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Ivanhoe Primary School Newsletter

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The school year is rapidly drawing to a close with only 6 days of school remaining. Some events of interest are:

WEEK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10 Dec.				14 th Orchestra & Corelli Strings Combined Rehearsal 9 – 11am Strings Night 7pm – 9pm Hall	15 th
11 Dec.	18 th National Anthem Band	19 th	20 th Grade 6 Graduation	21 st Meet the teacher	22 nd Final Day School Finishes at 1.30pm Final Assembly at 1:00pm

Dear Ivanhoe Primary School Community,

Our values at work...

Last week I wrote Ivanhoe Primary School recognises the importance of the partnership between schools and parents. That we share a commitment to, and a responsibility for, ensuring inclusive, safe and orderly environments for our children and young people.

On Wednesday it was my privilege to officiate at a morning tea put on by school staff and volunteers as a thank you to the parents and community members who give so much so that student learning, engagement and wellbeing is supported in our big school on a tiny footprint.

You may have heard the expression “It takes a village to raise a child” At Ivanhoe Primary School this is as relevant as ever: We are all in this together!

What was apparent as I listed the activities (and I know I forgot a few) was the level of interest and involvement in the community that was all for supporting the children.

Thank you to those who involved yourselves in:

- bathroom renovation project
- watering the oval on weekends and holidays (we are the envy of every other local school)
- our website
- facebook
- school council
- committees of school council
- the classroom helpers program
- Sharing expertise with students (drama, science, history, IT, music...)
- attending school camps
- attending excursions

- parent band
- sporting associations and coaching
- art and dance clubs during lunchtime
- swimming program and walking to the pool
- listening to reading
- attending working bees
- banking
- the gardening club (last session this Sunday in the front garden please come)
- the Fair committee
- the PFA (for the Ball and mother's day and father's day etc etc)
- Canteen
- lost property
- washing linen in first aid
- Perceptual Motor Program
- Fundamental Motor Skills
- writing grants
- helping in the office
- activities at OHSC
- Themed days at school
- moving furniture

I know I have probably neglected some things in this list but I thank you as well.

Next year we are looking at how we can extend parent involvement in the upper years and continue to improve outcomes for all students. We all recognise that community involvement and partnerships have a positive effect on learning and wellbeing. So from all of us at IPS, teachers, staff, students and school council we thank you.

Ivanhoe Primary School Canteen Survey Results

Thank you to the 100 families who completed the Canteen Survey last term. We received some great feedback and thought we would share some of the findings.

The IPS Canteen is run by our school, and Jenny is employed as the Canteen Manager. Any profits made from the Canteen go back into our school.

Canteen Assistance

The survey showed that the Canteen provides an important service to our school community. Many parents suggested that IPS employ a part-time staff member in the Canteen to help Jenny to supplement our volunteer community. This suggestion has now been endorsed by School Council and next year Jenny will employ a part-time employee for 3 hours/day over 3 days. This appointment of an additional Canteen staff member will mean that the Canteen can provide more home-made food options for the students.

Parent volunteers will still play an important role in the Canteen to provide the best possible service to our school community.

Online Ordering

The survey revealed that 42% of parents have used online ordering without a problem, however 49% said that they have had some issues. The online-ordering system, My School Connect, has recently completed upgrades to their system, so hopefully this will mean there are less issues experienced by parents. If you wish to provide any feedback to My School Connect, we invite you to do so by completing their online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QFZ377B>

If you do experience any difficulties with online ordering, you can:

- **Talk to Jenny at the Canteen Monday to Friday**
- **Call Jenny on 9499 1880**

In the survey, many parents recorded that they like the online ordering system because it is quick, easy, you don't need cash, and you can make orders in advance. The drawback noted is the 33c fee per order. Unfortunately, this is unavoidable.

Canteen Prices

The survey indicated that 80% of parents agreed that the Canteen prices were fair, and 12% of parents thought that the prices were great value. In order to cover the cost of a new Canteen staff member, the prices in the Canteen will see a small increase.

