**August 19th, 2016**

### DIARY DATES

**August**
- 22nd: 3/4 Swimming
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- 23rd: Musical Soiree 3.45pm
- 30th: Musical Soiree 3.45pm
- 30th & 31st: Parent/Teacher Interviews

**September**
- 2nd: Superhero Day-Gold Coin Donation
- 2nd: District Basketball
- 9th: Father's Day Stall
- 9th: State Netball Waverley

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**Father’s Day Stall**

Once again our PFA have organised gifts for our students to buy for the special men in their lives for Father’s Day. Notes have been sent home but if you missed out please contact the office for another. All gifts are valued at $5. If you wish your child/ren to purchase a gift from the Father’s Day stall please send the money to school by **August 31st** and they will be given a voucher on the stall day to take with them for their purchases.

**Child Safe Schools**

A reminder that we now require all helpers and volunteers to have a current Working With Children Check. These are free for volunteers and can be obtained by completing forms online. Once you have the card please bring it in to the office so that we can keep a copy of it on file. A reminder that all visitors and helpers at school must sign in and out at the office and wear a visitors lanyard. The only exception is that parents/carers dropping children off in the morning or picking up in the afternoon do not have to sign in and out.

**Congratulations**

To Oscar, Jamieson, Thomas, Yarrah, Caleb, Zack, Connor, Joe, Louise and Michael who have each gained an interview at Wonthaggi Secondary College for the SEAL program. Interviews are being held today.

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**Uniform**

It is disappointing to see a number of students now out of uniform. I understand when clothing is difficult to dry due to the weather, but the wearing of just anything navy or white is not appropriate. Skirts are not a part of our school uniform, nor is the wearing of tights and leggings without a dress or skorts over the top. Knowing that many girls have the skirts, for now they will be allowed but only with full-length tights or leggings underneath. School uniform is meant to be practical and enable students to run, play and climb safely and modestly. Our parents survey is coming out shortly and there will be opportunity to express views on uniform to allow suggestions for change in the future.

A reminder that shoes worn to school are to be navy, black, grey or white with minimal fluoro colours.

**School Council**

At our School Council meeting on Monday evening we discussed the Child Safe Standards and the implementation into our school, quotes for the covered area near the Art room/Prep area, an Artist in Residence program for next year, school communication, camps, the parent opinion survey and the purchase of new reading books for the Junior school. Many of our policies have now been added to our web-site and include advice to parents if you ever have a problem with being able to afford anything for your child at school. As new policies are approved and others are up-dated they will be added to the web-site. Please look out for the Parent Opinion survey next week. We really do appreciate your feed-back and many changes to the way we work around the school have been as a direct result of feed-back from both parents and students.

**District Basketball - helpers needed**

We are looking for parent helpers for the district basketball competition held on the 2nd of September. We will need a coach for the girls and boys basketball teams as well as a competent referee and scorer. If you are interested in helping out with any of these roles, please don’t hesitate to contact the school or Mr Rankin.
Grade Splitting
I understand that a number of parent/carers have concerns over the practice of grade splitting when a classroom teacher is absent. This is not due to a lack of replacement teachers but is very much related to our budget. The Education Department gives schools approximately 9% of the allocated budget to use to cover day to day expenses incurred to run the school. This includes all utilities, cleaning, grounds and building maintenance purchases of classroom furniture and equipment and replacement teachers. The remainder is retained by the department to cover regular teachers wages. There is no reimbursement paid to us by the department for teachers absences other than absence due to Long Service Leave. If we were to replace every teacher absence we would not be able to cover our running expenses, let alone anything else. Our Year 1/2 classes and those in 5/6 can be split and still maintain a manageable size, whereas this is not possible in the Prep and Year 3/4 area or when Specialist teachers are absent. This practice has been occurring in our school for the past two years, as it has been in many other schools throughout the area. Students are only split between other classes within their level, where the teachers know them well, and always move to the same rooms so that they become familiar with that teacher and class. Most of the students adapt to this change very well and are familiar with the routine. Our teachers manage the process very well, and it means we can continue to provide the resource we need for our students.

