2013 LEADERS

Well done to all of our 2013 student leaders for their commitment to the school. The staff are looking forward to working with these outstanding students throughout the year. Congratulations to -

Captains: Pheobe Maclachlan and Samuel Chappell
Vice Captains: Maddison Klaack and Cole Hancock

House Captains: Butler: Samantha Cooper and Toby Solomon
Sweaney: Sarra Magann and Michael White
Sports Monitors: Trent Purvis and Ben Walker


Canteen Monitors: Kim Almoite, Joemhel Aguirre, Gabby Rogers, Bella Cochrane, Charles McCormick, Stephanie Blatch, John Yuki Quirona, Shayla Durand

Bus Monitor: Machiel Heyns

UP AND COMING

14/2 Leaders Induction
12.15pm in the hall

15/2 Primary Class Sport

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
SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2013

The 2013 IPS swimming carnival was a huge success and a fabulous day. Congratulations to SWEANEY who were the overall champion house with 133 points. Butler finished with 118.

Well done to all those who participated and congratulations to the following champions—

- **Junior Girl:** Poppy Price  
  **Runner Up:** Lily King
- **Junior Boy:** Jock Hollis  
  **Runner Up:** Ethan Sue-Fong
- **11 Year Girls:** Holly Hindley  
  **Runner Up:** Rose Duncan
- **11 Year Boys:** Tied – Zac Fleming and Gabe Curry
- **Senior Girls:** Hunter Hollis  
  **Runner Up:** Samantha Cooper
- **Senior Boy:** Cole Hancock  
  **Runner Up:** Ethan Bower

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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

The core business of a school is to deliver high quality educational programs that will prepare students to become informed, engaged and contributing members of their community and Inverell Public School consistently demonstrates its commitment to this shared goal.

At present our school community is extending as we welcomed many new students during the first two weeks of this term. This has been very exciting as we have met people from a variety of interesting backgrounds and extended the Inverell Public School ‘family’.

Of course class structure is a vital part of school organisation and many parents may be aware that some of our classes are very large at the moment. Due to the increased number of students I anticipate the opportunity to add an additional class to the school’s organisation. I am awaiting approval to do so and should this occur, some students will change their class and teacher following the school’s reorganisation.

Please be assured that when classes are organised, the teachers put a great deal of thought into the placement of every student. Such factors as friendships, effective working groups, students’ previous teachers, students’ abilities and interests and family relationships are some of the factors that are carefully considered.

Any change of class will be done in consultation with parents and the school will make every effort to contact the families of students who are being considered for a possible change of class and discuss the situation as your input is highly valued. It is important to note that Kindergarten students will not be affected by this anticipated change.

I urge you not to be overly concerned as we will not inflict any unexpected surprises on our families. Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you feel that you need to discuss this situation.

Warm Regards

*Robyn Stewart*

Principal

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MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week:

Principal Awards: Ainsleigh Philp, Alex Collins, Todd Fenton, Chelsie Hobday, Ally Tanner, Shakira O’Brien, Ana Concordia, Zac Fleming, Josh Doogood, Louis Grebert, Quinton Weiss-Robinson, Joshua Walmsley


Sports Awards: Alex Portass

IPS KITCHEN GARDEN

The Kitchen Garden is now up and running.

Over the holidays a working bee was held to spread granite and set up 8 raised garden beds. A worm farm and garden shed are next on our list of developments.

Students have began composting fruit and vegetable scraps from our daily Sip and Crunch Sessions and have also planted herbs and radishes.

Teachers were involved in a staff development Session with Staff from Thalgarrah Environmental Centre, providing us with practical ideas and information to use with students.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

The Inverell Breakfast Toastmasters Club will be running a speech craft course this term as part of our debating and public speaking program at IPS. This course will run over six weeks and involve a small group of Stage 3 students from Inverell Public and Gilgai Public School.

Students will be working with Toastmaster facilitators learning the art of Public Speaking.

This is the first of several programs to be held this year.

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!

The Clothing Pool is open Friday mornings 8.45am to 9.30am. If any parents are the able to assist please contact Judi on 67222731.
**Canteen News**

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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**Read2Remember World Record Success**

Remembrance Day 2012 was an extremely special day for students around Australia with the Remembrance Day activities being a huge success. Students at IPS participated in a Read to Remember activity which resulted in a World Record for simultaneous reading of a single text. A “Wild World Reading Record” (Google it). 1513 schools and 350 235 students participated across Australia. We look forward to being part of this again in 2013.

For any additional information check this link: [www.read2remember.org.au](http://www.read2remember.org.au)

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**YOU CAN DO IT!**

**Getting Along**

Getting Along - means working well with teachers and classmates, solving problems without getting too angry, and following the rules of the classroom.

Being Tolerant of Others (Tolerance of Others) - accepting people with their differences.

Playing by the Rules (Tolerance of Limits) - thinking that by following important school and home rules, you will live in a better world where everyone’s rights are protected.

Thinking First (Reflective Problem Solving) - thinking that when someone treats you badly, you need to think about different ways you can react, the consequences of each, and the impact of your action on how the other person will feel.

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**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.

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**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.

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If you would like your school newsletter emailed to you each week please fill out the slip below and return it to school.

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