DIARY DATES

October
10th  Gr.1/2 Swimming
11th  Gr.1/2 Swimming
11th  Regional Athletics
11th  PFA Easter Fair Meeting 9.15am
12th  Gr.1/2 Swimming
13th  Gr.1/2 Swimming
14th  Cake and Bake Stall $1 each
14th  Uniform Orders Due
17th  Gr.1/2 Swimming
18th  Gr.1/2 Swimming
19th  Gr.1/2 Swimming
20th  Gr.1/2 Swimming
20th  Divisional Basketball
19th  Kinder-School Info Night
20th  Divisional Swimming
21st  World Vision Lunch Day
24th  State Athletics
24th-26th  Gr. 5 Camp
26th  Bike Ed Challenge
28th  Swimming Sports Yrs 3-6
31st  Curriculum Pupil Free Day

Notices Sent Home:
Regional Bike Ed Challenge; Divisional Basketball Notice; Calendar Of Events;

Welcome Back
To a very busy fourth term. With the newsletter this week you will find a calendar of known events for the remainder of the term. Please be aware that sometimes due to circumstances beyond our control the dates may change, we hope not!

Year 1/2 Swimming
Please note that all children are expected to attend the swimming program. There are times when none of the Year 1/2 classes will be at school so we cannot leave non-swimmers behind. Non-swimmers will be required to travel to and from the pool with their class. The bus only cost is $34. As with all excursions, if any family is having difficulty meeting the costs of this program please contact me to organise alternative payment options. We will never let a student miss out on a school activity because of financial hardship.

School Council report
At School Council this week the successful tender for the cover over the area near the Prep and Artroom was voted on. They have been notified and once the appropriate permits have been obtained will commence work asap. The cover will consist of a grey polycarbonate dome/arch which will stop the rain and let in light but not heat. We hope that this will provide a much more pleasant space for our Preps and Art students, and more shelter for all during recess and lunch-times. This project has been funded through the proceeds of the Easter Fair.

Parent Opinion Survey
Thanks to all the families who completed a survey and returned it to school. The final collation will be presented to School Council and the staff. Some issues have come through that can be addressed quickly and easily via the newsletter – the calendar for the term is one of the suggestions that we have been able to implement quickly. For anyone having an issue with Compass, you can contact the office at any time to renew your password if it has been forgotten and we will happily print off a hard copy of a child’s report if required. You are also able to print hard copies of the reports if you wish to do so.

Preparations for next year
At this time of year I am preparing budgets for next year. As the Department pays us according to the number of students we have enrolled it is important that the numbers I have are as accurate as possible before deciding grade numbers and whether or not to employ teachers. If you have any idea that your children may not be returning to the school next year (other than our Year 6 students) please let me know as soon as possible. This can be kept in the strictest confidence but it is important that our student numbers are as accurate as possible. Thanks for your cooperation in this important aspect of future planning.

Tissues
With allergies and colds our students are using an enormous amount of tissues at the moment. If you could add a ‘home brand’ box to your shopping and send it along to school it would be greatly appreciated.
When Bison had a problem with bullies he asked his animal friends for advice, and this is what they suggested:

Lion says “Stick with your friends”. When you have other people around you bullies are less likely to hassle you. Get Along with others.

Crocodile says “Don’t make SNAP decisions” which means Stop, Take a deep breath, Think, Do … Do use the 5-finger plan, Do speak to your family, your teachers and your friends about what is happening. Be Organised.

Giraffe says “Rise above it” which means, rise above the bullying behaviour and don’t become a bully yourself. Stay positive. Be Confident. Be Resilient.

Zebra says “Don’t make yourself a target” which means that you should try to fit in with others, be yourself but don’t do or say things that will give someone a reason to be nasty to you. Be Confident. Get Along with others.

Bear says “Get a Buddy and be a buddy” which means that we should all look after each other. And, we should help someone else when they are sad or upset or in need of a buddy! Get Along with others.

Elephant says “Keep your head up, ignore the nasty things someone says to you and remember the good things about yourself” which means that we can focus on the good things about ourselves and not worry about the nasty things someone else might say about us. Be Confident. Be Resilient.

Orang-utan says “You Can Do It” which means that there are things you can do to help yourself and someone else. You can Get Along with others, Get a Buddy and Be a Buddy to someone else who needs your help. You can be Confident, fit in with others and play with your friends. You can be Organised and use the 5-Finger Plan when someone does or says something you don’t like. You can Persist when you need to – that means you never give up … practise being assertive and keep trying to get help for yourself or someone else – use the 5-finger plan, talk to your family, your teacher and your friends. You can be Resilient and rise above the nasty behaviour of others, remember the good things about yourself and hold your head high!
Our first Artist of the week for term 4 is Seth Cummins in grade 5 with his portrait drawings of two classmates. Seth has shown some very good observation skills and captured a great likeness of his subjects characters!

Don’t forget to call in at ‘The Hub’ in October to see our artwork that’s on display...

Easter Fair
A reminder the fair meeting is next Tuesday 11th, 9:15am in the Staffroom following the PFA. All welcome (kids too). If you want to go on the email list go to inverlocheaster-fair@gmail.com

Spring Clean: it's that time of year for going through the wardrobe. Remember we have a popular clothing stall so if there are any items in your wardrobe you could clear out so you can get new ones, please leave them in the red donation bin in the foyer. Also bric a brac and toys most gratefully accepted (in good condition)

We hope you are enjoying some of the beautiful bulbs in your garden you got through the Easter fair.

