursions, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or support an out of home care student you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid directly to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is $400 for all school students.

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments**: your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:
https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund

Come play netball for Woady!
WARRIORS
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Saturday Competition
— HOSTED AT
LLANBERRIS
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SELKIRK STADIUM
Teams include:
UNDER 9s • UNDER 11s • UNDER 13s
UNDER 15s & UNDER 17s!
Email us today to express your interest -
netball@woadywarriors.com.au

In one fun-filled day, kids will learn and play footy in a safe, inclusive environment. They'll pick up new skills, play mini-games and get creative with designing a footy or uniform. Plus have a footy goodie bag to take home.

nab AFL Auskick

4-7 YEAR OLDS*

Our youngest players learn footy through fun, age-appropriate games that build skills, confidence and teamwork, led by NAB AFL Auskick coaches.

AFL Superkick

7-12 YEAR OLDS

Older kids level up their footy skills through modified game play and challenging activities that build teamwork, leadership and lasting memories in a fun, energetic day.

*Kids can join NAB AFL Auskick if they are turning 5 in the calendar year (before 30th June in WA).

BALLARAT SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

BALLARAT NORTH SESSION
TUES APRIL 7 | 9AM-3PM
C.E. BROWN RESERVE

BALLARAT SOUTH SESSION
TUES APRIL 14 | 9AM-3PM
MT CLEAR REC RECERVE

JOIN THE LAKE WENDOUREE
FEMALE FOOTBALL FAMILY!

WE ARE RECRUITING FOR THE 2026 SEASON!

Are you ready to play footy, make friends and have fun in a supportive, inclusive club environment? No experience needed – all **skill levels welcome!**

Teams Recruiting:

- Under 12 Girls
- Under 14 Girls
- Under 16 Girls
- Senior Women

Build confidence

Learn new skills

Be part of a great community club

LAKERS
LAKE WENDOUREE F.N.C

Season approaching – now is the perfect time to get involved!

★ **Female Football Coordinator: Jacinta 0425 020 092**

THE HOME OF THE

FOREST RANGERS SOCCER CLUB

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For almost 60 years, the Forest Rangers Soccer Club has played an essential role in the Ballarat community, offering much more than a typical sports organization. We provide children and adults alike with the chance to enhance their fitness, soccer skills, and personal development in a safe and welcoming atmosphere.

Our dedicated coaches and volunteers are committed to nurturing not only athletic talent but also the values of teamwork, perseverance, and sportsmanship.

Come and be apart of Ballarat's fastest growing soccer club and see how we uniquely differ from other clubs in Ballarat!

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