

**Newsletter: Term 1 Week 2**

**Wednesday February 8<sup>th</sup>**



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### **SCHOOL VISION**

The Inglewood Primary School vision is to provide a respectful, inclusive, supported and safe learning environment that promotes learning engagement, individual success, positive behaviour, peer connectedness and community involvement.

### **SCHOOL VALUES**

The following core values frame the expectations of we have of students, staff and the parent community at Inglewood Primary:

**\*\*Respect**

**\*\* Achievement**

**\*\* Community**

### **Dear Parents**

While our Newsletter is usually a fortnightly issue, I have decided to squeeze an extra one in this week because there are a lot of things that we need to bring to your attention, to send home, or to catch up on.

### **Please find attached to the newsletter today**

- Student Information forms (some were sent home on Wednesday)
- School photo envelopes
- UeducateUs log in details
- 2023 Parent Payments details
- Parent Teacher Interviews – response form
- School Nurse Information (Prep students only)

### **In the newsletter itself, please find information regarding**

- Our fortnightly timetable
- Our new Literacy Program
- Our approach to Numeracy teaching this year
- Specialist Subject Information
- NAPLAN

### **TIMETABLE**

We work on a fortnightly timetable with the following components.

- 2 hours of literacy each day
- 1 hour of Numeracy each day
- Daily PE/fitness sessions
- Weekly Sport sessions
- Fortnightly 90 minute MARC Van and Cooking sessions
- Weekly Integrated Studies sessions
- A weekly technology session
- A weekly Auslan session (sign language)
- A weekly Art, Music & PE session with Bridgewater PS students
- A weekly small group music session to learn instrumental skills (Gr. 2-6)

A weekly singing session (Prep/1)

### **LITERACY - MULTILIT**

This year we are implementing the Initialit programs for Literacy teaching and learning. Initialit is an evidence-based whole-class literacy program providing all children with the essential core knowledge and strong foundations to become successful readers and writers. We are implementing the program at grade appropriate levels in each classroom.

The Initialit approach provides a reading program that incorporates a synthetic approach to the teaching of phonics alongside a rich literature and vocabulary component. It ensures that we have thorough and consistent instruction across all classrooms, leading to a reduction in the number of children possibly needing support in higher grades. It also provides teachers an evidence-based approach to reading and spelling that is aligned with the Australian National Curriculum.

A key strength of the program is that it includes the teaching of reading, spelling and writing using an aligned approach so that all the areas overlap, meaning the skills learnt in each component are far more likely to be retained and embedded into student knowledge.

The program has been heavily researched and developed by Macquarie University and has proven to be very successful in other school settings.

We have adjusted our classroom delivery to maximise the learning of each student. All three classrooms have Literacy timetabled at the same time of the day, allowing movement of students between classrooms to work in groups with other students who are at the same point of need in their learning. This allows for more focussed and stronger instruction.

Teaching and Education Support staff completed the training in 2022, allowing us to group the students into small focus groups with a teacher or ES staff member leading the group.

Each day of the week, groups are working through intensive two hour literacy sessions. In each different classroom level, the requirements of the lessons vary and are matched to the expectations of that grade level.

Our first two weeks have appeared to be very successful and are a good sign to what is ahead. You may wish to talk more with your child's teacher at Parent Teacher Interviews next week.

### **NUMERACY**

In Numeracy this year, we will continue to teach with two strong focus areas,

1. Number - Developing skills and knowledge in working with numbers, using place value knowledge, calculation skills, automatic response skills, using learning materials to show out thinking and developing improved bookwork and set out skills.
2. Applying our number skills to open-ended, real life maths problems and to solve them in a way that we can clearly explain our thinking to others.

As per Literacy, our Numeracy sessions occur at the same time across classrooms, and allows for the movement of students into other grades or groups when appropriate.