We are looking for a portable change table and mat for the fair to be used on the day. If you have one you no longer need, please bring it along and let us know it is for the fair.
HATS, HATS, HATS
In line with the new SunSmart policy hats are compulsory as of 1st September. Please make sure that your child/ren have a correct school uniform approved hat. They are available for purchase from the office.

Lost Property
There is again a huge pile of lost property in the foyer. Please go through it to reclaim your jumpers and other items. Also if you could check your children’s clothing and make sure the items belong to you. We have had a few reports of missing labelled clothing.

SUSHI ROSTER MONDAY 10th Oct
AM Liz & Angela T
PM Sandy
Sports Report
Term 4 is another busy one in sport. During the term senior students will be learning about cricket and tennis and the junior school will be participating in our junior athletics program. This will consist of PE lessons learning about each event and then putting that learning into practice on Friday afternoons with the help of the senior students. The junior athletics day is scheduled for the 25th of November and this is where all of the junior students can showcase what they have learnt and practiced.

Today 3 students from our school are competing in the South Gippsland Primary School Surfing Competition. Abbey Dwyer, Rhien Hall and Dylan Shone have travelled to Phillip Island to compete against other students from the area and we wish them well.

Next week is Regional athletics in Newborough. Seventeen students will be attending and competing in their particular events. Good luck to all of these students in your quest for a chance to go on to State level competition.

Our grade 3-6 House Swimming sports will be held at SPLASH Leongatha on Friday the 28th of October. We always try to have a parent/teacher V students race. If you would like to join the teachers in this relay please let Lewie know before the 28th.

We are SunSmart - a note for families
A healthy balance of the sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation exposure is important for health.

Too much UV can cause sunburn, skin and eye damage and skin cancer. Overexposure to UV during childhood and adolescence is a major factor for future skin cancer risk.

Too little UV from the sun can lead to low vitamin D levels. Vitamin D is necessary for the development and maintenance of healthy bones and muscles, and for general health.

Our school aims to achieve a healthy UV exposure balance for children and staff. We are a registered member of the Cancer Council Victoria's SunSmart Program. Please help support our SunSmart membership by ensuring your child follows the SunSmart measures outlined in our policy.

During the daily local sun protection times (listed whenever UV levels are three and above), typically from September to the end of April in Victoria, use these 5 SunSmart ways - even if it's cool and cloudy.

1. Slip on a shirt - for hot days. Ensure your child wears clothing that covers as much skin as possible (e.g. long-sleeved, long pants or jumpsuit), and for cooler days wear a long-sleeved shirt and/or trousers. Cotton or cotton-like fabrics are best.

2. Slip on SPF 30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen - apply at least 30 minutes before sun exposure and spread a generous amount of sunscreen at the start of the day and make sure children have sunscreen in their bag ready to be reapplied throughout the day. Please ensure they put plenty of sunscreen application practice at home so they'll be all set when they are at school.

3. Slap on a hat - one that protects the face, neck and ears, such as a broad-brimmed, legionnaire or bucket style hat. Peak caps do not offer enough protection and are not recommended by SunSmart. Please help your child remember to bring and wear their approved hat.

4. Seek shade - choose shady spots for play whenever possible.

5. Slide on some sunglasses - if practical and approved by the school. Make sure they are labelled AS 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

From May to August average UV levels in Victoria are usually below 3 so sun protection measures are not normally needed unless near highly reflective surfaces such as snow or water for extended periods.

Sun protection times
Don't just wait for hot and sunny days to use sun protection. Check the sun protection times each day so your family can be protected when they need to be.

Daily local sun protection times and weather details are available from the SunSmart widget on our school websites, in the weather section of the newspaper, on the SunSmart website at sunsmart.com.au and as a free SunSmart app.

Further information contact SunSmart
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Wonthaggi Little Athletics Centre
Season 2016/2017
Come and Try Session
Saturday 8th October, 9.00am-10.30am
Season Commencement
Saturday 15th October, 9.00am

To register online please visit www.lavic.com.au
- select “Wonthaggi” centre.
For more information please contact Chris Terlich on 0417 348 776 or check out our Facebook page.
The starting age for Little Athletics in Victoria is 5 years of age. Children must have turned 5 before registering otherwise they will not be covered under insurance.

Hablemos Español 2016
4-hours of fun, culture and Spanish Language

¿Qué? Spanish Immersion Day
¿Cuándo? Saturday 29th October
¿Dónde? Carlton, Melbourne
¿Quién? Grade 3-6 students

Please speak to Maestra if you are interested in attending.

Let’s go SURFING with the Disabled Surfers Association

Public Information Meeting
This meeting will provide details for the February 19th, 2017 Disabled Surfers Association surfing experience at the Inverloch Surf Beach.
Please join us for a short presentation and video followed by Q & A to finish.
Date: Saturday October 15th 2016
Time: 11.12pm
Where: Inverloch Community Hub (18 Backett Street, Inverloch)
Who: we need YOU!

It is open to anyone with a good heart to come along for a listen and if you are interested you should be a volunteer or join to be an organising committee member.
The DSA of Australia is a charity run purely by volunteers and has been taking people with any disability for a surf for over 30 years.

Wonthaggi Primary School
Kidz Mini Mudda
A Challenging Obstacle Course for Kids
Family Fun Day
Saturday, October 29
Starts 10am
Ends 2pm
For kids aged 6 years to 16 years
Race entry $30 per person

Register online now - first 200 entries receive free OS list
ALSO https://facebook.com/events/740877294965653/