Curriculum Day
On Friday all staff attended school for a curriculum day. On the day we were all involved in learning more about the Walker Learning Approach used in the Junior school, and hearing each of our curriculum teams - English, Maths, Social and Emotional Learning and Integrated Studies present sessions on the scope and sequence documents they have been working on with adjustments for the new Victorian Curriculum which we will be using next year. It helped all staff gain a better view of the bigger picture of curriculum development across the whole school and was an opportunity to work towards greater consistency in our teaching approaches. I know these days can cause difficulty for many who work and appreciate your support in making alternative arrangements for your children.

Parent/Teacher interviews
These will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday August 30th 3-50-5pm and 31st 3-50-7pm. Once again you will need to log on to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code yu6rz. If you cannot access the website please contact the office to book interviews for you. Interviews with class teachers will be 10 minutes and there are 5 minute timeslots for Specialists. As Mr Paxton does not work on Tuesdays he will only be available to see on Wednesday evening. If you will not be here for the interviews or you believe this time will not be enough, please make another time, via the office to see your child's teachers.
Kids Matters Student Action Team Report.

Well done to everyone on their participation in the Jump Rope for Heart this morning. Skipping is a great way to keep our heart healthy. (See photos elsewhere in this newsletter). We are also very pleased to see so many of you dressed up in Olympic Games uniforms. We look like a very diverse school today. The Olympics are about the best athletes doing their best efforts. Here at Inverloch and Kongwak Primary, we do our best to be our best too.

After recess we commenced a Multi-Age Olympics Day. We have one of these special days every term. This is because we are a Kids Matter School. While keeping our body healthy through skipping, being in a Kids Matter School means that we need to keep our brains healthy too, and have good Mental Health. Multi-Age Days help us to meet other students and teachers. It helps us have a great sense of belonging in our school. It gives us an opportunity to use all of our Surfboards, and of course have lots of fun. Thank you to all of our teachers for organising today. (Multi-age day photos will be in next weeks newsletter).

On Friday the 2nd of September the Kids Matter Student Action Team will be running a SuperHero dress up day to raise funds for Muscular Dystrophy Australia. Please bring a gold coin donation to support this cause, which raises money to support research into Muscular Dystrophy. We look forward to seeing you dressed up again in two weeks time. If you donated a gold coin on Olympic multi-age day, thank you, you do not need to bring another one on Superhero Day.

The third special thing that we need to talk about today is the Operation Christmas Child Box. This is an important box that will be very special for someone else. Many children overseas have never had a present in their life, not for birthdays or Christmas, because their families are too poor to provide gifts.

This box is for your class to fill up with small presents for a child from Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Fiji, and Papua New Guinea. Donations can be small toys, such as marbles, balls, skipping ropes or teddy bears. You might choose something to help a child do well at school such as pencils, notebook, diary or stickers. You could choose something like soap, a toothbrush or hair clips. Please start bringing presents now, and we will collect it at the end of the term. See suggestions of gifts on page 4 of this newsletter. Thank you.
**Dairy Assistance Payment now available**

As part of the Victorian Government’s dairy assistance package, students with parents in the dairy farm industry can benefit from a one-off payment through the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Students currently enrolled in government and non-government schools whose parents own, share-farm or lease a dairy farm business; or those people whose primary occupation is working on a dairy farm, are eligible for the payment. Please see the eligibility list elsewhere in this newsletter.

A once-off amount of $375 per student will be paid to the school that the student is currently enrolled at the start of Term 3, 2016 and is to be used towards camps, sports, excursion and/or other education expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

If you are eligible for this assistance please complete the application form and return it with supporting evidence of employment to the office asap.

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**You’re Invited to a Musical Soiree**

**AUGUST 23 AND 30, 2016**

**INVERLOCH PS MUSIC ROOM 3.45PM-4.45PM**

Opportunity for students to perform small items in a relaxed environment

RSVP to Diana Reardon 0427 550 895 or email diana.mary@bigpond.com

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**Operation Christmas Child**

We are collecting gifts for 2016. Each grade has a box for girls and a box for boys. If you are unable to donate a gift a gold coin donation can go towards postage for the boxes.

