August 26th, 2016

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**Notices Sent Home:**
Gr. 5 & 6 School Sores Ltr;

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**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.

**Uniform**

Thank you to everyone who has spoken to me regarding their concerns for the current state of our uniforms. There is certainly some confusion, but also much deviation from our policy. Our currently policy regarding skorts is that they may be worn. When this policy was formulated the only skorts available were the pleated shorts made of heavy cotton. This is not the case now with the sports skorts consisting of a skirt and shorts underneath. The arrival of this clothing item on the market has caused some misconceptions for many, with some parents/carers thinking they are skirts, then allowing their children to wear skirts. Our uniform policy states: **Pants** – navy trackpants, shorts or skorts. **Dress** – navy and white check. **Tights/leggings**: navy blue/white to be worn under school dress or skorts in winter. Skirts are not school uniform. Please find a full copy of our Uniform policy attached to this newsletter. If you wish to comment on, or have suggestions for changes to, the policy, please include them on the Parent Opinion survey which is also being distributed today.

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As of next Thursday 1st September hats are compulsory. Please make sure that your child/ren have a correct school uniform approved hat.

**Thank you**

To everyone who has already booked in for a parent/teacher interview. Please remember that if you are unable to attend on the dates or at the times available contact the teacher to make an alternative time after school. To book an interview go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and use the code: yu6rz

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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. **Wednesday 31st will be the last day for payment. No money will be taken on the day of the stall.**

**Parent Opinion Survey**

Each year, to ensure that all parents have a voice, we produce our own Parent Opinion survey. This is your opportunity to comment on all aspects of our school either positively or with constructive criticism. The information received from these surveys is presented at School Council and to the school leadership team to assist us in working towards a better school for all. Please take the time to complete and return the survey before the end of term. Thank you

**Congratulations**

Mr Boyd who has arrived in Bairnsdale today after riding his bike across Australia from Perth. Mr Boyd and a small group left Perth on July 24th on their epic journey. Well done.
REMINDER REGARDING THE VICTORIAN PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE
The FINAL DATE for submitting Challenge Reading lists for our students will be MONDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER.
Please see me in the Library Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday each week if you need any help with this. Happy Reading.
Rayleen.

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.

2D to went Inverloch beach last week to gather data. Some students chose to interact with members of the public, asking them questions to help with data collection (there was some great feedback from these people about students good manners and confidence). We will be using this data in class next week to graph.

CAND YOU HELP?
Do you have a Dingo digger or anything suitable to help clear the paths in the veggie garden? The garden group would love your help.
Please call Gabriella on 0459 299 020 if you can help.

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.

SUSHI ROSTER MONDAY 29th:
AM  Di Thexton and Liz Frizwell
PM  Kerri-Anne and Mili
Multi-age Olympic Day
Grade 6 starting their transition program with Wonthaggi Secondary College making their Fantastic Racers.
Grade 2N performed at assembly today.

Town Library visits for Book Week.

Grade 6’s learning some crafts with our volunteers.
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).

IKPS Kids Matter Student Action Team has chosen to support Muscular Dystrophy Australia’s National Superhero week by hosting a Superhero Day, where a gold coin donation will allow students to dress up as their favourite superhero or even invent one! The dress up day will be held next Friday 2nd September.
This week our Artist of the week is Alexis Phease in Grade 6 with her thoughtfully planned mind map painting of symbols, representing places of significance to her around Inverloch.

**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.

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### 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](mailto:angelat71@hotmail.com) or 0415 203 572
Angela Toomey
Inverloch Tennis Club Junior Rep.
STUDENT DRESS & APPEARANCE POLICY (ratified 2010, revised 2015)

PREAMBLE
All school councils have the authority to create and implement dress codes for their children. This policy reflects the expectations Inverloch / Kongwak Primary School Council holds regarding student dress and appearance. The main purposes of this policy include the promotion of student safety and group security, and the creation of collective and individual pride in students and their identification with the school. It incorporates guidelines pertaining to the school uniform and student individual appearance.

A sensible and neat appearance reflects a caring attitude and pride in one’s self and the school. By reinforcing the importance of sensible dress at primary school, parents are preparing their child for the dress requirements of post primary schooling, as well as developing sound personal habits within their children for later life. (For this reason, students are expected to wear the IKPS uniform)

Inverloch / Kongwak Primary School Council also provides scope for individuality via special days and activities which allow students to make choices about their clothing.

GOALS
1. To ensure all students are dressed in a way that enables them to be safe.
2. To ensure all students are dressed in our school uniform of navy blue and white.
3. To develop and maintain a strong sense of identity with and pride for the school.
4. To provide easy identification of students and to enhance each child’s sense of security – particularly when the children are on excursions.
5. To reduce the potential for children to feel peer pressure to wear fashion items at school.

GUIDELINES
1. School Uniform
   ~ Wearing of the school uniform is compulsory and all items must be clearly labelled and must be in a neat and clean order.
   ~ The school uniform consists of the following and at least one item of each top should have a logo to be worn on school excursion
   **Top:** navy crew-neck windcheater, navy polar fleece vest; and for year 6 only, navy commemorative windcheater.
   **Jacket:** navy and white sports jacket, navy bomber jacket,
   **Shirt:** navy blue and or white short-sleeved crew neck T-shirt or polo shirt; navy or white long-sleeved polo shirt; or navy blue / white skivvy Grade 6 white commemorative T-shirt
   **Pants:** navy track-pants, shorts or “skorts”, (no cargo style leg pockets)
   **Dress:** blue and white check.
   **Tights/leggings:** Navy blue / white, to be worn under school dress or skorts in winter
   **Hat:** navy broad-brimmed hat or other DET (sunsmart) approved hat only – may be purchased from the school’s Uniform Store
   **Footwear:** black closed toe shoes, boots or runners (Runners may also be white/predominantly white or predominantly black or navy). NB: No coloured footwear or laces.
   **Socks:** plain black, navy blue or white only, short or knee-high.

