

IPECS INFORMER



*Here is the land, and here is the sky;
You are my friends, and here am I.*

Thank you to the Ngunnawal people for looking after the land in which we play on.

Dear Families,

It was so wonderful seeing the children running back in to school on Monday, greeting their friends and playing with the equipment set up in the outdoor learning environment before the school day began. We have been regaled with many stories of beach trips, family visits, camping, movies, nature walks and rides and many the playdate. I hope that everyone is feeling a little recharged after what is always a super busy term.

Our preschool families will have noted that there were some major works completed to the indoor learning area over the school holiday period with new flooring and painting throughout. The natural decor brings such a freshness to the space and allows for the children to bring the light and energy into the space through their creativity, personalities and energy. The foyer of the Pearls, Topaz and Jade rooms was also painted with the individual rooms scheduled for painting in 2019. The walls leading in to each of the classroom learning environments had a lick of paint in preparation for the installation of our new vision, values and mission signs. These will be installed this week and will help to bring consistency of expectation around who we are, what we value and how we do what we do here at IPECS.

We have been invited to participate in a photo shoot for Early Childhood Australia to support the development of a publication entitled 'Educational Leader Manual'. Permission notes have been sent home and need to be returned as soon as possible. This provides us with an excellent opportunity to showcase the warm, welcoming service of excellence that is IPECS to the broader community.

PRIDE Bear had a lovely stay with the Quartz at the end of Term 2 and has just arrived back home to the Principal's office. He is keenly on the look out for children demonstrating 'Integrity' this fortnight.... I wonder which class will get to spend some time with PRIDE bear? The collections of evidence that are forming in his book about how we implement each of the values at IPECS is wonderful and will be on display for families from time to time in Reception.

We look forward to sharing a delicious breakfast with all the special women in children's lives in week 3 on Wednesday. We encourage you to bring all special people in the children's lives that are able to attend. Although we market this event at the Mothers, it is open to all.

Kate

Holiday Happenings



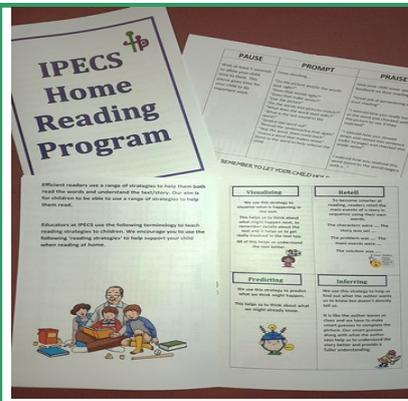
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Webpage—www.ipecs.act.edu.au