Millions of children around the world are victims of war, poverty, famine and disease. Through a simple gift filled box you can make children around the world feel better. All of the gift boxes are given to the neediest children regardless of where they are from. We will be collecting gifts from now onwards. Each grade will have two of their own boxes to put their gifts in. One for a boy and one for a girl. Here are some gift ideas:

**Gift Ideas:** Every box is filled with one or more items from each ‘something’.

- Something to love; eg. Teddy bear, doll, soft toy.
- Something to wear; eg. Shorts, T-shirt, shorts, cap, underwear, sandals, thongs.
- Something for personal hygiene; eg. Soap & face washer, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, hair clips, scrunchies. (no items that may leak eg. bubble bath, toothpaste shampoo)
- Something special; eg. Carry bag, sunglasses, bangles, necklaces, craft kits, stickers.
- Something to play with; eg. Balls, cars, skipping rope, yo-yo, finger puppets.

Please do not bring second hand gifts, food or lollies, breakable items, eg. glass, mirrors etc., religious literature or any gifts with connection to a war (eg. no Guns).

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**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS**

This term students will have the opportunity to perform at two separate Soirees (musical performances) on Tuesday August 23 and Tuesday August 30 between 3.45 and 4.45 pm in the Music Room. Students of both Jane and Diana are welcome to perform solos and duets or trios. No bands or large groups will be playing at these events. With many students now preparing for AMEB exams it is a good opportunity to run through some of the repertoire. Students from all age groups will be able to play and show their families and friends what they have been up to in music lessons. We look forward to seeing you there.

Diana Reardon
Instrumental Music Teacher and Band Conductor
Tennis Summer Comp Information

Are you interested in your child playing in the local Tennis Competition?  
The Competition is held each Saturday morning, starting in October.  
We invite all children who are interested in playing competition tennis this season to come and have a hit and meet other interested tennis players.

**Friday 26th August: 4-5pm**  
Grading day to look at kid’s abilities and also Registration Day.

This will be the only day that we look at player’s abilities.

**Costs:**
Registration Fee: $40  
Membership with Inverloch Tennis Club: Juniors $55

We ask that both the Registration Fees and Memberships are paid on this day as well. New players will receive an Inverloch Tennis Club cap for free if both payments are received.

Inverloch Tennis Club shirts are given on loan each year to players.

If you would like more info or to let me know your child is interested, please contact me by: Email: angelat71@hotmail.com or 0415 203 572

Angela Toomey
Inverloch Tennis Club Junior Rep.

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BBQ Market Update

Thank you to all the families who help on the Egg and Bacon Stall at the Farmers’ Markets, Baud, Jones, Berry, Sim, McCrimmon, Lester, Roberts, Petracca, Peterson and Effern families.

We cannot do it without our volunteers.

We are short of helpers for the September markets, Sep 18 and 25. These are the first and middle Sundays of the school holidays. If anyone is available to help out please call Wanda.

The markets are held on the 3rd and last Sunday of each month.

We also wish to acknowledge the support of the Regional Farmer’s Market, Inverloch Community Market (Lions), Slice of Paradise Bakery, Paul The Pieman Bakery, Inverloch Quality Meats, Inverloch Gas & Hire.

If you would like to help at any of the markets please, contact Michelle Sim on 0434 877 215 or Wanda 0417 569 125

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STOP PRESS!

BBQ helpers needed from 8am -11am and to take the trailer to The Glade this Sunday and Next Sunday 28th August.

Please call Michelle if you can help with this.
JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Heart disease is still the single biggest killer of Australians and that is why it is so important that we raise vital funds to support heart health research.

Students at our school can sign up now at; www.heartfoundation.org.au/jumprope

Once on the site find our school.

Hopefully by now you have been online and asked your family and friends for a couple of sponsors.

Please finalise your sponsorship online by Friday 26th August
DAIRY ASSISTANCE - APPLICATION FORM

School Name

Parent/legal guardian details
Surname: ____________________________________________________________
First name: _________________________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________________________
Town/suburb: _________________________ State: _______ Postcode: _______
Contact phone number: ____________________________

NOTE – the dairy assistance payment is only available to families who own, share-farm or lease a dairy farm business; or those people whose primary occupation is working on a dairy farm.

