

# INSIDE IVANHOE

## Ivanhoe Primary School Newsletter

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From the Principal.

Dear Parents and Community.

### **Class News, Information Evenings & Meet The Teacher**

There is always something going on at IPS. Shortly you will receive a Year Level Newsletter providing a brief run down of the Term 1 classroom foci, useful information, homework expectations, some useful dates and an update from our specialist teachers. You can use this information to structure conversations with your child(ren) and support their learning.

You will also receive a more personalised welcome letter introducing the teacher, advising you of the information evening date, meet the teacher week and providing you with the opportunity to assist in the class program or on one of the many committees or events. We rely on community support to give our students the very best possible opportunities in the best possible environment.

### **School Council Elections – NOMINATIONS CLOSE 4PM FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> (TOMORROW)**

School council members are elected for approximately a two-year term. Half the membership is elected or co-opted every year. This creates vacancies for school councillor positions every year. If a councillor fails to complete their term a vacancy is advertised and filled for the remainder of the original term of office.

### **Nominations are now called for membership of Ivanhoe Primary School.**

There are two types of parent member category nomination forms – Schedule 5A ‘Self Nomination’ form or Schedule 5B Nomination form. Schedule B is used when a school parent nominates another school parent. Nomination forms may be obtained from, or by contacting, the school office and must be lodged with the principal / school office by 4.00 pm on 08/02/2019. Nomination forms are available from the 25/01/2019. Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominees received will be posted on the noticeboards at the school and communicated by COMPASS.

If there are more nominations than there are vacant positions, an election will be held and a vote will be conducted.

If an election is called nominees will be encouraged to submit a short bio about themselves (approximately 250 words) which will be published on the 11/02/2019. Voting slips will then be made available to all eligible voters on 12/02/2019.

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on 19/02/2019. The community will be informed of the successful candidates on the 21/02/19 and the first meeting of Ivanhoe Primary School Council will be at 7.30pm Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019. \* (7.00 pm correspondence tabled)

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	TERM OF OFFICE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS
Parent member (two years)	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2019 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2021.	5
Parent member (single year as a result of a resignation)	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2019 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2020.	1
DET employee member (two years)	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2019 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2021.	2

Generally speaking there are two council meetings per term (Three in Term 2). Every council member is asked to serve on one of the many sub committees of School Council. Every School Council Member is required to attend school governance training organised by the principal.

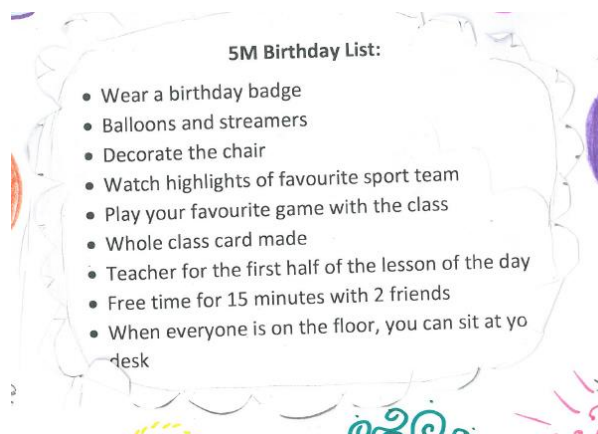
If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Information for parents is provided together with the translation in to a variety of languages at <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/governance/Pages/electionmaterials.aspx>

### Celebration alternatives to the sharing food

Last week I requested for reasons relating to food allergies and safety, as well as the significant financial impost brought to bear, that families are respectfully requested not to supply birthday cakes, cupcakes, sweets, gifts and toys etc on school grounds – including at the OSHC program.

Since then students have proactively come up with some fabulous ideas to celebrate these special days. Grade 5s developed the following and I have already seen it in action and I am very impressed. Look out for 5B's contribution next week.



### We listened

Students argued a strong case for not using Soy Sauce Fish containers. Jenny in the canteen has come up with a solution and once we have exhausted our current supply of fish containers each classroom will have its own gluten free bottle thus reducing our waste and our reliance on plastics.



### Choir

Choir for those who love to sing will be on Tuesday mornings at 8am sharp in the Music Room. More details about this magnificent program will be provided shortly.

## Passive activities outside the OLD canteen

We have made this area a no run zone. Students can enjoy engaging in cards, reading, in fact anything that requires space for contemplation and conversation are encouraged to use the space outside the OLD canteen. Already I have seen scores of students challenging each other to games, reading books and chatting (perhaps solving the world's problems) in the cool and calm of this space.

