

# INSIDE IVANHOE

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Dear Ivanhoe Primary School Community,

## A new face in the office.

We had a new admin assistant for the week and she was such a help that she will be staying on in a part time capacity to work with Samantha to keep the office running smoothly.



## Reflections

Another term has flown by. During this time, students have settled in to their new classes, made new friends, built positive relationships and learned a great deal.

As I reflect on student achievement, I am heartened that in an increasingly complicated world IPS School Values of Respect, Independence, Confidence, Resilience and Persistence are being applied and developed across many areas of our school. Developing these values in primary school will hold firm in secondary school and on to what every pathway these students may walk as an adult. It is incumbent on ALL of us to help our students, your child(ren) make good choices and seek out those opportunities to grow and learn in order to become the very best they can be.

## How? – Perhaps with a conversation.

As we saw on the world stage of cricket, sometimes the people we expect to set the example fail us and although we understand that it is okay to make mistakes, deception for personal gain is not okay. Examples like this need to be contextualised and discussed so that children draw their own conclusion that this sort of behaviour is inappropriate from anyone regardless of their status.

You never know when an opportunity might arise for a conversation with young people about respect. This could be a proactive, preventative conversation or it could be that you've seen an incident that needs addressing. Every time we speak out against disrespectful behaviours, we are one-step closer to changing the world for the better. Whether the behaviour is violence, psychological abuse, bullying, teasing, making someone feel sad or standing by and doing nothing. It is not okay!

## Term 2 Calendar

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	School begins
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Annual Report to School Council
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Curriculum Day – (OHSC only if 25 enrolments or more)
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Mother's Day Stall ????
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Education Week
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Open Morning
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	School Group Photos Strings Photos
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Last day of Term 2 2.30 finish

It is not always going to be easy, but it is a conversation worth having. Children / students need to be helped to understand and trust that the teacher, the parent, parent helper, admin person, principal class will listen objectively and provide support where necessary.

Things to highlight in conversations:

- The importance of respect between people, no matter what their age, gender or background.
- Having the confidence to speak out against disrespectful attitudes and behaviours.

#### Part four of our school narrative

We acknowledge the importance of a supportive learning environment and we work with our students throughout their time at Ivanhoe Primary School to develop their understandings of our school values Confidence, Independence, Persistence, Resilience and Respect. We believe all stakeholders should know and demonstrate our school values.

#### Digital Learning Technologies

Many parents will not be strangers to Office 365 particularly if they have older children at IPS. Office 365 allows students to collaborate with one another around their schoolwork and to share practice. All they need is a pc or device that has the internet and we provide the rest. Although Office 365 is free **the digital technologies co-contribution** allows us to buy the physical resources and the technical support to keep this platform up and running. If you would like to make the Digital Technology Co-contribution please click here.

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#### Commonwealth Games with Sharelle McMahon



This week Sharelle volunteered her time to come in and discuss the Commonwealth Games with the Foundation classes. Sharelle shared her story of beginning sport at a young age and having a love for netball very early on. She has since competed in four Commonwealth Games, was the flag bearer in India, captained the Australian team and shared her Commonwealth medals with the students. Sharelle talked about the games in general, sports that are played and that the 2018 Commonwealth Games begins next week. The Foundation students also had an opportunity to ask Sharelle lots of questions. We all enjoyed learning about the Games and being able to touch one of Sharelle's special medals.

#### Hot Cross Buns

Here is a picture of our Hot Cross Bun Drive winners being presented with their prize from Australian Chocolate Emporium. Congratulations Neve and Joss who organised the largest number of orders for the school. Thank you very much to our parent volunteers that bagged and tagged the orders and got them out to the families.



## **DISPLAN:**

Part of being prepared is to test our systems in case of an emergency. On Wednesday, we tested our emergency protocols and evacuated all students and staff to the oval. There will be a different procedure tested each term so don't be surprised (or alarmed) when your child comes home saying that we evacuated the school as part of testing our emergency management procedures. It is important that in the event of an emergency we are prepared to sensibly and safely leave any learning area under the strict supervision of staff. Talk to your child about the importance of listening carefully to the teachers' instructions and doing exactly what is asked of him or her.

