PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

I extend a warm welcome to the staff, students and parents for the 2013 school year. It has been terrific to say “hello” to our continuing students and meet the many students who have joined our school in the past few days. Those who are familiar with the school routines have been helping arriving students to find their way around and make new friendships. Thankyou!

Kindergarten students have settled into school very well and this is testament to the positive preparation by families and the “Early Birds” Transition to School program that was conducted in 2012. On Monday morning the kindergarten classrooms were abuzz with curiosity and anticipation. The many parents, grandparents and friends who came to the children’s first proper day at ‘big school’ ensured that the first day of school was a memorable milestone in the educational journey.

The enthusiasm of all the staff to ensure a smooth start to the school year and their work in developing interesting, challenging learning opportunities across K-Year 6 is part of the commitment that makes Inverell Public School a super school. Plans for this year include comprehensive planning for the important learning areas such as English and Mathematics of course, but dynamic opportunities are being developed in the areas of environmental science, a kitchen garden project, excursions and a school performance, to name a few. We can’t wait to see how these things develop as we strive to provide the children with a well-rounded, engaging school year.

Warm Regards

Robyn Stewart
Principal

UP AND COMING

8/2 Swimming Carnival

13/2 Year 3 and 4 information night in the library 5.30-6pm

14/2 Leaders Induction
12.15pm in the hall

20/2 Kindergarten information night in the library 6-7pm

21/2 Year 1 and 2 information night in the library 6-7pm

21/2 P&C Meeting in staffroom 6.30pm

22/2 Zone Swimming Carnival

New Kindergarten students- Jack Dekkers, Jayde Pevy and James Paton
Borrowing from the library has begun. Mr Waterford has the library available for borrowing before school 8.50am-9.20am, during recess and also at lunchtime. The class time table will be in next weeks newsletter.

Library bags are available from the library for $3.00. Kindergarten students receive a free bag from their class teachers.

Bookclub orders have been sent home and are due back in by Monday 11th February. Cash or Cheque only.

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SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2013, Year 3-6

Good luck to all students competing in the school swimming carnival which will be held this Friday 8th February at the Town Pool. The carnival will be great day to showcase our talented swimming skills as well sportsmanship and team participation. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours— Butler (blue) Sweaney (green) and don't forget swimming gear, towel, hat, sunscreen and lots of water. The kiosk at the pool will be open or you can bring your lunch and recess. Pool entry is $2. All students will be walking to the pool from school at 9.00am and returning at 3.15pm. All parents are most welcome to attend and if any parents are able to assist on the day please contact Mrs Partridge on 6722 3072. Have a great day!!!!

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EXTRA, EXTRA READ ALL ABOUT IT!!!

IPS NEWSLETTER WILL NOW BE DISTRIBUTED ON THURSDAY

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER EMAILED

If would you like your School Newsletter emailed to you each week please fill out the slip below and return it to school.
A FEW REMINDERS

**When Visiting our school** Due to Occupational Health and Safety and Child Protection laws all people visiting the school grounds during school hours will be required to sign a visitors book, in the front office when arriving and departing. This is required so all people on the site can be accounted for if there should be emergency. It also allows teachers to adequately follow through with their duty of care to the students and ensure that the school is a safe environment. Parents collecting students at the end of the day **are not** required to sign in but should wait at the tables behind the canteen (Wood Street side) for their child to come to them.

**Please note:** This does not apply to Kindergarten parents/visitors until Term 2.

**Absences** Parents need to inform their child’s teacher of the reason for their child’s absence. This can be done with a note, you can talk to the teacher and give them an explanation or you can call the school and leave a message with the office staff.

**Early Pick Up** There are occasions when students need to be collected from their class earlier than normal. When this is the case please come to the office and fill in an early departure slip to give to the class teacher.

**Car Pick up** A reminder that students being collected by parents who are driving cars should be done on Ross Street, at the gate near the hall. This is the safest and least congested area for this activity to occur. A teacher is on duty in this area and the crossing helps ensure the safety of our students.

**Bike and Scooter riders** are reminded to dismount at the front gate and walk through to the bike racks. Walkers please use crossings and be traffic aware at all times.

**Interviews with Teachers** If you wish to have an interview with your child’s class teacher or an Assistant Principal, appointments will need to be made by contacting the school office. When you do arrive you need to follow the procedure for visitors to the school.

**Short absences for Appointments** If your child is required to leave the school grounds during the day to attend medical appointments or for family reasons, etc. please send a note on the day stating this. The class teacher can then send your child to the office to be collected by their parent at the appropriate time.

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WANTED!

The clothing pool desperately needs uniforms. Due to increased enrolments Inverell Public School uniforms are in short supply. We are desperately seeking any old uniforms still hidden in the cupboard! You can price your items and the money will be sent to you or you can give to the school as a donation!

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IPS would like to thank the Inverell Shire Council for providing the school with a wheelchair access park. This park will allow closer parking for one of our new kindergarten mums to be able to get her daughter to and from school with as much ease as possible.

We would appreciate everyone’s support with this and remind the public that the park is “wheelchair access”.

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Miss Marianne would like to thank all of last years parent helpers in the canteen. Your work was greatly appreciated. The canteen is an integral part of our school and runs with a wonderful but small group of volunteers. All profits made go back into the school for your children. If there is anyone who has a spare hour or two to help in the canteen that would be great. We would love to see some of our new parents as well! If you are interested please call Marianne on 67223072.

♦ Tuesdays and Thursdays are pastry free days!
♦ Don’t forget our breakfast menu
♦ Watch out for Miss Marianne’s specials
♦ The new canteen menu is out with an adjustment to large pies $2.80, small pies $2.00

Note: We are trialling a new concept at our canteen this term. The menu changes daily. Please check you are ordering the right days choice!!

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Judy Rosberg

“HELP NEEDED”

Healthy bites

Welcome to a new school year. A very special welcome to our new kindergarten students.

At Inverell Public School we encourage healthy lifestyles and a large part of our health is based on what we eat. By helping your child to make great food choices we assist our children to lead a healthy life and allow them to be the best they possibly can be.

I AM ORGANISED WHEN I THINK AND PLAN AHEAD.

Organisation means setting a goal to do your best in your school work, planning your time so that you are not rushed, having all of your supplies ready and keeping track of important dates.

Set Goals— thinking that setting a goal can help me be more successful at a task. Plan My Time— Thinking about how long it will take to complete a task and allowing enough time to get it done!

P & C MEETING

Get involved!

Support your children and their school.

The first P & C meeting for 2013 will be held at 6.30 pm on Thursday the 21st February in the staffroom. All parents and community members welcome.

PEANUT FREE SCHOOL

A reminder that Inverell Public School is Peanut Free.

Please do not send peanut butter sandwiches or foods containing peanut substances.

We do have students that are severely allergic to peanuts.