Canteen Menu

The survey highlighted that 39% of parents would like the option of ordering food at recess. This is an option we will consider and may introduce in the future. Thank you to all those parents who made great suggestions of items to add to the Canteen Menu.

We look forward to even more home-made meals and other item suggestions being added in the future.

The following suggestions have been added to the Canteen Menu:

- Veggie sticks with dip
- Lasagne
- Frozen pineapple rings

The following suggestions will be added to the Canteen Menu next year:

- More gluten-free options, including gluten-free bread
- More vegetarian options
- More sushi varieties
- More halal options
- Bunny box
- Cold hard-boiled eggs
- Smaller cups of fruit salad
- Frozen watermelon in Summer

Thank you for your support of the Canteen. We look forward to continuing to provide a valuable service to the IPS community.

Ivanhoe Carols by Candlelight

**Join other Ivanhoe Primary families for an unofficial end of year picnic!!
Celebrate the wonderful year our kids have had!**

Date: Saturday 16 December

Venue: Ivanhoe Park, The Boulevard, Ivanhoe East

Time: 6.30pm - Pre-show entertainment and activities, 7.30pm - 9.30pm - Stage show

Address: The Boulevard, Ivanhoe East (also Lower Heidelberg Rd)

Bring your own picnic or visit the onsite food vendors - or we can all call for pizza!



Program

7:30pm	Welcome & Introduction
7:35pm	Mayors Speech
7:40pm	Diamond Valley Brass Band (DVBB) & Australian Children's Choir (ACC)
7:50pm	The Little Sisters
8:05pm	DVBB & ACC
8:15pm	Stephen and Samantha & DVBB
8:30pm	DVBB
8:35pm	Rhonda Burchmore
8:45pm	The Kazoos & Santa
9:25pm	Final Performance
9:35pm	End

2018 Booklist collections

Collection days from the school hall are

Thursday January 25th 9.00am-12.30pm Foundation - Year 3
1.00pm-4.30pm - Year 4 – 6

Saturday January 27th 9.00am-1.00pm

(Should you have children in multiple year levels, please feel free to attend either session)

Booklist Packs not collected during these times will need to be collected from Absolute MBA Office National, at 7 Inglewood Drive Thomastown 3074 from 8.30am Monday January 29th.

IPS Vision Statement

Ivanhoe Primary School encourages the development of the whole student. Our aim is to support learners in becoming curious, reflective and critical in their thinking as global citizens.

NOT RETURNING IN 2018

To assist the process of grade planning for next year could parents of students not returning to our school next year please contact the school by email ivanhoe.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au.

END OF TERM

Please note term four concludes at **1.30 pm** on **Friday December 22nd**.

FIRST DAY OF 2018

The first day for Term 1 2018 for students is **Tuesday 30th of January**.

Thank you
Mark Kent
Principal

Values:

Confidence, Independence, Persistence, Resilience, Respect



CHILD SAFETY: Protecting children from abuse is our responsibility.

Ivanhoe Primary is committed to safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making.

Ivanhoe Primary has zero tolerance for child abuse.

Ivanhoe Primary is committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Particular attention will be paid to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children and children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, as well as the safety of children with a disability.

Every person involved in Ivanhoe Primary has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.

Music News

Grade 2 Strings 2018

The cello positions for grade 2 strings have been filled however, there are still 4 positions remaining for students wishing to play the violin.

If you have not returned an application but would like your child to join the violin group next year, please email Liz Bonetti on elizabethabonetti@gmail.com.

Double bass 2018

The double bass position has been filled for 2018.

Thanking you for your enquiries.

Please contact Liz Bonetti.

Summer strings concert

Looking forward to a wonderful concert tonight.

This is not a ticketed concert and all school families are welcome to attend.

Time: 7.00 PM

Where: School hall