Welcome back for Term 2. It was great wandering around the school over the past two weeks hearing about students’ restful and fun school holidays. I was even more pleased to see that children have returned refreshed and are prepared to get back to the task of learning. There are some significant events taking place this term, including NAPLAN testing for Year 3 and Year 5 students, reports at the end of the term as well as the engaging learning that will be taking place in each and every classroom every day. Staff enjoyed professional learning activities on the Staff Development Day that harnessed the principles of “Play is the Way” to teach children about their emotions and looked at how we can all become the masters of our emotions. This is referred to as Emotional Intelligence and features heavily in our school mission statement. I have been referring to the work of Wilson McCaskill in talking to students, staff and parents over the past few months and have received very positive feedback about its implementation. If you would like to look further into these topics, go to the website, www.playistheway.com.au and look at the videos and ideas for parents. I am looking forward to seeing students participating in these activities on a daily basis. I would appreciate hearing from any parents willing to provide feedback on this initiative.

There has been some concerns raised about the implementation of a new uniform. Please rest assured that we are merely conducting a review of the uniform as it currently stands. We are currently exploring options for possible modifications, however we will not be changing any aspect of our uniform until the appropriate channels of consultation have taken place. This includes talking to our school community and local businesses involved. Once a decision about the uniform has been made, the transition process will take place over two years. Our local businesses have plenty of stock and are offering items at a reduced rate.

Congratulations to the following students who received an award at assembly this week:

Principals Awards: Hannah Mills, Kaja Robinson, Cody Edwards, Thomas Chappel, Chloe Lowrey, Michael Breen, Johnle Aguirre, John Bailey, George Wall
Sports Award: Tyler Leal, Oscar Wright, Haydon O’Grady, Maddison Bartman, Tobin Collins,
ANZAC Day March

On Saturday 25th April a large group of students and staff represented IPS at the ANZAC Day Ceremony. We took the opportunity to remember 100 years of the ANZAC’s. We met at the art gallery and marched to the Cenotaph at the town pool. We listened to the speeches and watched an Aboriginal elder do a smoking ceremony. The students of IPS sang proudly to the tunes that were played. A F11 flew over the Cenotaph twice followed by a spiral. The school captains laid a wreath in honour of the ANZAC’s. We finished the ceremony by singing the New Zealand and Australian National Anthem. By Shakira and Angus

Legacy Luncheon

On Sunday, April 19, Mrs Aitken and Mr Gadd were accompanied by our school captains Shakira and Jacob at the Legacy Lunch. Our captains represented our school with pride. Listening to the messages of support from legatees who demonstrate the value of being community minded.

K/1 G are learning to write about special things we do in class. Last week we made ANZAC biscuits.

2W completed some fantastic art work and story writing about ANZAC Day.

Last Friday, our school held our Anzac Day Ceremony in Benjamin Park. In recognition of the 100th Anniversary of Landing at Gallipoli we planted a Gallipoli Rosemary Hedge. The Rosemary Hedge will help us remember the soldiers that went to war. Our school captains and vice captains helped four representatives from Kindergarten to plant four bushes and the remainder were planted by Year Six students after the ceremony. by 2M
Cross Country

Well done to everyone who competed at the IPS Cross Country last Friday. Good luck to all of the runners representing our school next Thursday in Ashford at the zone carnival. Congratulations to the following champions:

Yr 2 Girls – 1st Millie Wilks R/U Hayley Latter
8/9 Year Girls 8/9 Year Boys
1st- Matilda Oliver 1st- Bradley Sherwood
R/U- Chloe Donnelly R/U- Fergus Quartley

Year 2 Boys – 1st Liam Snaith R/U Joshua Garrett
10 Year Girls
1st- Poppy Price
R/U- Sophia Stashynsky

10 Year Boys
1st- Will Hindley
R/U- Brodie Snaith
Zac O’Grady

11 Year Girls
11 Year Boys
1st-Jessica Partridge 1st- Shaquille Philp
R/U-Bindi Maybury-Spicer R/U– Jared Martin
Shaye Fields

12/13 Year Girls
12/13 Year Boys
1st- Courtney Tutt 1st- Haydon O’Grady
R/U- Indiana Timu R/U- Will Candy

Leaders Badge Ceremony

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL 2015

School Captains Shakira O’Brien Jacob Monaghan
School Vice Captains Courtney Tutt Lily King
Leader for Active Kids Cody Doogood
Leader for Cultural Kids Chloe Hamel
Leader for Environment Bonnie Snaith
Leader for Student Wellbeing Elijah Dunlop
Leaders for Aboriginal Student Desiree Reid Mikayla Budde-Deen
House Captains Sweaney Gabrielle Single, Haydon O’Grady
Butler Whitney Melvin-Smith Michael Senior
Library Monitors Jaimee Walker, William Candy, Tyson Hodges, Elijah Dunlop, Gabrielle Single
Toby Kennedy, Beau Case, Bonnie Snaith, Rowena Gascon, Tahrj Lindsay, Michael Senior
Daniel Mepham, Desiree Reid
Canteen Monitors Todd Rohr, Zane de Witt, Shakira O’Brien, Sophie McWhirter, Luke Bryant
Mikayla Budde-Deen
Bus Monitors Phoebe Davidson, Whitney Melvin-Smith
Playground Pals Kyle Fermor, Roeshay Bowtell, Katie Mitchell, Ainsleigh Philp, Jessie Bills, Chloe Hamel, Matt Hagan, Jack Fermor, Cody Doogood
Sports Monitors Jacob Monaghan, Joffiah Blair, Courtney Tutt, Myra Lavender
**Canteen Roster**

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**Working Bee**

On behalf of the P&C we would like to extend a HUGE thank you to all the parents and community members who helped improve our playground during the school holidays. Thank you to Bunnings for donating items for Early Intervention, Inverell Shire Council for donating cement tunnels, Phil Paton for bringing his bobcat and the Beattie family for their time and dinosaur rocks. Thanks also to John Rosberg, Ben Chaffey, Ben Campbell, Brian and Ally Campbell, Jamie Riley, Kevin and Kerry Campbell, Oliver family, Quartly family, Ballinger family, Griffin family, O’Sullivan family, Stephen Gadd and Luke Sue-Fong.

Our new digging patch and sandpit around the primary equipment, checkers and chess boards, handball courts, music board, tactile boards and water feature are truly appreciated. Thank you to the P&C for funding these projects.

**Library Author Study**

This term in the library, Kindergarten Year One and Two will be looking at Pamela Allen books.

**School Uniform**

Boys – Grey Pants, red/white school shirt, red jumper with school emblem/school jacket with school emblem, grey socks, black shoes
Girls – Red tartan pants or skirt, white shirt, red jumper with school emblem/school jacket with school emblem, white socks, black shoes

Winter pants are available from Kaspers Embroidery for $36.00 and the winter tartan fabric is available from Welcome Back Fabric Barn.

**Winter Uniform**

We would like to apologise for not delivering a newsletter last week. Due to unforeseen circumstances we were unable to print Week 1 newsletter. We have integrated week 1 and week 2 in this edition.