Principals Report

During Term 1 a range of learning opportunities have encouraged our students to do their best learning across a range of important learning areas. Some programs to mention include the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program, Early Action for Success, Literacy and Numeracy learning, the Science Program, Choir and the Year 6-7 transition to high school program that is conducted in partnership with Macintyre High School. Practical hands on education is encouraging the children to appreciate different ways of learning to achieve success, whether the goal is to sing and contribute as part of a choir, or learn to cook a nutritious delicious meal using school grown produce.

To teaching and non teaching staff who continue to focus on providing our students with learning that will carry them towards vibrant and positive learning for the future. Thank you for your work that has set the school for a successful year. Best wishes to our families for an enjoyable holiday break. I look forward to Term 2 when learning that is already underway will continue and grow.

Taste of Macintyre

Students in our Primary Choir (Years 4-6) and our Year 3 Choir have been learning about the concepts of music through singing and work very hard each week with Mrs Aitken and Mrs Hare. Last Friday evening some members from our Primary Choir proudly represented our school at “A Taste of Macintyre” at Macintyre High School. The students gave a tremendous performance and feedback from our community was full of high praise. Our choir members are enthusiastic and committed, therefore Mrs Aitken and Mrs Hare have plans for more touring performances next term. Stay tuned!

State Swimmers

Congratulation to Paddy Grills, Charlie Grills and Fergus Quartley who competed in the North West Team at the State Carnival in Homebush yesterday. All 3 boys achieved massive PB’s and performed with great intensity!

Using the IPS App for Attendance

Inverell Public School has a free Smartphone Application (App) available for download. Absences can be easily explained via this App.

Step 1: Click here

Step 2: Fill in the form and press submit

UP AND COMING

7/4 Primary Disco
6-8pm in the Hall

8/4 Zone Touch Gala Day

8/4 Last Day Term 1

26/4 Staff Development Day

27/4 Students first day back, Term 2

29/4 Cross Country

4/5 Grip Leadership– Moree

19/5 P&C Meeting

20/5 Zone Cross Country– Ashford
### Canteen Roster

The new Winter Menu will start first week, Term 2.

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### K–2 Dance

Infants students had a blast at their “Brighter is Better Disco” Thank you to the P&C for organising the BBQ and teachers for their involvement. It was a great way to celebrate the hard work and achievements of Term 1!

### Fire Ants

5/6C are completing a very interesting unit on Fire Ants this term in Science. As part of the unit students had to produce a communication project to make the public aware of the dangers. Stay tuned to Gem FM for a student interview later in the month.

Red imported Fire Ants are one of the most dangerous ants in Australia. Originating from South America they have spread to other countries around the world. Fire Ants are like a normal ant but they are much smaller at only 2mm—6mm and they are a coppery red colour. Fire ants have a head of coarse a thorax, abdomen, antennae, eyes, legs, mandibles and two nodes on abdominal petiole.

Fire Ant hills are bigger than normal ant hills at about three times the size. Fire Ants carry a nasty bite — it feels like fire when they bite you and that’s how they got their name the fire ant. Fire Ants are a biosecurity danger because the nasty bit feels like fire when they bite you. It is important that we stop the spread of Fire Ants throughout Australia before they do more damage to our agriculture and economy.

If you see a fire ant you should tell your parent, teacher, guardian, or call the hotline on 132523. You could even take a digital photo of the suspected fire ant and upload it to www.anthunt.daf.qld.gov.au or www.daf.qld.gov.au/fireants. Together we can stop the spread.

By Alex Portass

### Children’s Resilience Program

Dealing with life’s challenges (e.g divorce, loss and change)

For students in years 4, 5, & 6.

When: 15th April 2016 9am-1pm

Light refreshment provided.

Where: Centacare Inverell office 18 Sweeney street Inverell

Contact: 0267216400

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Dillan Gardner and Alex Portass who were selected for the next round in the Zone Cricket Trials and Jess Partridge and Zac O’Grady who progressed in netball and league.

### End of Term Disco

**YR 3-6**

**When:** Thursday 7th April

**Time:** 6pm to 8pm in the Hall

**Dress:** Your Choice

**Cost:** $5 - includes sausage sandwich and sparkling juice can or water