

# INSIDE IVANHOE

## Ivanhoe Primary School Newsletter

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## Term 4

### Official Opening

Victorian Treasurer Tim Pallas and State MP Anthony Carbinis officially opened "The Treehouse" this week. They were joined by representatives of the Victorian School Building Authority, the Department of Education & Training, Maddison Architects, McColl Smith constructions, members of school council, community, staff and students.

This celebration saw our House Captains cut the ribbon with the Treasurer to officially open the building. Ivanhoe PS has always been a high achieving school despite our growing population, land locked status and antiquated facilities. The community works hard to ensure students are provided with the best possible learning experiences so it is fantastic to be able to replace old structures with new and increase the opportunities for collaboration between classes and build school pride.

This is Stage One of a master plan that will see IPS capable of meeting enrolment growth and replace almost all of the relocatable buildings with purpose built permanent learning spaces. Stage Two, which is already funded, will see the removal of relocatable from the oval and the basketball court and reclaim valuable play space. Thank you for your patience and I hope you agree that the wait was worth it.

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| Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November                 | Grade 5 Old Treasury building and Melbourne museum            |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November                 | <b><u>Curriculum Day - No Students required at school</u></b> |
| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November                | <b><u>Public holiday - No Students required at school</u></b> |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November               | Foundation Orientation Session 3                              |
| Mon-Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov | Innovation Week   |
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November               | Grade 3 Scienceworks excursion                                |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November             | Grade 1 & 2 Outdoor concert                                   |
| Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> November              | State election/ Mini Market                                   |
| Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> November                | Working Bee (Grade 1 and friends)                             |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November              | Strings Night   |
| Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November                | International Day   |



## Outstanding Development in Science & STEM

We wrote an expression of interest to be a part of the Primary Mathematics and Science Specialists initiative focussing on Science / STEM. This week I was advised by The Hon James Merlino MP Deputy Premier & Minister for Education that we have been selected to participate in this initiative. To recap.

The Primary Mathematics and Science Specialists (PMSS) initiative is a successful Victorian Department of Education and Training (DET) program that upskills primary teachers in government schools to become mathematics or science education specialists. The Victorian Government has provided \$33m to train 200 Specialists, building on the success of the National Partnerships Specialists initiative.

The initiative aims to:

- increase student engagement and achievement in science
- increase teacher confidence and capability in teaching science
- increase understanding of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics)

Each participating school selects two science specialists from the school's existing staff who will continue to work in their classroom and will work with other teachers to gain greater confidence and capacity in teaching science. As a result, students will be more engaged in science, leading to improved outcomes.

This is an excellent result for our school I look forward to seeing the gains our students will make in this important area of education over the next few years.

## Science of Change

As part of Chemical Science. The Year 1 classes are investigating changes that occur when different materials are mixed together. The students had the opportunity to make honeycomb, damper, ice-cream and jelly.



## Congratulations

Professional Learning is incumbent on all educators and I am proud to announce that Sarah Murphy has been selected to work in an indigenous community school in the heart of the Northern Territory for 2019. Not only is this a marvellous opportunity for Sarah but the learnings from IPS she will apply in her new school will no doubt equal the learnings she will bring back to IPS on her return.

Our commitment to Digital Learning Technologies has seen the addition of a webex widescreen communicator join our arsenal of technologies so I am hopeful we will be able to connect our two schools in some way and our students can virtually visit the outback and remote students can get a glimpse of Ivanhoe.

## Outdoor Classroom

Today Year 5s got to be the teachers and taught Foundation students in a pop up classroom outside the collaboration space under the shade cloth.



Students learn by observing, listening, exploring, experimenting and asking questions. Activities like these require older students to take more responsibility for their own and others learning. In this way they get more involved in making decisions about learning and organising activities which in turn helps them grow in confidence, develop a greater sense of awareness and generates empathy.

## Welcome back Year 6 campers

The Year 6 Canberra Tour was a terrific learning experience. Thank you to the staff and parent volunteers that made the camp so enjoyable for everybody. Thank you to the students who were excellent ambassadors for IPS. Many of the places we visited for example, Parliament House and the National War Memorial required students to be respectful and considerate of others and the surroundings. We were very pleased with the way in which students reacted to presenters and engaged with the activities. Next week's newsletter will have some of the student's views of the trip.

## Want to help your child? Recipes.

1. Collect and read recipes and discuss the use of fractions, millimetres and grams. Encourage your child to make accurate measurements using measuring cups and spoons.
2. Discuss how you would double a recipe. Encourage your child to record the new measurements for the recipe.
3. Identify the temperature and cooking time on the recipe.
4. Estimate the cost to buy all the ingredients to make the recipe.
5. Make a list of the abbreviations used in the recipe and then write them in full, for example, L for litre, mL for millilitre, tsp for teaspoon, tbs for tablespoon.

## New Hoops

You may have already noticed there is a new scoreboard in the hall. It was joined today with new perspex backboards, hoops and nets. Thank you Ivanhoe Knights Basket Ball club.

## Curriculum Day Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Please remember children are not to attend school on Monday.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mark Kent  
Principal



Confidence



Independence



Persistence



Resilience



Respect

## Halloween at the Canteen



### STRINGS NEWS

A huge CONGRATULATIONS to former IPS student Dasha Auer ( Grade 2 Strings 2008) who has just been accepted into the Australian National Academy of Music on viola. Dasha is currently in the midst of her VCE exams and will study viola next year with Caroline Henbest. What an achievement!

### IPS STUDENT QUOTE OF THE WEEK

You got a 'A+' for your violin exam earlier in the year didn't you Will?

Yes and I know how...I practiced a lot.

## Breast Cancer Awareness day



Thank you to all those students that dressed up for our **Breast Cancer awareness day**.

We are still in the process of totalling the money collected so there is still time if you would like to donate. There is a pink donation tin at the office window, which you are more than welcome to fill up. Every little bit counts.