I am very pleased to announce that we have recruited Mrs Aimee Gaias to join us on the staff at Inverell Public School. Mrs Gaias is a highly experienced and successful teacher who brings further expertise to our K-2 teaching team. Mrs Gaias will be teaching 2M for the remainder of the year.

I have been extremely impressed to see further benefits of consistent teacher practise across the school. This week I observed lessons in literacy being conducted for students from Kindergarten to Year 2 in the one classroom. The structure of the L3 session allows for students to participate in literacy learning at their particular level of need. It also teaches independent work habits, social skills and finally a love of learning. The students who I witnessed were having a great time, writing stories and talking about the reading that they had done. Observing this enjoyment of learning is incredibly rewarding for us all to witness.

This is a particularly difficult time of year as flu season gets in full swing and unfortunately, staff members occasionally fall ill. In these situations, we endeavour to find casual teachers to replace staff, however this isn't always possible. Rest assured that the consistent nature of our literacy and numeracy sessions ensure that learning is still taking place and students are being pushed to improve.

Please be reminded that the area behind the hall is a no parking zone. No parent vehicles are to enter the school site. This is a requirement by law, as the staff have a duty of care towards all students, and vehicles on site (particularly those that are reversing) pose a great risk to the students of the school.

**Grip Leadership**

Last Wednesday, 27 students headed over to Moree to attend the annual Grip Leadership conference. They had the pleasure of seeing some wonderful expert presenters who discussed the benefits of being a leader. They learnt that a leader is someone who makes the most of opportunities by standing up to be counted. They also stand up when something needs to be done and stand up for other students and themselves.

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


**Principals Awards:** Kirralee Dines, Thanner Rynne, Ashlen DeWitt, Tahnee Porter, Zane DeWitt, Tanya Fields, Bridie Hall, Dakota Nicholson, Kiara Lind

**Sports Award:** Jessica Partridge, Ryan Chesney, Dillan Cross, Daniel Mepham, Katie Mills, Danny Tutt, Jack Dekkers
Zone Cross Country
The Zone Cross Country was held in Ashford on Thursday 7th May. Conditions were great with the sun shining and the temperature perfect for running. IPS was well represented by a large team of cross country competitors. Congratulations to Hayden O’Grady who came first in the 12/13 year boys 3km event, Jessica Partridge who came second in the 11 year girls 3km event and Matilda Oliver who came second in the 8/9 year girls 2km event. Congratulations also to Bradley Sherwood, Chloe Donnelly, Hannah Mills, Will Hindley, Brodie Snaith, Zac O’Grady, Poppy Price, Sophia Stashynsky, Shaquille Philp, Bindi Maybury-Spicer and Gemma Wilks who have made the Zone team as a competitor or a reserve for the Regional Carnival in Coolah on June 12th. Well Done!

Open Girls Netball
Last Friday IPS Open Girls Netball team played Ross Hill Primary School in the PSSA Knockout competition. Unfortunately the girls were defeated, yet still showed outstanding sportsmanship and ambassadors of IPS.

Inverell Cattle Clinic
Friday 5 to Sunday 7 June (long weekend) at the Inverell Showground.
For students from 7 to 18 years
Learn: New and improved cattle handling skills, Ringcraft and etiquette
Cattle husbandry, Nutrition, Meet new people and have contact with industry
Contact Deb Snaith on 67221555 for more details and to indicate your interest so that sufficient young animals can be sourced.