## Sun Smart

Reinforcing SunSmart behaviour at home helps prepare your child for independent sun protection habits at school. Teach your child to apply their own sunscreen, make sure a broad-brimmed hat is packed each day and make sun safe clothing available. Encourage your child to check the UV index from the new link on the IPS website or click on this picture.





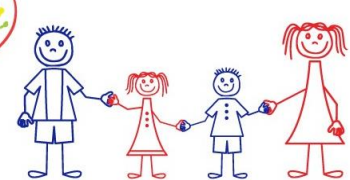

## Bryant Reserve old play equipment

Last year our JSC provided input to the Banyule City Councils' plans for the redevelopment of Bryant Reserve. One of the questions asked was "what happens to the old equipment?"

The answer to that question is that the Ivanhoe Rotary Club has organised for the old play equipment from Bryant Reserve to be sent to Sri Lanka for children in a needy community. This is done through the Donations in Kind program. Great to see it being recycled.

## IPS joins the Little Blue Dinosaur Foundation to promote road safety.

Soon you will see around the school some new signs encouraging you to think "safety" and talk about strategies to help you and your child stay safe around our streets. In the holidays I saw some of these thought provoking signs along the peninsula and contacted the foundation to see how we could get on board. I spoke to the CEO Michelle, who lost her son tragically in a blameless accident that she says could happen to anyone. Her son was well-versed on road safety and well-behaved on regular road-trips to primary school. Michelle said "You can be vigilant and teach your children about road safety everyday, as I did, but at the end of the day these accidents happen in a moment, and it's a lovely endearing quality that children are so joyful and excitable, but we need to keep that at the forefront of our minds."



**ALWAYS HOLD HANDS WITH CHILDREN UNDER 10  
AROUND ROADS, DRIVEWAYS AND CARPARKS**

Road safety experts advise that children under 10 have limited cognitive abilities around roadways. The Little Blue Dinosaur foundation's mission is to educate and protect child pedestrians from the dangers associated with roadways and motor vehicles. The foundation was established in loving memory of 4-year-old Tom McLaughlin, who tragically died in a pedestrian road accident in January 2014. For more road safety information please visit [www.littlebluedinosaur.org](http://www.littlebluedinosaur.org)

Traffic is a big issue for our school particularly at drop off and pick up. There have been many near misses that could have resulted in catastrophic damage to life, limb and property. Please consider walking to

school or parking the car behind Bryant Reserve and walking through the park. You'll see our new signs and stickers soon.

Please leave yourself enough time so you don't have to rush.

For more road safety information, please visit [www.littlebluedinosaur.org](http://www.littlebluedinosaur.org)

### Star of the Week

Star of the Week awards will begin Monday 11<sup>th</sup> of February for Years 1 to Year 6. Foundation Star of the Week will begin later in February, once they have settled in to their school routine and understand the concepts behind the acknowledgement.

### Help us help you

Our focus is your child, so help us by understanding that our work is complex. We want to build positive relationships with every family and every student. Teaching staff are expected to attend meetings before and after school although your child's teacher will generally be in their classroom at 8.50am. Please remember at the start of the day teachers are getting learning ready, so will not always have much time for more than a hello and pleasantries. For a more comprehensive conversation please make an appointment through the school office or approach your child's teacher directly after school to make a time.

**The school newsletter** will continue to be published weekly and be served up as a link on COMPASS and can be downloaded on the website.

### IPS PFA Welcome Picnic - Friday 15th February - 5pm - 8pm

**\*\*Food available for purchase at the event from 5.30!\*\***

To welcome our school community back for another year, we invite you to join us for the annual *IPS Welcome Picnic*. This year, the PFA have arranged for a number of food trucks to be at the Picnic, making it even easier to attend! Feel free to bring along some snacks and a picnic rug and then treat yourself to some delicious noodle dishes, pizza, burgers or icy poles!!

The Picnic is a great opportunity to meet new families to the school, chat to some of the staff and reconnect with friends and classmates from previous years.

Hopefully you can make it on Feb 15th and we look forward to seeing you there.

### PFA (Parents and Friends Association)

The PFA is a wonderful group that organises most of the social gatherings and functions during the year. Currently they are gearing up for the Welcome Picnic on the 15<sup>th</sup> Feb and have mapped out a terrific agenda of activities for the year. Examples include the Mother's Day breakfast, School Disco, Trivia Night and Bunnings Sausage Sizzle to name a few. Some of these activities do raise money and in the past PFA have helped send a child to camp, bought essential school items for families in crisis and more recently helped send our senior school leaders to the GRIP Leadership Conference. The GRIP Conference is a unique annual event that concentrates specifically on training student leaders for their role as school leaders. For the first time we are also sending our Semester One Junior School Councillors and Environmental Leaders.