Student details

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You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child’s school.

Signature of applicant_____________________________________________ Date___/___/____

DAIRY ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY

Students currently enrolled at the start of Term 3, 2016 in government and non-government schools where one or both parents:

• own an operating dairy farm
• are share farmers on a property primarily operating as a dairy farm
• hold a lease for an operating dairy farm
• work as an employee on an operating dairy farm and this is their main source of employment.
Evidence may include:

- a dairy industry license issued by Dairy Food Safety Victoria (DFSV)
- lease documentation
- share farming contract
- agreement with a dairy production/supply company
- a letter from an employer
- a statutory declaration stating the family’s main business or employment is on an operating dairy farm (in cases where other forms of evidence are not available)*.
- confirmation from a kindergarten that a younger sibling has been approved for the dairy Kindergarten Fee Subsidy on the basis of being an eligible dairy farming family (as above)

* Current milk statements can be provided along with a statutory declaration stating the family’s main business or employment is on an operating dairy farm.

The Dairy Assistance Application Form must be lodged at the school by 18 November 2016 along with evidence as required.

PAYMENT AMOUNT

This one-off payment of $375 per student is only available in 2016 and will be paid to the school for the eligible student.

Families who were eligible for the means tested CSEF payment are also eligible to receive the Dairy Assistance payment. However, families that have previously qualified for the CSEF drought assistance funding are not able to also access the CSEF dairy assistance funding.

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Government & Non-Government schools:

1. Parents/legal guardians and independent students are required to complete a Dairy Assistance application form and lodge the form at the school. Application forms are to be retained by the school.

2. The school is then required to complete and email the endorsed spreadsheet to csef@edumail.vic.gov.au by 2 December 2016. The spreadsheet template can be downloaded from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

3. DET will make a bulk payment into the school’s bank account by the end of term 4, 2016.

4. The school will be required to allocate the funding directly to benefit the eligible student. The school should communicate with their school community about how the funding will be allocated.
BOOK CLUB
Thank you for your continued support of Book Club and thank you Janelle for all of the work you do for us with Book Club. We would just like to remind you that all orders should be done online. We realise that not everyone has credit card facilities so we will process the orders in that case. Please check your child’s order before they lodge it. We are finding some orders have incorrect cash and others are hard to decipher what the actual order is.

MOVIE FUNDRAISER NIGHT FOR INVERLOCH KINDERGARTEN
Enjoy a few laughs, a “child-free” night out with friends watching a fun movie and supper afterwards, whilst raising money for Inverloch Kinder. All adults welcome, you don’t need to have kids at the Kinder. Please share the event with your friends, but first in will be the best dressed as there are only 154 tickets available!

Where: Stadium 4 Cinema, Leongatha
When: Friday 26th August 2016
Time: 7:00pm (Time to be confirmed by the Cinema closer to the date)
Cost: $20 per person

Complimentary Tea, Coffee and Supper will be provided after the movie. Your movie ticket also includes a raffle ticket to win some fabulous prizes on the night!

For information and tickets, please contact
Liz Friswell 0418 805 406
Jodie Sheppard 0429 704 437
Leah Baud 0407 861 026
Or Message through the Bad Moms Movie Fundraiser – Inverloch Kinder Facebook event page.

BAD MOMS - "A woman with a seemingly perfect life - a great marriage, overachieving kids, beautiful home, stunning looks and still holding down a career. However she's over-worked, over-committed and exhausted to the point that she's about to snap. Fed up, she joins forces with two other over-stressed moms and all go on a quest to liberate themselves from conventional responsibilities, going on a wild un-mom like binge of freedom, fun and self-indulgence - putting them on a collision course with PTA Queen Bee Gwendolyn and her clique of devoted perfect moms."
Inverloch / Kongwak Primary School

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Please excuse ............................................. From Class........ For being absent on the following date(s):

The reason for the absence was: (please tick)

☐ Illness
☐ Parent choice/reason.
☐ Other (Please specify)
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