

Dear Ivanhoe Primary School Community,

Term 2 Calendar

IPS to receive 4.5 million dollars in funding.

I am pleased to confirm that Ivanhoe Primary School will receive \$4.5 million in the 2018/19 State Budget to upgrade and modernise facilities.

Specifically, funds will progress the delivery of the school's masterplan replacing relocatable buildings with fit-for-purpose new permanent buildings addressing under-entitlement in permanent spaces.

This funding is in addition to the \$2 million provided in the 2016/17 State Budget to build the treehouse which is well underway.

Thank you to the IPS students, the staff and School Council for their work that has directly impacted on the receipt of this grant.

Monday 7th May	Curriculum Day – (OHSC will operate)
Wednesday 9 th May	Mother's Day Stall
Thursday 10 th May	Mother's Day Breakfast (Dads required to help)
Tues15 th – Thurs 17 th May	NAPLAN Year 3 and Year 5
Monday 21 st May	Education Week
Wednesday 23 rd May	Open Morning 9.30 – 11.30 – tours by students
Monday 28 th May	Orchestra @ Hawthorn Town Hall
Tuesday 29 th May	New York Jazz Incursion
Wednesday 30 th May	School Group Photos Strings Photos
Friday 29 th June	Last day of Term 2 2.30 finish

Contact and absences.

From the end of Term 2, all Victorian government schools must contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained student absence.

This requirement supports student safety and wellbeing. Schools need to know when and why a child is absent, and parents/carers need to know if their child is not at school.

Prompt communication also promotes daily school attendance.

Parents and carers must notify the school of their child's absence as soon as possible on the day of the absence using the school's preferred method, including online (in our case Compass) or by telephone.

To this end we are introducing the following service.

Trialling Compass Attendance Alerts by SMS from Tuesday 8th May 2018.

We are introducing and trialling a new system utilizing SMS to manage student attendance.

Compass has the capacity to provide attendance alerts when students are unaccounted for.

This means that if a child is absent from school and a parent has not already entered a reason for the absence into Compass, you will receive an SMS alert to your mobile phone (**this requires parents to ensure the school has up to date contact details**).

Errors may occur in the early phase of implementation. An example of this might be the parent who receives an alert when their child is actually at school. This might be the result of an error in the role marking process. If you receive an SMS in error please immediately phone the school office on 9499 1880.

We understand that this can be stressful for parents but *please* be patient with us whilst we are learning to manage the system. We are aiming for this not to happen often if at all. Thank you for your understanding.

Student supervision.

We have had a number of instances of late where the outcome could have been a trip to hospital rather than broken resources. Let's not be complacent regarding safety. If your child is participating in a private activity outside of school hours in the hall, music room or canteen foyer it is your responsibility to supervise your children. Please ensure that your child(ren) are respectful of property and look after the spaces and resources as you would expect them to at home.

**Out of School Hours.
Parents must supervise their children at all times.**

Part seven of our school narrative.

We will use the Curiosity and Powerful Learning strategy as a means for developing, planning and monitoring of our professional practice to improve outcomes for all students.

NAPLAN Tuesday 15th May to 17th May.

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress. At the classroom level it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress.

Reminder – Curriculum Day is this Monday MAY 7th .

Our next Curriculum Day on May 7th staff will focus on building knowledge and developing practical strategies regarding mental health issues in the school setting. Specifically, social/emotional learning, emotion coaching for school staff and self-regulation.

The 2018 Attitudes to School Survey.

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The Attitudes to School Survey is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience.

The 2018 Attitudes to School Survey will be conducted online at IPS over the period Monday 14th April 2018 to Friday 1st June 2018. All students in Years 4 to Year 6 will have the opportunity to participate in the survey that allows them to give us some feedback about what they think about their school and their education.

NAPLAN 2018 tests timetable

	Tuesday 15 May	Wednesday 16 May	Thursday 17 May
Year 3	language conventions 40 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 45 minutes	numeracy 45 minutes
Year 5	language conventions 40 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 50 minutes	numeracy 50 minutes

What you can do.

Help your child prepare for NAPLAN by reassuring them that the tests are just one part of their school program and by reminding them on the day to simply do their best.

DON'T PANIC ! By reassuring your child that NAPLAN is not something to be feared or overly worried about you are preparing him or her to do their very best. If you have concerns contact your child's teacher, Mrs Wright or myself. We will provide more information shortly.

IPS Values: Confidence, Independence, Persistence, Resilience, Respect
Welcome to Ivanhoe Primary School.

