

# INSIDE IVANHOE

## Ivanhoe Primary School Newsletter

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From the Principal.

Dear Parents and Community.

### School Council

The election process has run its course and I am pleased to welcome the following parents and staff as members of the 2019 Ivanhoe School Council.

Leanne Anstee, David Cosma, Prudence Vermiglio, Andrew Read, Sonia Denisenko and Houwaida Ayoub.

I also welcome staff representatives Lucy Garzarella and Leigh Morrison to our School Council.

The following members are serving the second year of their term. Glenn Anderson, Petrina Burrill, Kelly Toghil, Joanne Wittig and Kylie Martin.

I personally would like to thank all the nominees for publicly declaring their interest and dedication to the school. It is testament to the value the IPS community places on education and the betterment of society.

### Junior School Council (By students for students)

#### You can expect us to

We JSCs this year will try to be the very best that we can be to make positive changes in the school. As JSCs you can expect us to role model for the school. You can also expect us to answer any questions that you have about the school or help you share any ideas with Mr Kent or the rest of the team

#### So far we've been working on:

A date for free dress Friday.

Renaming the old Canteen because when people get told to go to the old Canteen they think that it means the canteen that we use at the moment so they go to the canteen. They get very confused.

There are going to be replacement soccer nets because the ones at the moment are very old and worn out. There may be a new ½ court basketball court coming next year.

There may be a replacement for the 5/6 playground because it doesn't really look like a playground, so everyone goes on it. The foundation playground may be resurfaced.

#### Don't be afraid to share your ideas

Just because we are the junior school councillors of your class/year level/school, that doesn't mean that you have to tell us your ideas. If you have an idea that you want Mr Kent or the rest of the team to know, you can tell Mr Kent personally yourself or you can write a letter to him.

#### Thank you

If you have any questions in regards to JSC or around the school do not hesitate to ask us.

We will try our best to be the very best that we can be.

Ashley 6C and Rachel 6H. On behalf of the rest of the JSCs and Mr Kent.

### Road Safety – have you seen our new signs?

While crossing the road may seem like a simple task, there are a lot of different factors at play, which children do not fully understand as their reflexes are slower, peripheral eyesight and accuracy with pinpointing sound origin are still developing. As a child, navigating roads can be a difficult and dangerous

## Term 1

Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Meet the Teacher week
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Working bee- Foundation and friends
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	School Photo Day
20 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Grade 4 Camp
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Foundation students start full time
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Last Day Term 1

task, despite how confident they may appear. On Monday two children ran across Livingstone St from the lane to the Coles Carpark before school, narrowly missed by cars rounding the bend. A local Dr rang me to let me know. These are not the risks we are encouraging students to take. Please speak to your children and warn them of the dangers.

### **Improving outcomes for all at a system level**

Yesterday we hosted a professional development day for eight of our IPS school leaders and the school improvement teams of four other neighbouring schools. The agenda focussed on leading change, strengthening culture and articulating vision. Our facilitator was Dr Adian Bertolini, an expert in curriculum planning, high performing education cultures and developing leadership whose own vision is to empower educators to create outstanding, effective and inspiring learning cultures. The discussion over the day prompted me to remind the IPS community what we are about and re-issue an open invitation to be a part of the discussion and the journey.

### **An Open Invitation**

As a community the following are the actions and values that we hold dear and we will strive to embed them in our conversations and in our outcomes. We are justifiably proud of our work, our students' achievements, our community and our profession and I invite you to share in this journey and talk with your children often about the value that we ALL strive to create for every individual when we seek to work together.

### **Our Mission**

Ivanhoe Primary School provides a positive, vibrant and inspiring environment where students are valued and encouraged to succeed in becoming life-long learners.

### **Our Vision**

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.

### **Our Values**

**Confidence, Independence, Persistence, Resilience, Respect**

### **Our Objectives**



- To provide an educational program that develops students' curiosity and creativity.
- To develop responsible and engaged learners.
- To foster tolerance, respect and acceptance of others.
- To build each student's resilience and self-esteem.
- To provide a curriculum that is rich and relevant and allows all students to succeed.
- To promote a strong, supportive partnership between home and the school and the wider community.
- To have high expectations of ourselves and others.

### **Information evenings wrap up**

If you were able to attend any of these evenings, you would have heard about the curriculum, teacher expectations, upcoming events, planning, engagement strategies and how you can assist your children to excel in their learning. On behalf of the school, I thank the staff for their professionalism and time taken to plan and deliver these quality events.

A couple of parents asked me about tutoring, and on reflection I offer the following from Janet Goodall.

There is no better tutoring than parent conversations with their child. Research tells us that there are high impact strategies that parents can do in the home that are just as effective as the high impact strategies of



teachers in the classroom. No educational background is needed... they are: 1. Authoritative parenting, 2. Teach them the value of education and lifelong learning, 3. Have high aspirations and realistic expectations, 4. Lead learning in the home by having conversations with your child, 5. Start early and remain engaged and 6. Develop effective communication between school and home. (Janet Goodall 2013)

### **Meet the teacher**

Parents have access to great information that can greatly impact on their child's learning if shared with the teacher. At this stage of the year, you have much to bring to the discussion about "who" your child is, "how" they learn and "what" interests them. These elements can prove vital in assisting the teacher to engage your child in learning. As a parent you know their loves, and concerns, and it is useful for the teacher to have this information to support them on their journey. The challenge is to keep the discussion to 10 minutes and to make a commitment to follow up with consistent communication that builds a positive relationship between home and school for the benefit of your child. Keep up to speed with COMPASS and use Class Dojo as a window into learning that will provide you with conversation starters around the dinner table. Positive mindsets achieve the best collaborative results.

