

INVERLEIGH PRIMARY SCHOOL BLUESTONE BULLETIN

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“GAINING KNOWLEDGE AND FRIENDSHIP”

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Inverleigh Primary School Community provides a safe and equitable environment, where individual students are supported and nurtured in their intellectual, emotional, social and physical development. By promoting the values of honesty, self-discipline and responsibility we endeavour to create independent learners for life. We value the role parents play as partners in the education of the students and the whole community is encouraged to interact positively.

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the start of Term 4. It's great to have the students in Grades Prep-2 back in their classrooms and spending time with their friends. The staggered return for our students in Grades 3-6 is not the start we were hoping for, but we are so good at adapting to our ever changing situation, that I know we will make the best of it. We are looking forward to having the students in the Grade 3/4 classrooms back at school on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Students in the Grade 4/5/6 classrooms will be able to attend on Thursday and Friday next week. When these students come to school, please remember to bring their iPads (if you have borrowed a school one) and learning packs. These will be sent back home again for the continuation of remote learning on the days that the students are not at school.

COVID safe practises

We are continuing to implement COVID safe practises within our school for the safety of all of our school community members. Students are reminded about hand hygiene and are washing hands before and after breaks. We are limiting the use of shared equipment and are regularly wiping anything that is shared. The Chief Health Officer has strongly recommended that students at primary school wear face masks. All of our staff are wearing face masks at school, both indoors and outdoors. We are also trying to maximise the use of outdoor learning spaces – but the weather is not being very cooperative this week!

Reminder: If your child is feeling unwell, please keep them at home. If your child develops any of the typical COVID symptoms while at school, you will be called to collect them. Thank you to many of you who have already been very cautious about this. Your diligence helps to keep us all well and healthy!

We are remaining optimistic that many of the activities and programs that we have booked for Term 4 will be able to go ahead. However, please understand that the Department of Health together with the Department of Education, set the guidelines for what we can and can't do, so some of our plans may have to change. Sometimes these plans change at short notice. We will keep you updated as we get closer to the important dates. At this stage, we are doubtful that the swimming program will go ahead. There are some important transitions this term – Kindergarten to school, and Grade 6 to Year 7. There will hopefully be information coming out shortly about what these transitions will look like.

Planning for 2022

It is that time of year again when we start to plan our grade structures for next year. Our grade structures are planned based on student numbers so it is important for us to know how many students will be in each grade level. If you are considering, or if you know, that your child will not be attending Inverleigh Primary School in 2022, please let us know by calling or emailing the office as soon as you can. Please be reassured that your decision will not affect your child's treatment or learning opportunities for the remainder of this school year.

A lot of consideration goes into planning our grade structures and this often involves several whole staff meetings. I'd like to share a little bit of what this looks like to help your understanding of decisions that we make in placing your child(ren) into the best learning environment for their individual needs.

Firstly we look at numbers – this helps us determine how many students we can have in each grade and it also dictates how we may need to combine different grade levels to achieve equity and balance across our school. Composite grade levels are very common in most Victorian schools, as they are here at Inverleigh Primary School. In any particular grade level it is usual for children’s learning abilities to range from well below expected levels to well above expected levels. That means that in a typical Grade 3 class group, for example, there may be students who are still working at the Grade 1 level, there may be others working towards Grade 5 or 6 and there will be many working at the Grade 3 or 4 level. Our teachers are very competent in teaching children at their individual point of need rather than a particular grade level, Education is not a one size fits all. This is one of the reasons that composite classrooms work so well, and can be advantageous when children are placed correctly.

The number of classrooms we can operate depends on the number of students enrolled. The number of students enrolled determines the funding we receive for teacher salaries and programs. When we have determined what our class structure will be, we then look at placing individual students into the appropriate class. This is the time consuming part because we involve as many staff members as possible, and often meet multiple times to determine the best placement for each child.

We have created an index card for each child in our school. Every year, classroom teachers update these cards with a coloured dot that represents whether the child is achieving below expected level, at expected level, above expected level, or needs extra assistance in a particular learning area. These dots are based on the child’s progression points on their reports. When we allocate students to classrooms we try to create a balance of academic needs. Students are not ‘streamed’ with similar abilities in the same classroom. Contrary to popular belief, that is not always in the best interests of all students. There is much to be gained from having a classroom of diverse learners.

Teachers may also indicate on the index cards, any additional needs the child may have, including social needs. Some children need to be either paired with others or separated from them in order to maximise their learning potential. If a parent request is made to either be separated from or placed with another child, this may also be recorded on the card. Please note that while parent requests may be taken into consideration, teaching staff will also be using their judgement about what we see at school on a daily basis. We do take into account that you, as parents are often aware of social issues, that we may not be.