Mark Kent
Principal





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.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY – 2ND MAY

Items Discussed

Moved that all School Councillors will complete Governance Training as a part of the induction process.

Acknowledged the State Government Budget Grant of 4.5 million dollars for infrastructure development at the school. (2018/19 – 2020/21)

Endorsed the allocation of up to \$100,00 (of existing school funds) for the refurbishment of:

- Heating and cooling in the upstairs classrooms in the main building
- Removal of the old Rinnai heaters in those classrooms
- Steam cleaning of all classroom carpets
- Re-carpeting of the school entrance and office foyer and administration areas
- Re-carpeting of the upstairs hallway.
- Purchase of Collaborative furniture for the library/collaborative space.

Congratulated the Out of School Hour Care Team on their accolade of being recognised as a unique 120 place service at Victoria's OSHC Conference. Members of the conference group will visit the OSHC program.

Acknowledged the employment of Two Educational Support/ Integration Aides and the interview of candidates for the Canteen assistant position.

Moved the Balance Sheet, Sub Program Budget and Operating Statement for the Period as at 31 March 2018

Discussed communication and the education of the IPS community around the poor uptake of the Voluntary Digital Learning Contribution. The engagement and communication focus group reviewing all communication avenues.

Acknowledged the Education Committee is continuing to update the enrolment policy.

Discussed the Facilities Committee ideas on creating new playground activities in collaboration with the students. Thanked the Grade 6 parents and others who attended the recent working bee.

Thanked the families who participated in the CASEA (CAMHS and Early Action) Screening process, part of the Austin Hospital's research into children's understanding and expression of emotions.

Discussed a proposal for change of the fair year and changes to fundraising events, the fair committee to table a report at next meeting.

Acknowledged the term 2 calendar of events.

School Council invites The Ivanhoe Primary School Community to an Information Session, to summarise the School Council Endorsed 2018 Annual Review, prior to our next School Council Meeting.

June 13th 2018, 7pm.

All Welcome.

Tracey Cox
School Council President

The PFA will be running a **Mother's Day Stall** on **Wednesday 9th May** during school hours in the school hall foyer.

Each class will have the opportunity to visit the stall and students can purchase something if they wish. Prices range from \$1-\$10. More details, including a list of items will follow soon.



In the meantime we would like to organise a roster of helpers for the stall and would appreciate your help anytime from 9am – 1pm. If you are interested, please email Soula Zini soulazini@gmail.com

The **Mother's Day Breakfast** is on the following day, **Thursday 10th May**, in the school hall.



Each year in August, schoolkids from across Victoria go to Mt Buller to compete in downhill and freestyle ski and snowboard races. Kids don't have to be expert skiers to participate. In 2017 IPS entered a team that competed in a total of 5 events. IPS is planning on entering a team again in 2018.

The event dates this year are 20-21 August for skiing and 23 August for snowboarding. Families need to cover their own accommodation, skiing, transport and entrance costs.

If your child would like to express interest in participating, please contact Dylan Reilly at dylan.reilly@aapt.net.au

Music Concerts and Rehearsal Dates

Dear Parents/Carers,
We have a very busy schedule of events for Term 2.
Please check the dates below.
If you have any queries please see me.

Yours in Music,
Marie Morrow

This Sunday – May the 6th

Orchestra Camp – includes percussionists

Time: 2pm – 5pm

Venue: School Hall

Wednesday May 9th

Choir and Orchestra Rehearsal

Preparation for Night of Music

Orchestra: 6pm – 7pm

Choir: 6.30pm – 7pm

Venue: St. James Hall

Cnr Upper Heidelberg Road & Noel Street

Night of Music – tickets on sale now.

Notes have been distributed – check your child has received theirs.

Saturday 19th May

Orchestra and Choir

Sound check for **orchestra:** 6pm

Sound check for **choir:** 6.20pm

Concert starts at 7pm

Education Week Concert

Wednesday 23rd May

Venue: School Hall 10.30am – 11.30am

Performers include:

Grade Two Strings

Corelli Strings and all Foundation students

Victorian Schools Music Festival

Orchestra students

May 28th

Hawthorn Town Hall

Battle of the Bands

All year six classes and year five lunch time bands.

Thursday 21st June

Venue: School Hall 2.40 -3.30 pm

All welcome.

WANTED WANTED WANTED

We are running very low on boy's tracksuit pants in the first aid room. If you have any pants that are too small for your boys and would like to donate them. They would be very much appreciated.