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Dear Ivanhoe Primary School Community, **Primary Schools' Parliamentary Convention**

This week two of our Year 6 students joined students from fifty other government, independent and catholic schools in the Victorian Students' Parliamentary Program that aims to provide opportunities that support the civic learning and active participation in democratic processes. The topic of the day was 'should a sugar tax be introduced to improve public health?' This was a wonderful example of providing school children with voice and agency in authentic "real world" situations. Maya and Lara's reports are below.

The Day We Went To Parliament House (Lara & Maya)

Hi I'm Lara

On Wednesday the 15th of August, while you were lolling about in school, Maya and I were at Melbourne's Parliament House. We were selected out of our whole school to go and represent Ivanhoe Primary. There were many other students from all over Melbourne there.



Lara states her case.



Maya opens the discussion.

What were we doing exactly? We were taking part in a day of politics. We got to sit in the very chairs and room that hold *actual* parliamentary meetings! It was really fun and we got to meet some really important people, though not the Premier. Our topic was 'Should a Sugar Tax be Introduced to Improve Public Health?'

At first Maya and I were both on the fence about it, but at the end of the day, Maya said yes and I said no. We got to discuss it in little groups, then talked about it back in the parliament room. Then we had something called a soapbox. Basically, we could just voice our opinion about the sugar tax in front of the room, which Maya and I both did. Then there was discussion and we held a vote, but that was part of the fun! The scores were 46 agree, 45 disagree. The convention was put together really well, and had a way of making everyone feel included. I would definitely recommend it to the future grade sixes! (Lara 6HP)

Hi I'm Maya

The venue is amazing. Ornate is the word that comes to mind as Larissa and I gaze at the beautifully carved ceiling. Everything here is steeped in history and is fittingly majestic. We walk through the Vestibule to the Queen's Hall, where portraits of many important people greet us. Soon, we go into the Chamber and take our seats. We listen to

Term 3 Calendar

Thursday 16 th August	Walkathon
Saturday 18 th August	PFA Trivia Night
22 nd till 24 th August	Book Week
Friday 24 th August	Dress up as a book character
Sunday 26 th August	Working Bee Year 3 and Friends
27 th till 31 st August	Student/ Parent/ Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 4 th September	Foundation Orientation Session 1
Wednesday 5 th September	School Council Meeting 7:30pm
Thursday 13 th September	State Hockey Championships See Mr McKay for details.
Friday 21 st September	LAST DAY of Term 3

speakers such as The Hon. Martin Dixon MP, Associate Prof. Julian Rait OAM, President, Australian Medical Association Victoria, and students from various schools, who have some very interesting things to say.

Soon it is time for morning tea back in the Queen's Hall. After a delicious bite, we go through to the Chamber, and another speaker, Simone Austin, gives us the privilege of listening to her speech. We are briefed and taken to discussion groups. For an hour or so, we respectfully discuss with children from other schools about the sugar tax. There are many pros and cons to think of. Finally, we come to a decision. Appointing a spokesperson, he and the rest of us write a speech. Two minutes is the given time, and we make sure we stick to that.

The whiteboard we found stands as testament to our thinking. We finish up just as a lovely lady comes to fetch us for lunch. When she said "Lunch in the garden" I didn't know she meant lunch in the BOTANIC Gardens! It was lovely, and so were the new friends I made.

After a quick walk, it was back inside the amazing Chamber to listen to the spokesperson for each group to report back to The Hon. Mr. Dixon and to everyone else. Our group decided for the sugar tax, but many others were against. Subsequently, the Soap Box session was opened, where everyone had a chance to voice their opinion. Larissa and I do so. Once most people have had their say, we vote. The result is very close. The people voted in favour of the sugar tax, but only won by 1 person, the decision being 45-46 each side. We returned by train after an exhausting but wonderful day we will never forget. (Maya 6C)

Hockey Congratulations

Congratulations to all of our students that recently represented IPS in the regional competition. Both Boys and Girls Teams are going through to compete in the State Championships on the 13th of September. Thank you to all the parents who have assisted in the organisation and transportation to events and particular thanks to Michelle Honey and her magnificent coaching skills and sports guru Mr McKay.



Please remember that the Department of Education requires that all drivers be comprehensively insured. That the school maintain a record of drivers licences, registration and insurance policy numbers.

Please can all parents who help us out in this manner (or intend to) please provide these details to the office as soon as possible please, and advise Mr McKay of your availability.

All the very best to our students as they train up for this significant event.

Want to help your child at home? Read together. (Timely as Book Week approaches ☺)

Reading together fosters a love of literature and encourages curiosity. Your child is never too old to be read to. Sometimes it's simply a matter of finding out what interests them. Not everybody enjoys fiction. You may need to try out a variety of genres before you find one that really grabs their attention. Don't discount picture books or graphic novels (comics) just because they are getting older. Explore a variety and let them choose the topic.