For each child, we consider their academic needs, as well as their social, emotional and wellbeing needs. We will be starting the class structure and class allocation process soon. If you would like to make a particular request for your child based on their social or emotional needs, please email me as soon as possible so that we can take your request into consideration when placing your child into their class group for 2022. Please note that we do not accept requests for particular teachers.

I hope the term has started well for you! Please remember that being Term 4, hats are now required whenever students are spending time outside.

Stay well, stay positive, stay connected

Sharon



DON'T FORGET HATS FOR TERM 4

If your child requires a new hat they are available to purchase at the office for \$12.

GRADE 3 TO 5 CAMP

Those families who have not completed the paperwork you will receive an email from Anne with the paperwork attached, if this can please be completed and returned by the end of the week.

PREP TO GRADE 2 SWIMMING PROGRAM - TO BE CONFIRMED

Currently the swimming program cannot go ahead on the proposed dates due to restrictions. We are looking into dates in December, please do not pay the outstanding amount until we know for sure whether the program will be going ahead. If you have already paid for the swimming and the program does not proceed Anne will be in contact for bank details to issue a refund. We will inform you of dates as soon as we know.

GRADE 5 TO 6 CAMP - 2022

Those families who have not completed the paperwork you will receive an email from Anne with the paperwork attached, if this can please be completed and returned by the end of the week.

A further note will be going home next week when the students are back on-site.

LIFE ED VAN – ALL STUDENTS

Due to COVID restrictions we cannot have Harold and the Life Ed Van onsite, but we will have the educator visit us from Friday 29th October to Thursday 4th November.

- The cost of the program is \$15 per child.
- Permission is not required for this program as it is onsite.

If you are a COPS family payment will automatically occur. All other families will need to pay by **Friday 22nd October**. Please contact the office before payment to check if you have a credit on your account to which this can be used towards.

2022 ENROLMENTS

Enrolments for 2022 are now open. Please contact the office on 5265 1340 for enrolment forms.

If you know that your child/ren will not be attending Inverleigh PS next year please let us know by this Friday 8th October. We are starting the planning process for next year and this will help greatly.

School Tours for 2022 Families – Unfortunately we will not be able to offer any school tours at the moment, but we invite you to view the Virtual Tour on our school website. You will find a link on the Home page of our website.

<http://www.inverleighps.vic.edu.au/>



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



We would like to wish a very happy birthday to the following children who are celebrating their birthday during the coming week!

October	
5 th	India W
6 th	Gracie A
9 th	Saffron P
	Jimmy C
10 th	Ollie B
11 th	Tess M
	Rubi S



Dates to Remember!

October	
Thursday 28th	School Photos
Friday 29th October – Thursday 4th November	Life Ed Van – All year levels
November	
Tuesday 2nd	Shire Gazetted Public Holiday - Melbourne Cup
Thursday 25th	School Concert
Friday 26th	Pupil Free Day – No School
December	
Monday 13th	Grade 6 Graduation
Monday 13th – Wednesday 15th	Grade 3 – 5 Camp at Cave Hill Camp, Beaufort
Friday 17th	Last day of Term 4

Scholastic Book Club

The next issue of the Scholastic Book Club will be sent out this week or next week for those students who return to school next week. Orders can be handed into the office (please call ahead if you are dropping your order into the school) or completed online via LOOP www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download the app from Google Play or App Store. The school earns 20% of order values to spend on books and classroom resources for our children.

Orders will be sent home with your child, usually two weeks after the due date. If you order an item that is going to be a surprise, tick the gift option online or let the office know and it can be held at the office for collection.

When placing a Book Club order, you'll now have the option to select **home delivery** or **school delivery** – if not, the default will be school delivery. The home delivery option can be selected at the time of ordering for \$7.50

If you have any queries regarding Book Club, please feel free to contact the office on 5265 1340.

Thank you.

*Book Club seems to be down at the moment, so you may not be able to make your order for issue 7 just yet, hopefully this will be resolved shortly. I will send out a notification on Sentral when I know a date for orders to be returned by.

Miss Steen



Webinar for Parents

of 2 - 12 year olds

A webinar for parents to learn simple strategies to reduce anxiety and build resilience in your child

ENROL NOW!

NO SCAREDY CATS

This interactive webinar offers parents of 2-12 year-olds reliable and easy-to-implement strategies to help parents identify and challenge anxious behaviours and build resilience in their child.

