IPS would like to welcome new staff members to our vibrant team of educators! Miss Josie Boland joins us as a new graduate teacher and is very excited with her new role in 3B, Miss Leonie Pettit is teaching 3/4P and Mrs Shauna Lennon will be teaching 4L. K-6C has a new team with Ms Marlene Gunn bringing 25 years experience as a Student Learning and Support Officer and Miss Julia Chaffey who has just completed her Masters in Special Education as the classroom teacher. Mrs Tanya McKinlay has returned from Relieving Principal in Armidale and Mrs Kate Gersbach returns from maternity leave.

**New Staff**

**Young Scientists**

3W & 3B through hands on investigations, are exploring how living things can be grouped on the basis of observable features. On Wednesday students gathered specimens from the playground including various insects and plants to use as data.

**P&C MEETING TONIGHT**

GET INVOLVED!!! Support your children and their school. The first P & C meeting for 2016 will be held tonight at 6.30 pm, Thursday 18th February in the staffroom. All parents and community members welcome. Your support is vital to our school.

**UP AND COMING**

19/2 Zone Swimming Carnival
22/2 6O MHS Transition
24/2 School Leaders Induction Ceremony
29/2 NRL Visit
1/3 Scripture Begins
4/3 Clean Up Australia Day
7/3 6C MHS Transition
14/3 6O MHS transition
23,24/3 School Photos
24/3 Infants Dance
**CANTEEN ROSTER**

SPECIAL: This Friday 19th Feb
Chicken Burger Combo $6.00.
Burger, juice and a piece of fruit.

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**Scholastic Bookclub and Library News**

Bookclub is due back on Monday 22nd of February to either Mrs Wilson or Mrs Collins in the library. Please put your order and money in a labelled envelope or zip lock bag. Orders will be sent to classes when they arrive.

Thank you Mrs Collins

IPS Library bags can be purchased in the school library for $2 before school or during library lessons.

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**Permission to Publish Student Photos and Videos**

A permission note was sent home to families last week to allow photos of your children and their work to be published in the local newspaper, newsletter, the Annual Report, school website and the school’s intranet. Please return your permission slip as soon as possible, to allow or not allow, us to show the achievements of our students.

**Action Speech Program**

As part of our Speech Support Program we have a private Speech Pathologist, Alison Marshall, visiting our school. In order to program and support children in the classroom, Alison may conduct a language screening test with your child. This is to gather information to assist Alison to work with teachers and provide advice about adjustments that can be made in the learning program to support children who experience challenges with expressive and/or receptive verbal interaction. This program focuses on helping children access the curriculum and is taking place within the classroom. Language screening is conducted on an individual basis.

If you do not want your child taking part in the language screening program please contact the school on 67223072.

**IPS App**

In 2015, we launched the Inverell Public School App. The aim of the App was to keep up with modern ways of communicating with our school community. The App allows users to access information about our school, such as events on the school calendar, as well as being able to get newsletters and notes. Users are even able to report absences to the school through the App. The App is now available for use on all smartphones. We are continuing to personalise the App to meet the needs of our community. We are currently learning about how to use push notifications and we are hoping to become experts soon.

More information about the App is available on our “Inverell Public School” Facebook page.

**Zone Swimming**

Good Luck to all swimmers representing IPS at the Zone Swimming Carnival this Friday 19th February at the Inverell Town Pool!

**Summer Sport**

Primary Summer Sport begins this Friday. Don’t forget to wear your hat, water bottle and sports gear.

**Emailed Copy of Newsletter**

If you would like a copy of the school newsletter emailed to you please complete the slip below.

Students Name ______________________  Class ______________________
Email Address ______________________