### **SPECIALIST SUBJECTS**

- Each Friday, Bridgewater PS join us for the Music, Art and Sport sessions. This is completed in three groups to even the numbers out a bit – Preps, Gr. 1/2/3 & Gr. 4/5/6
- All students have 30 mins of daily PE and a whole school PE/sport session on MARC Van/Cooking Wednesdays.
- Auslan and technology sessions take place each Thursday.

### **Music**

This term in Music, students from all year levels will be taking a virtual tour around the world, exploring the performing arts from a range of different countries, as well as their cultural

celebrations and customs. This week we began with China to reflect ongoing Chinese New Year celebrations. Students used technology to explore the pentatonic scale, which is the basis for a wide range of Asian music. Small groups will also be learning to perform international songs in foreign languages and getting to know a variety of music styles throughout the term.

### **Art**

During the year, students will have an opportunity to create a wide range of pieces using various mediums and materials. Lots of art work will be displayed around the school as it is completed. We will again look to be a part of community activities such as Loddon Shire competitions and the Aged Care Hostel Art Show.

### **Sport**

On Friday mornings, students will have an opportunity to apply their sports skills in a range of skill appropriate games, activities and sports. Older students will prepare for their Bendigo based school events such as football, netball, soccer, basketball etc.

### **Technology**

All students have a 45 minute technology session each Thursday with Miss Ferguson and their classroom teacher. The aim of these sessions is to strengthen student's computer knowledge, typing skills, understanding short cuts, mouse skills, file management, building skills in Word, Power Point, Excel etc. These skills will help our students to become more efficient users of technology. This will be helpful in NAPLAN testing as well as maximising class time.

### **Auslan**

Gr. 1 -6 students will take part in a weekly online Auslan session (sign language). These sessions proved to be very successful last year and we look forward to the students furthering their skills. Preps will likely join the program in Term 3.

### **PREPS – CHANGE OF CLOTHES**

Can we ask that all prep students have a change of underwear/socks/shorts in their school bag just in case. The school maintains a supply of bits and pieces for emergencies but most students prefer to have their own items to change into if needed. Thank you.

### **NAPLAN**

NAPLAN will take place for Gr. 3 & 5 students from March 14th-24<sup>th</sup>. NAPLAN will be completed online on specified days during this time period.

We ask that families avoid take family holidays in this time if possible.

In the weeks leading up to the test period, students will be completing practice tests to familiarise themselves with the look and feel of NAPLAN. An information brochure for families is included in the newsletter package this week.

### **STUDENT ENROLMENT INFORMATION FORMS**

Student Information Forms were sent home yesterday or are included in the package of items today. Please check for correct information, complete as required and send them back to school. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to call the school.

### **PERMISSION FORM**

A permission form for headlice checks was attached to the Enrolment forms for new students. Please sign and return. Contact the school with any queries.

### **IMMUNISATION AND BIRTH CERTIFICATES**

We are missing some certificates. A note was attached to the Enrolment Forms where required. Can you please bring these in so we can make a copy for our records.

### **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Richard Gibbs will be here on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February to take our School Photos for 2023. An Order Envelope is included with Newsletter today. (one per child)

Please complete as per your requirements, put the correct cash in the envelope and return it to school by Wednesday February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Again, please contact the school with any queries.

### **UEducateUs**

UEducateUs is our online management system where parents can access their child's reports, log absences, family holidays etc.

It is a system I have underutilised in the past and we will be looking to use it more for things such as online permission notes, bulk messaging etc.

In your newsletter pack today is a log in & password information page. Can I ask all families who are yet to register to complete this task as soon as possible. Please contact the school with any issues.

### **2023 PARENT PAYMENTS**

A Parent Payment information page is included with your Newsletter today. School and DET information is clearly set out.

Inglewood PS has many options to assist families with these payments. Payments can be made in full, in quarterly payments, fortnightly direct debit deposits or cash payments when cash is available.

If you need to put an alternative plan in place, or have other questions, please contact the school.

### **PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

We will be conducting Parent Teacher Interviews next Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. Interviews will run for 15 minutes from 12 noon to 5.00pm. In these sessions, we aim to share how your child has settled into the year, share some early learning assessments and receive helpful information from you about your child or home situation to will help us best cater for their needs.

