

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 21 November, 2019
Week 6 Term 4

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November

- Friday 22** Glen Innes Horse Sports
- Tuesday 26** Scripture Concert
- Wednesday 27** School Concert 6pm
- Thursday 28** School Concert 6pm
- Year 6 High School Orientation Day
- Friday 29** School Concert 10.30am
- Grandparents' Morning Tea

December

- Monday 2** Swim School begins Years 2-6
- Tuesday 10** Presentation Night
- Friday 13** Swim School finishes
- Monday 16** Year 6 Farewell
- Tuesday 17** Music Celebration Concert
- Wednesday 18** Last day for students Term 4 2019

Early Birds Graduation

This year's Early Birds have had a fantastic time transitioning to school. The program has given them the opportunity to engage in literacy and numeracy activities while allowing positive relationships to be formed with the staff and school surroundings. At the Graduation Ceremony today families and friends were entertained by the school choir and dance group. We look forward to seeing our 2020 Kindergarten students next year. Thank you to everyone involved for your continued support with this fabulous program.



School Concert

This year marks 5 years of showcasing the talent of IPS students and staff and presenting to the community our annual end of year concert. Each year the students and teachers creativity has grown and this year will be no exception perhaps even surpassing previous concerts! There will be three concerts beginning next Wednesday 27 November at 6pm, Thursday 28 November at 6pm and finishing on Friday 29 November at 10.30am in conjunction with Grandparents' Day. We would like to help drought affected families by asking for donations of non perishable food or hygiene items or a gold coin for entry.

Families, friends and community members can look forward to some old and new classics in this years line up including Elvis, Queen, The Monkeys and Elton John to name a few. The P&C will be running a barbeque with food and cold drinks for sale. All **students are asked to arrive at school at 5.15pm on Wednesday and Thursday** evening for makeup and costumes. Please ensure your child has a water bottle and healthy snacks with them to sustain them through the performances.



Grandparents' Morning Tea

Grandparents are invited to attend our Grandparents' Morning Tea at the conclusion of our concert performance on Friday 29 November. Morning tea will be served near the hall at approximately 12.30pm. Your grandchildren will be able to join you after eating their lunch. We look forward to your company.



Online Payments Are Here!- Make Online Payments

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card, and can be made via computer, tablet or mobile phone. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school's website by selecting \$ Make a payment. Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called 'Other' to cover items not covered in the previous headings, 'Other' can be used to make a complete payment of a school Statement of Account. When you access the \$ Make a payment you must enter: **the students name, class, date of birth**. These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner. These details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed.

Receipts can be emailed and/or printed. Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school. This is a great way to pay for the upcoming Swim School or any outstanding school contributions (\$30 per student and \$60 per family).

For any enquiries regarding the online payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

Absence Text Messages



Thank you to parents and carers for your patience with the new absentee text messaging. We have had a lot of positive feedback at the ease and convenience of the new Skoolbag app. Parents and carers are able to reply directly to the text message, use the Skoolbag app to record the absence reason or phone the school.

WASP Day

Worth, **A**ttitude, **S**trength and **P**urpose were the focus values emphasised on our first WASP day for Year 6 boys. On Friday 8 November various community mentors volunteered their time for a successful fun day including Joey and Presley from Ministry Health, Barry for anger strategies, Harry and Taylor Mason and Bailey King for their love of motorbikes plus the team from the Mens' Shed who brought woodwork and a Grandfather flavour to the day. Thanks to the Clontarf team who provided a barbecue lunch and a relaxed game of touch football. The boys were able to take away from the day how valued they are and how each one is an individual.



3T and 2D Art Day

Throughout the year Ms Jacquie Hahn (Mama) has been coming to our school to conduct wonderful art lessons with some of our students. 3T and 2D have completed their art classes with an excursion to Inverell High School this week where they were able to use their artistic skills in Ms Hahns' Art room with the help of some Inverell High School Art students.