Bookings are now open through 'School interviews online' for Meet the Teacher meetings.

### **Welcome to Ivanhoe Picnic**

A fabulous turnout last Friday for our welcome to IPS picnic. Thank you to our PFA for setting up and packing up (amazing job), Volunteers in the canteen and Marie Morrow and the Parent Band (who were brilliant). The food trucks were a brilliant addition to the evening taking the stress of feeding the family for working parents (Thanks Cat)

It was great to see children, parents and staff enjoying each other's company on the oval whilst entertained by the band.

Thanks everyone for cleaning up and supervising their own kids and for respecting our neighbours with a timely exit. We are a great community!

### **PFA and Student Leadership / GRIP Conference**

The PFA has committed financial support to our senior student leaders by subsidising their attendance at the Grip Leadership Conference. The Conference will be held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre on March 13th. Details at this link <http://www.gripleadership.com.au/content/primary/gifdm1>

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. I am very much looking forward to hearing what our Student Leaders have learned and what they can implement to increase student voice and agency at our school.

### **Tips to Help your child succeed at school.**

#### **LITERACY - WRITING**

Like reading, writing with your child should become an everyday activity at home. Try some of these writing ideas:

» Write a shopping list or add items to a list. » Keep a board to write and read family messages. » Give your child a pad of sticky notes to write reminders for themselves. » Plan and write your weekly menu together. »

Write captions for photographs in your family photo album. » Write labels for your child's art works and creations. » Make words using magnetic letters and stick them on the fridge. » Make and write greeting cards, birthday cards, and thank you notes. » Keep a family calendar on display and write down family events.

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)



## Looking after our environment



Ivanhoe Primary School is very lucky to be filled with amazing, environmentally minded students. On Wednesday 20th of February, Miss Millar received a WONDERFUL surprise at lunch time when the large number of students listed below, showed her the photographed bag of rubbish which they had worked together to collect.

Both Amy H & Aurora C from 2L, as well as Orli C, Max F, Adelaide H, Oliver, Anton K, Charlie P, Leo T & Asher V from 2R. Along with all the other wonderful students who make our school a great place to be!

Miss Millar

# Our Stars of the Week

## Resilience

**1Z                                      The whole of 1Z**

For being so resilient and working together while I was away. Well done! I am so proud of you.

**2W                                      Eli A**

For making good choices in class and always having a positive attitude towards tricky tasks.

**3US                                      Tess C**

For her outstanding approach to Grade 3 classroom life. You are so mature and ready to learn more and more.

## Persistence

**1M                                      Leroy S**

For working hard and persisting through tricky tasks. Awesome work!

**3C                                      Gemma S**

For the speed at which you picked up vertical addition! What a clever cookie!

**4F                                      Giulia M**

For her fantastic learning attitude and the fact she is constantly giving her best.

**4M                                      Michael B**

For the wonderful effort you put into coming up with some fantastic 'openers' in our writing session. Keep up the great effort!

**4T                                      Suliana A**

For continually refining her writing and improving vocabulary to compose a spectacular piece of descriptive writing!

**5T                                      Leah B**

Well Done Leah for always striving to achieve your best in every lesson!

**6C                                      Alia S**

For showing improvements in her maths skills.

## Respect

**1S                                  Alex D**

For the kind words and actions you show everyday to the whole class. You are amazing!

**2H                                  Andrew S**

For being respectful. Always listening to instructions and super ready to learn.

## Independence

**2L                                  Lilia D**

For being a great independent worker. Well done!

**3HK                                Damon D**

For showing great initiative and thoughtfulness. We are lucky to have you in 3HK!

**4L                                  Vivienne R**

For always being a responsible and assertive member of 4L! You always think ahead and keep 4L organised. Well done Vivienne!

**5B                                  Eva L**

For always being organised, ready and completing all work to the best of her ability.

**5M                                  Ryan Z**

For completing all tasks in class independently and efficiently. Great job!

**6H                                  David C**

For kindly considering others and helping.

**ART                                6P**

for thinking independently and asking excellent questions. Great effort.

**Italian                            5B**

For being open to continuous learning and using prior knowledge with confidence. Bravi

## Confidence

**1K                                  Florence M**

For showing amazing confidence during writing sessions. You should be proud of all your work!

**2R                                  Taylah H**

For the confident way you have started at I.P.S. Our school is so lucky to have you.

**3OL                                Max C**

For confidently identifying the rule that doubling whole numbers always produces an even number.

**6P                                  Luke F**

For confidently and clearly communicating important information, thoughts, ideas among his classmates.

**Music                              Marlon S 6P & Will R 5M**

For their performances on saxophone and drums as co-opted members of the Parent Band for the Welcome Picnic. Outstanding effort.