Presented by Michael Hawton, MAPS. Held over 3 interactive webinar sessions

Thursdays 4th, 11th, 18th November 2021

From 6.30 - 8.45 PM AEST

Over 3 sessions you will learn to:

- Identify and combat your child's anxious behaviours.
- Learn simple strategies to reduce anxiety.
- Build resilience in your child for greater social and academic success.
- Improve your parenting confidence and family bonds.



Tickets on Sale
~~\$99~~ per person
\$59

"Good for learning practical aspects of parenting regarding building resilient kids - All with a neat scientific background to assist in understanding." **RHEA, PARENT.**

"Very practical, user-friendly evidence based information to support parents, so they can better support their children." **TRACEY, SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**

Join over 110,000 parents who have already participated in our courses

Recommended by child & family specialists

<https://www.parentshop.com.au/no-scaredy-cats-for-parents/>

October is History Month

Wanted – photos of ‘Life in Inverleigh 2021’

Inverleigh Historical Society is seeking photos of people, places, street scapes, events, activities, scenery – any aspect of life in Inverleigh today. We need interesting photos from any skill level.

The photos will be used to make a digital exhibition about Inverleigh in 2021, and may be used in publications and on the internet. Please send your photos to: inverleighistsoc@gmail.com

Please label your photos with information that would be helpful for current and future viewers, and include the photographer’s name and a contact phone number in your email.

Inquiries - Christine Windle, Secretary, Inverleigh Historical Society, 0403 267 286.

The Mid Barwon Platypus Search

Save the Date

Sunday 10th October 2021

Volunteers Needed!!

The Friends of the Barwon in partnership with the Geelong Landcare Network are undertaking a Platypus survey in the mid reaches of the Barwon River and its tributaries.

Results will provide baseline data of Platypus distribution on our region.

We are calling on community volunteers to be part of this project and assist with collecting water samples for eDNA analysis

When: Sunday 10th October

Where: Fyansford 10am and Inverleigh 1pm
(location TBA)

What: Join us for an introductory talk with an EnviroDNA Wildlife Ecologist on platypus and eDNA sample collection technique.

For more information and to register your interest in being a part of this exciting project, please contact

Project officer Andrea Montgomery 0407552663

GLNplatypus@gmail.com





Inverleigh Cricket Club – Juniors 2021/22

The Inverleigh Cricket Club is calling for boys and girls of all ages who are interested in playing cricket this coming season. The club hopes to field all junior sides (U/11's, 13's, 15's and 17's).

We are also on the lookout for parent helpers/coaches for each age group.

With our A Grade side having broken a 49 year premiership drought, our renovated facilities set to open early in the season, and the prospect of fielding teams across all junior age groups for the first time in many years, it really is an exciting time to be involved with the mighty 'Burras.

If you have children interested in playing please complete the short survey via the link below or send their names, birth dates and family contact details to our Junior Coordinator – Shaun Haberfield (0439766187 shaun.haberfield@education.vic.gov.au).

Survey Link- <https://forms.office.com/r/Dgyq8ziEP3>

We will also be running Woolworths Junior Blasters again which will commence later in the year and are also after helpers for this program. Details to follow in term 4.

We look forward to welcoming you and please feel free to contact Shaun at any time for further information.

DOLPHINS BASKETBALL CLUB

Dolphins Basketball - Junior Players

Summer Season starts Term 4
and we would love you to join us!

Visit our website www.dolphinsbasketball.org.au and complete an 'Expression of Interest' or email us now!
Fun, Friendly, Team Environment!

U10's - born 2013, 2014, 2015
U12's - born 2011, 2012 U14's - born 2009, 2010
U16's - born 2007, 2008 U18's - born 2005, 2006

COME JOIN IN THE FUN!

DOLPHINS BASKETBALL CLUB INC



Primary students in grades 3, 4, 5 or 6 who attend a Victorian Primary School are eligible to play in golf events that are organised by Golf Australia in partnership with School Sport Victoria. In the qualifying rounds students will play 9 holes on a short course, players will be notified of their progression to the state finals by Golf Australia. Students who qualify for the SSV State final will play 18 holes on a shortened course at Koorinal Golf Club.

Entry to the events is online

<https://www.golf.org.au/schoolevents>

Your local event is at BARWON VALLEY GOLF CLUB

On Friday October 22nd, 2021

Contact: Chris Crabbe Phone: 0429 567 683 Email: Chris.crabbe@golf.org.au

Your local event is at CLIFTON SPRINGS GOLF CLUB

On Monday October 25th, 2021

Contact: Chris Crabbe Phone: 0429 567 683 Email: Chris.crabbe@golf.org.au