2. School Bag: It is strongly recommended that children use the navy school back pack available from school.
3. Sport Uniform: Runners for PE, tops as per house colour for sports days, sports jacket, navy blue and or white T-shirt and blue shorts when representing our school at sporting events
The wearing of hats for all outdoor activities is compulsory from the 1st September to 30th April. Children are permitted to wear navy blue beanies on cold days during Terms 2 and 3. Beanies, hats and other head-coverings are not to be worn indoors (except where an exemption has been requested and granted due to religious or cultural reasons).

~ Due to risk of personal injury, scarves and hooded windcheaters are not to be worn at school.
~ The wearing of the school uniform is a pre-condition for every child participating on an out-of-school activity - unless parents are notified of other arrangements.

~ Parents are responsible for ensuring that the correct uniform is worn.
~ School staff will monitor the wearing of the correct uniform. Where children are noted as being continually out of school uniform, a “School Uniform Notice” will be issued to the parent requesting an explanation.
~ Each year the Year 6 children will have the option of purchasing and wearing tops containing a unique and appropriate design to acknowledge their final year at primary school. This design will be decided in year 5.
~ Contingency procedures are available to assist families having difficulty meeting the policy requirements due to financial reasons.

~ Parents are responsible for placing the student’s name on all items of clothing.

2. Individual Appearance
~ For safety reasons the only jewellery permitted at school will be small studs in the ears (maximum of two per ear) and inexpensive wrist watches. For special events (such as a fundraiser or to mark a special occasion eg Daffodil Day, one wristband may be worn for a short time).
~ Students are only to have a natural hair colour.
~ Hair styles should not impede the child’s vision. As all schools are susceptible to incidences of headlice, to lessen the likelihood of infestation, children with hair that is shoulder length or longer must have it securely tied back with black, blue and or white hair ties/headbands.
~ Students are not permitted to wear any makeup. This includes false fingernails and nail polish.
~ Students are not permitted to write, draw, colour or in any other way ‘mark’ their skin, including no tattoos/stickers.
~ Each term there will be a special day/s and/or activities where students will be encouraged to dress around a theme. This must be respectful to themselves and others. The wearing of high heels, open toed or slip on shoes or thongs is not permitted. Shoulders must also be covered.

3. Exemptions
~ Parents may seek an exemption from the dress code on the following grounds:
   - an aspect of the code offends a religious belief held by the student/parent
   - an aspect of the code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their ethnic or cultural background
   - the student has a particular health condition that requires a departure from an aspect of the code. A doctor’s certificate must be provided.

~ To seek an exemption, parents are required to state their request in writing - including the reason(s) - to the principal who will then take it to the school council. The school council will then respond to the request in writing.

BASIS OF DISCRETION

Where this policy does not provide sufficient guidelines concerning a particular issue in regard to student dress and appearance, the principal will use his or her discretion - based on the goals of this policy - to implement appropriate action, if deemed necessary.

HATS HATS HATS

increased UV = Wear broad-brimmed or bucket school hats when outside!

Hats can be purchased from the school office. Broad brim hats are $11.00 and bucket hats are $8.00.
Please note that children without hats/not wearing hats after 1st September will be asked to sit in a shaded area at play-times.

Please note sunglasses are permitted and recommended for those playing 4 square on the bright white con-
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 (TODAY)
Inverloch & District ASD Support Group

Parents, family and carers of children who have an Autism Spectrum Disorder (autism, aspergers syndrome, pdd-nos etc) are warmly invited to attend the following meeting of the Inverloch & District ASD Support Group

Our support group meets on the first Wednesday of the month during school term

Time: 10.30am - 12.30pm 7 Sept 5 Oct, 2 Nov & 7 Dec

Where: Inverloch Hub – large meeting room that opens out to the playground
16 A'Beckett Street Inverloch
Tea & Coffee provided at no cost

'School Holiday Special Needs Family Get-together'

When: Wednesday 28th September
Time: 10am - 11.30am
Where: Coronet Bay Community Hall Fred Gration Reserve, Bantering Bay Road, Coronet Bay.

Come one, come all... A chance for families of children with special needs to get together, share knowledge and support each other or just have a cuppa and a chat. A gathering place for our children to play and be their individual little selves in a parent supported environment. This is a parent-run initiative; there are no specialist services involved. All children 0-18yrs welcome. Please bring your own morning tea/snacks/drinks. *$2 for tea & coffee. Please share details with others that may be interested.

Contact Emma: 046614222
Parents/Carers;

Please ‘Like’ us on Face-book for all the most up to date info...
http://www.facebook.com/IKPS1

Please take a look at the above site – there is a ‘Grown Up’s’ tab to ex-plore and a ‘Parent line’ too. Latest news is available, along with media releases, research reports, hot-top-ics, downloads and more.

www.kidshelpline.com.au

Wonthaggi Basketball Association

WANTED
Under 10 Girls for domestic basketball.
Registration for all grades for upcoming Summer season is now open until Grand Final day on Sunday 28th August:

Starts Monday 16th October (runs for 12 weeks plus finals with break over Christmas)
See our website to register (www.wonthaggibasketball.org)

Annual AGM
7pm Wednesday 31st August 2016
Wonthaggi Club, McBride Ave Wonthaggi
New members required
www.wonthaggibasketball.org