



INVERELL PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Infants Athletics Day

Students from K-2 participated in the long awaited Infants Athletics Day. After competing in their age races, everyone enjoyed the fun novelty events. A highlight of the afternoon was the pre-school race which gave the siblings an opportunity to join in the days events. Congratulations to the following champions-

5yrs Jack Partridge and Kelsie Simpson.

6yrs Bailey Hodges and Ruby Dunlop

7yrs George Wall and Isabella Brown

8yrs Charlie Wall and Sophie Greentree



Early Birds



This year's Early Birds Transition Program has had a very successful start! Last week our Early Birds enjoyed developmental play, Nursery Rhyme learning activities, exploring the school garden and some lucky children even had the chance to travel on the bus to and from their pre-schools. Our next Early Bird sessions will run on Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th August, 2015.

A parent information night for 2016 Kindergarten students will be held in the Library on Tuesday 18th August at 5.30pm and an Open Day on Saturday 12th September from 11am-2pm. Please call the front office for further enrolment information.



Adam Marshall Visit

IPS was fortunate to have our local Member of Parliament, Adam Marshall visit our Year six students. Mr Marshall discussed the role of Leadership and how important it is to be a respected leader. He also discussed his journey in to politics. We would like to thank him for his visit and his words of advice.



UP AND COMING

- 14/8 Craze Dance Production
- 14/8 Primary Sport choices begins
- 18/8 Kindergarten 2016, Information Night 5.30pm
- 18,19,20/8 Early Birds
- 20/8 P&C Meeting 6.30pm, staffroom
- 25, 27/8 Music Eisteddfod
- 28/8 Regional Athletics Tamworth
- 1,2,3/9 Early Birds
- 1,2/9 Fathers Day Stall
- 8/9 Touch Football Gala Day
- 12/9 Kindergarten 2016, Open Day 11-2

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 14/8	Monday 17/8	Tuesday 18/8	Wednesday 19/8	Thursday 20/8
Ellen Dekkers	Olivia Ellis	Danni Ellis	Mardie Hall	Olivia Ellis

A big **Thank you** to all my helpers who came along to operate the canteen for the Zone Athletics Carnival. It was a huge day and without your help the canteen would not have been able to operate. Many thanks to the parents and staff who cooked the delicious cakes, biscuits and slices. Also thanks to Natasha Gleeson who organised four Macintyre student helpers for the day and Kylie Taylor from Community Mutual who organised the sausage sizzle. Well Done! **Miss Maryanne**

***The Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey**

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by [insert date]. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

***The Partners in Learning* parent feedback survey**

Our school will also be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically takes 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

Zone Athletics

IPS had over 40 students compete at the Zone Athletics Carnival last Friday. Congratulations to Jessica Partridge who is the Zone 11yr Girl Champion and Lochie Solomon who is the Zone Junior Boy Champion.

Good luck to all of the students who progressed to the Regional Carnival which will be held in Tamworth on 28th August.