### **Battle of the Bands**

The "Battle of the Bands" was a tremendous success. The students who participated had spent many hours with one of our music teachers Mrs Morrow who gave up lunch times and breaks to make the program happen. One of the reasons why our programs are so successful is due to the dedication of our staff. Well done to all the students and thank you Mrs Morrow for putting on such a great show. Also thank you to the parent volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes.



### **In the holiday break**

- The Arborist will be in to ensure the health and safety of our trees.
- The Hall floor will be re coated.
- The tree house will continue to develop.

If you are able to lend a hand watering in the holidays, please contact the office by email at [ivanhoe.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:ivanhoe.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) and we should be able to get you on the roster.

### **World's Greatest Shave**

Fin raised \$650 and shaved his hair off on 18th March. This money will help a family from rural Victoria stay in the city for one week, so they can get the medical treatment they need for blood cancer. Thank you so much to everyone who donated and helped raise this fantastic amount.

Crompton Family



## Happy Holidays and thank you

Last year the communications team lead by ex-school councillor Dianne Hodgson consisting of parents, admin staff and teachers worked on a set of volunteer protocols and opportunities to increase parent involvement in the school. Our plan is to increase the effectiveness of our communications and identify opportunities to work with the whole community to improve the outcomes of all students. The strategy is long term and endeavours to target every aspect of our work. More on this later.

Thank you to the parents who assist the school in so many different ways from school council, classroom support, committee membership, canteen duty, student banking, working bee participation, lost property, help with sporting teams, watering our garden and coming to excursions. The list goes on and on. Have a wonderful break and I look forward to working with you all next term.

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

Mark Kent  
Principal

## Battle of the Bands



Well done and congratulations to the year five and six students who performed at our first Battle of the Bands event for 2018.

Many students were performing on instruments they had only starting learning within the rock band program this term.

Many thanks to Ian Wilding, Glenn Anderson, David Cosma, David Powell, Anna Womersley, Dereck Murphy and Matt Roberts who came to help with the instruments and sound logistics. Thank you to Duc

Do who has filmed the event for the students. Also thank you to the students from Kew High School – Seth, Riley, Marcus, Alice and Gabriella and to Mr Villani and 6V for setting up the stage.

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Enjoy you student break.

Yours in Music,

Marie Morrow



**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.

## IPS PFA Mother's Day Breakfast

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 7:30am-9:00am in the Hall**

Enjoy a delicious breakfast with your Mum, Step-Mum, Grandma, or special female.



- ✓ Pre-orders only
- ✓ Partially catered by Best Events Catering (hot food, plates & cutlery)\*
- ✓ Complete form, and return with payment by Cash, Credit Card
- ✓ Pre-ordered food tokens will be distributed through the eldest child during the week of the event
- ✓ **Please return form, with payment, to the school office by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April (1<sup>st</sup> week of Term 2)**
- ✓ For those who need their morning caffeine fix, there will be a coffee van on site, at normal café prices

## **ALERT**

Parking in Ailsa Grove has changed

Note:

- More 2 Minute zones
- Disable parking bay has moved to the hall parking area



Please do not get out of your car in the 2-minute zone area.

2-minute zones are for quick drop off and pick up of children between 8.30 am and 9.30 am – 3.00 pm and 4.00 pm.

Parking inspectors patrol the area and the safety of our students is paramount.

## **COMMONWEALTH SCHOOL BANKING NEWS**

Congratulations to those students who have opened a New Commonwealth School Bank account in 2018, you are well on the way to 10 deposits (a gold token) and earning a Banking Reward. Well done to those ongoing banking students who have already collected the term 1 rewards.



All students who make school bank deposits on the last Tuesday of this Term (27 March, 2018), will be given a statement of token earnings from our Voluntary Banking Group.

At the first assembly in Term 2, The Commonwealth Bank Area Co-ordinator will be in attendance, for those interested in opening a Commonwealth School Banking Account or gaining further information.

School Banking Volunteers are still required. No experience required, on the job training and no requirement to attend every week.

For those interested in becoming a School Banking Volunteer contact the School Office.