### **FAMILY BBQ NIGHT**

In a few weeks time, we will hold a family BBQ night to welcome new and existing families to the 2023 school year. Keep an eye out for dates and details.

Dates to remember			
February		March	
10 <sup>th</sup>	P&F Salad Rolls	1 <sup>st</sup>	MARC Van & Cooking
10 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly 2.45	1 <sup>st</sup>	Preps first Wednesday
15 <sup>th</sup>	MARC Van & Cooking start	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Responsible Pet Incursion
15 <sup>th</sup>	Prep Rest Day School Council 6.00pm	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Clean Up Australia
15 <sup>th</sup>	Bridgewater bakery lunch orders by 3.30pm	13 <sup>th</sup>	Labour Day Public Holiday
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Prep Rest Day	14 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>	NAPLAN Gr. 3 & 5
27 <sup>th</sup>	School Photos	15 <sup>th</sup>	MARC Van & Cooking
28 <sup>th</sup>	Science Incursion		

### **WELCOME**

On behalf of the school community, I would like to welcome Ms. Sarah Roediger to our staff for 2023. It is great to have Sarah back in our school and Grade 2/3 are looking forward to a fun but busy year ahead. Lots of class routines are well established and it has been great to be in the gr. 2/3 classroom and see the personal improvement happening for all the students. Welcome Sarah.

### **NEWSLETTERS**

The Inglewood Primary School Newsletter will come out fortnightly, usually on a Wednesday afternoon. School is happy to provide an email copy, a paper copy, or both. Please complete the slip at the end of the newsletter last week to indicate your preference. If you know of community events/information that could be included, please let us know. There will be a Newsletter next week as we slip back into normal routines.

### **ASSEMBLY**

School Assembly is held every second Friday, beginning at 2.45pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

Our Grade 6's will be running assemblies this year. Weekly awards are handed out and general information is shared. Student work or musical performances are sometimes part of our School Assemblies.

Our first assembly will be on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Regular and sustained attendance is vital for both learning and developing strong friendships. Please ensure your child is at school every day where possible.

When they are ill, recovery at home is important.

We have had a bug go through the school this week and we have been vigilant with hand washing and sanitiser.

## **DOORS OPEN AT 8.30AM**

Just a reminder to families that students can arrive for school from 8.30am. prior to this time, staff will be preparing their days work and I will be on Yard Duty from 8.45am. an arrival around 8.45 allows students time to unpack and be settled ready for the start of the day.

## **SCHOOL CROSSING**

A reminder to all families that if you are crossing Sullivan St. with or without children, we want you to cross at the designated School Crossing. This is for the safety of your children. With lots of traffic before and after school, drivers only expect to see children crossing at the crossing and would not be anticipating children darting out in front of the bus or from between parked cars.

If you have extended family members picking up your children, please remind them of our expectations.

We are still working with the Loddon Shire to have all our car parking and school crossing areas re-painted so they are easily seen by everyone.

The paddock across the road from school is an easy spot to park and is near the crossing. It may be worth a try for a few days.



## **DRINK BOTTLES**

A big thanks to families for ensuring all students have water bottles.

The students are doing well to remain hydrated through the day. School provides a ceramic water bottle and filter in each room for students to refill.

We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander peoples as the traditional custodians of lands, waterways and skies across Australia and in our Dja Dja Wurrung area. Our continent is home to hundreds of different nations whose knowledge has helped shape and evolve our understanding of land and seas. We pay our respects to elders past and present and acknowledge the contribution of all first nation peoples to the land we live, learn and play on.



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Please circle the best time for your family and return the page to the school.  
We will notify families of the allocated times once all returns are in.

Family name \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred time

12 noon-1.00pm      1.00pm - 2.00pm      2.00pm -3.00pm

3.00pm – 4.00pm      4.00pm – 5.00pm

\_\_\_\_ This day doesn't suit and I will need to arrange another time.

