**NEWSLETTER**

**Merit Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week:

**Infants Awards:** Klara Lind, Jessie Warner, Will Hindley, Brodie Snaith, Matilda Hamilton, Chloe Gordon, Isabella Pomfrett, Thomas Foster, Kaja Robinson

**YCDI Bronze Award:** Marc Wing, Joshua Walmsley, Toby Price, Charles Grills, Riley Cross, Matthew Reece

**ANZAC ASSEMBLY**

Today Inverell Public School held the ANZAC Assembly. We would like to thank Mr Lee Evans who kindly joined us and played “The Last Post”, and Mr Gus Stevens, a past teacher at IPS, representing the RSL Sub Branch who spoke to the Assembly about what ANZAC Day means. Our Captains also delivered speeches on ANZAC Day and the history surrounding this iconic day.

“ANZAC Day marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. The soldiers in those forces quickly became known as ANZACS, and the pride they took in that name endures today.” Maddison Klaack

**ANZAC DAY MARCH**

ANZAC Day (25th April) is a very significant date in Australian history. The annual ANZAC Day march will be held on the second Thursday of the school holidays and Inverell Public School students have been invited to participate. Students will need to assemble at the Art Gallery in Evans Street at 10.15am, wearing full summer uniform. Let's show our continued support for those who fought, served and gave for our country.

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**WINTER UNIFORM**

Students are encouraged to be wearing full winter uniform at the commencement of Term 2. Student return for Term 2 on Wednesday 1st May. The holidays will be a perfect time for families to organise their winter uniforms! The clothing pool is open every Friday morning if anyone is interested.

**UP AND COMING**

12/4 Primary Rewards
12/4 Last Day Term 1
1/5 SCHOOL RESUMES WEDNESDAY 1st MAY
3/5 School Cross Country
9/5 Mother’s Day Stall
10/5 Zone Cross Country
13–17/5 NAPLAN Testing
17/5 Regional Girls and Boys Touch Trials
21/05 State Boys Football
23/5 Year 5/6 Basketball Clinic
24/5 Northern Rugby Trials
WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program has started again. Last year the school community collected stickers, which allowed us to purchase maths, music, science and HSIE resources for the whole school. We hope families will assist again and collect stickers when they shop at Woolworths and return them to the collection box in the front office.

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ZOOMOBILE

On Thursday the 4th April the Zoomobile came to IPS. Selected students went. There were many kinds of animals; Possum, Green Tree Frog, Goliath Stick Insect, Snake, Echidna and a Lizard. Mrs Partridge held Spotty the Snake, we touched many of the animals. All of the students who went had a great time. We are very thankful to Natasha and Matt, for bringing the Zoomobile to Inverell Public School.

By Tiarni Simpson and Jada Waddell

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MOTHER'S DAY STALL

This year's P&C Mothers Day Stall will be held on Thursday 9th May. All forms and money need to be handed into the front office by Friday 3rd May. All gifts are $5.00 each. The stall is designed for children to be able to buy something special for mum, nan, aunt or a special guardian.

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**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

I would like to thank students, staff and our P & C for their excellent work during Term 1. It is due to a team effort that we can note a range of achievements, some of which include: Welcoming our new students and staff for 2013, our leaders induction, the creation and harvesting of our school vegetable garden, successful swimming carnivals, Harmony Day just to name a few.

The IPS community involvement has been extraordinary in activities such as the Taste of Macintyre, World’s Greatest Shave, conducting sporting activities and attending excursions.

I wish to congratulate our dedicated staff for their work and for covering topics including exploring best practice in student welfare, gathering information to assist in school planning, delivering interesting and engaging learning programs for our students.

We have enjoyed a very positive Term 1 and look forward to building on strengths in Term 2. Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Robyn Stewart
Principal