If you would like to contribute to the school by joining the PFA please complete the form in the compass attachment that arrived with this newsletter on COMPASS and send it to the office.

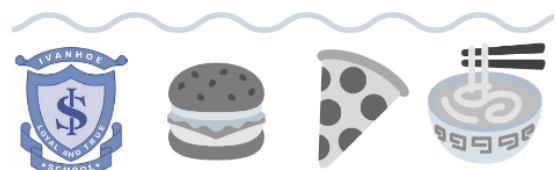
Not enough time to make a picnic? Don't worry -

#### Food trucks available include:

- Burgers
- Chips
- Pizza
- Vietnamese Noodles

with drinks, icy poles and icecreams available from the canteen

#### BYO Picnic Blankets





## School Banking

School banking happens Tuesdays and we require volunteers to join the parent team in the Print Room in the Waterdale Rd Building first thing Tuesday mornings. No experience necessary.

## Bike Education

Here at IPS the teachers run a terrific bike education program that focuses on skills, maintenance and safety. You can help your child by asking them what they have learned and riding with them on weekends.



## Tips to Help your child succeed at school.

### LITERACY

Families play a key role in developing language and literacy skills.

A child's understanding of the world and their capacity to learn is greatly influenced by how much their family values their literacy skills. Children who start school with greater literacy skills perform better in school, and not just in language-based subjects like English. It is important to think of literacy in the early years as a range of different activities and forms of communication, including music, movement, dance, storytelling, visual arts and drama, as well as talking, viewing, reading, drawing and writing.

Literacy in your child's early years can always be fun. Excursions and playtime are great activities in which to engage and talk with your child. Fun activities are also the best opportunities to teach your child new vocabulary and new ways of saying things.

Each week in the IPS Newsletter or on the IPS Website look for "Tips to help your child succeed at school."

Thank you.  
Mark Kent (Principal)



# Our Stars of the Week

## Confidence

**1M Leon S**

For believing in yourself when finishing classwork. Great start to the school year!

**1S Dakota W**

For the confident start you've made at IPS, we are lucky to have you in our class!

**2H Rhys S**

For showing confidence with your writing. Such a great start to the year.

**2L Katherine P**

For a great start at IPS. You are a fabulous friend to everyone and we are lucky to have you in our grade!

**2R Archer M**

For an incredible start to the year. You are confident, kind and a wonderful role model!

**2W Thomas B**

For making a wonderful start in your new school and displaying the confidence to be inquisitive in your learning.

**3HK Chloe H**

We are so lucky to have had you join us at IPS. You have made a fabulous start!

**4L Madeline B**

For being such a great leader in our new class. You have settled into our class routines confidently and Mrs M is so proud of you!

**5M Nina N**

For being confident with your writing tasks this week. Keep up the great work!

**5T Noah H**

What a confident start you have made to Grade 5: Thanks for your contributions to our class discussions Noah!

**6P Anjali P**

For confidently and maturely participating in all class activities.

## Respect

**3C Jessie B**

For making MY first 2 weeks back at school such a dream. You are always listening and ready to learn!

**4M Callum C**

For being thoughtful and kind and helping others in 4M. What a great start to the year!

**6H Lucas B**

Helping others to understand questions and clarify understandings.

**PE Grade 6**

For the wonderful respect you showed during the coaching sessions from Hockey Victoria last week. You represented the school well and made me proud. Thank you!

## Independence

**3US**                      **Charlie C**

She has settled into Grade 3 routines incredibly well. You are so reliable.

**4T**                      **Madeline S**

For a fantastic start to your year in 4T! You have consistently made good decisions which benefit yourself and your classmates.

**5B**                      **Jason C**

For the great start to the year, you have been focused and organised and ready to learn. Well done!

**6C**                      **Ethan H**

For remaining focused on the task at hand when working on our school values

**Music**                      **Anjali P 6P**

For learning a new skill in order to support her classmates. A top effort on using peer support to learn the drums.

## Persistence

**1Z**                      **Bowen Y**

For the effort you put into your classwork this week. We are so proud of you! Keep it up!

**3OL**                      **Slade H**

For working hard to be the being the best

**Art**                      **Cara T 4L**

For showing great determination to persist when drawing a still life. Brilliant!