Reading together is a valuable thing to do. Reading increases your child's vocabulary, expands your child's understanding of the world, and gives them confidence when using language. Reading is also an important way to make the link between spoken words and written words.

Mark Kent
Principal



Book Week 2018



The Children's Book Council of Australia is celebrating Book Week from August 20th to August 24th. Ivanhoe Primary School will be celebrating in the following ways.

- **On Wednesday 22nd and Friday 24th** Children's book author and Illustrator, Heath McKenzie, will deliver a presentation to Foundation to Grade 6 students on his writing experiences as well as sharing some story telling.
- **On Tuesday August 21st** Ivanhoe Primary School will be participating in the Great Book Swap. This is a fundraising event for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. Students are asked to bring a book from home to be swapped with another book that catches their eye. A gold coin donation is to be brought on the day. All money raised goes to Indigenous students living in remote communities.
- **On Friday August 24th** Students are asked to dress up as their favourite book or book character. There will be book related snacks sold at the canteen.

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.

Walkathon

The walkathon is our biggest FUNdraiser for the year. School improvement is high on the agenda and that includes play areas, equipment, plants etc. There is no end to what we can do.

The weather has proved perfect. Thank you to every staff member for involving yourselves so enthusiastically on the day. Also a huge thank you to all the parents and community volunteers, without whom we could not run the day. Thank you to every student for your enthusiasm and sense of fun.

Finally, the biggest thanks go to Mr McKay for planning, organising and leading the day.

Over the page are just a few of the photos quickly cobbled together for this newsletter.

There will be a full report next week.



IPS Values: Confidence, Independence, Persistence, Resilience, Respect

IPS WALK-A-THON 2018





Our Stars of the Week

Confidence

FM Emily C

For your super confidence when completing addition tasks. Well done Emily, you are great at addition!

FH Bowen Y

For the excellent confidence you displayed when presenting your Share and Learn. What a superstar!

1M Lucy S

For the growing confidence you continue to show in your Share and Learn Talk and class discussions. Well done!

2H Eddy Y

For being able to talk about animals that lay eggs with such confidence and enthusiasm.

2L Ali A

For your super reading when comparing animal tusks, WOW!

3M Pippa H

For your increasing confidence in class. Mrs Morrison is very proud of the way you always are willing to contribute to class discussions and present confidently in our Speaking and Listening sessions. Well done Pippa!

4B Will R

For the amazing presentation you gave to the class. It was so well prepared, organised, and presented, with great facts and stories. Well done.

6P Will D

For his outstanding leadership and participation in the walkathon ceremony

6V Abigail F & Kianne M

Thinking interdependently, supporting others and working beyond your personal best.

6C Safiya M

For the growing confidence you continue to show in class discussions and group work.

PE Nathan C 10

For his excellent skill and confidence in Tee ball, two amazing catches!

Art Saanvi J

For using excellent wire techniques to create the shape of a human eye. Well done.

Persistence

10 Bruce Z

For the improvements you have made with your handwriting. Mr O'Callaghan is impressed with your effort. Keep it up!

Music Elanor C 4B

For striving for excellence in all that she does. Outstanding effort in Music, Orchestra and Violin lessons. Well done!

Respect

1D **Leo T**

For always being so kind and respectful to everybody you meet. We are SO lucky to have you in 1D.

3C **Evie C**

For your improved focus during learning times on the floor.

3HK **Hannah S**

Hannah you are an all-round superstar. Kind, hardworking and respectful to everyone. 3HK is so lucky!

4J **Jack O**

For being such a kind and helpful team member. You are always willing to help others. Well done!

5K **Maddie W**

For being a caring student inside and outside the classroom.

5E **Aleksandra G**

For doing such great work in your team on your migration project. Well done!

5M **Charlotte S**

For thinking interdependently when working with her table.

Independence

FS **Henry S**

For your fantastic attitude to learning. You are so focused and are consistently trying your best. What a great role model you are!!

1H **Sohana V**

For being so organised with your speaking and listening presentation on polar bears.

2G **Candace Z**

For completing such a wonderful piece using alliteration. We are so proud of your excellent writing and time management, Candace!

3U/S **Patrick S**

For his imaginative bushland recipe - Dirt Bark Rock entree. So much detail! I think I'll have a go at making this. ;)

4L **Bobby C**

For consistently being organised for his 'Share and learn' presentations by creating cue cards. You're a star Bobby!

Resilience

FC **Aarika C**

For showing excellent resilience in the classroom and when playing outside. You always talk through problems and show your smile at the end. Keep it up!

5H **Alia S**

Working through a difficult situation.