Quote for the week

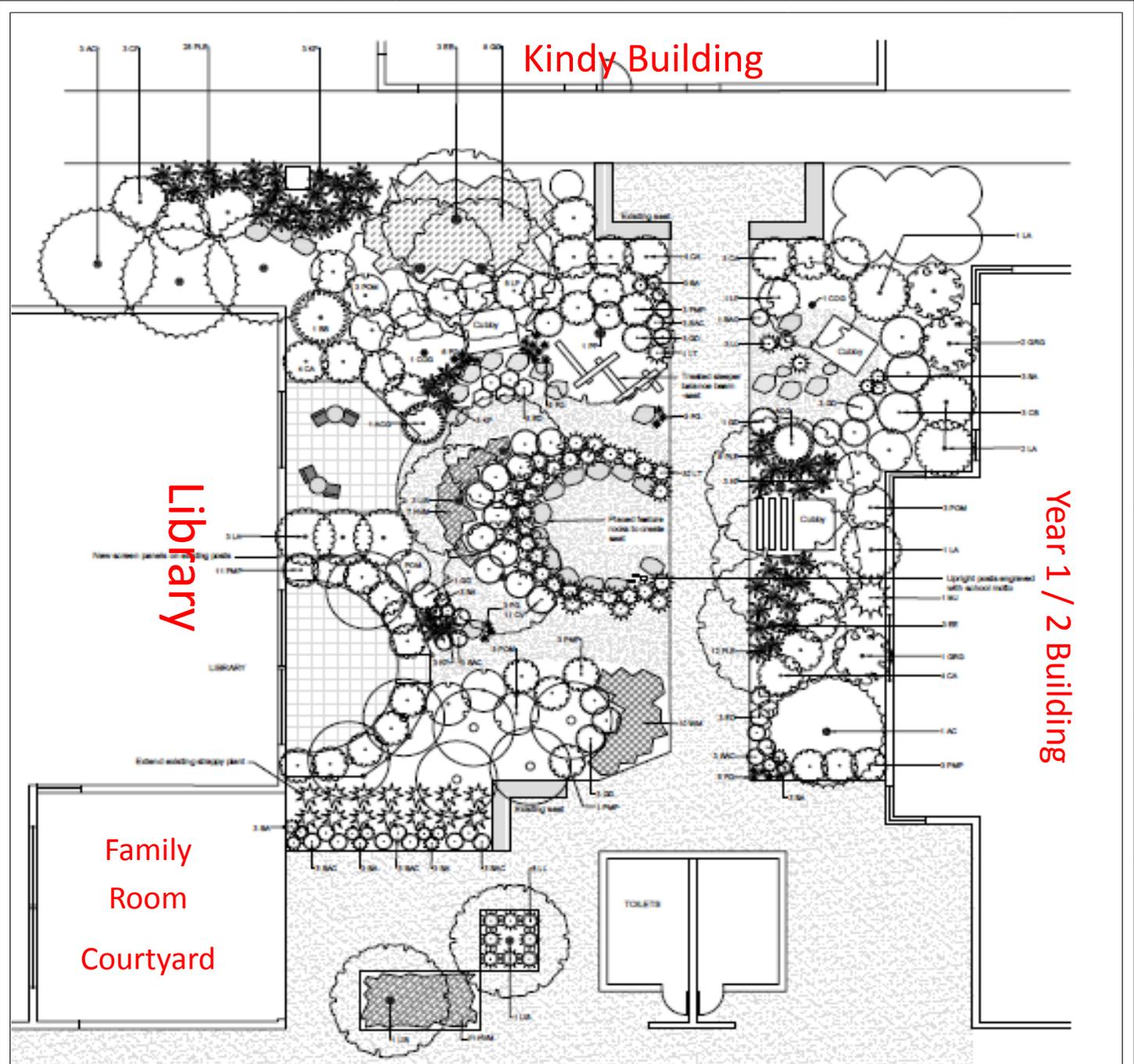
'The best way to make children safer is to teach them to assess and take risks so they learn they can't just do something and it will be OK.'



All families were provided with a copy of the IPECS Home Reading Program booklet. This booklet is full of ways to support your child's reading development at home.

Masterplan Update

Below is the detailed concept design for the area outside the library and behind all the classrooms. The path leading through the middle is the path that leads from the kindergarten rooms to the specialist building (Spanish, The Arts and Makerspace). We love the design and the abundance of planting and natural materials in use. The design has incorporated all that we asked for and has lots of discreet areas for children to learn and play. The centralised nature of the development allows for this space to be used as an outdoor learning environment for all classes K-2 including the specialist teachers with a clear link to the library space. We will keep you updated on proposed dates for work to begin. This will also be on display in our foyer for those wanting a closer look.



Staffing Update

Welcome to Susan Robinson. Susan will be teaching The Arts and associated programs while Lavy is on leave. Susan will also be conducting literacy support in the Kindergarten rooms and providing EALD support. Please say hello to Susan when you see her around and make her feel welcome.



Enrolments for 2019

The Education website has been updated with enrolment details for the 2019 school year, and this information can be viewed through the link below: https://www.education.act.gov.au/school_education/enrolling_in_an_act_public_school

In addition, a new PEA reference guide, using the ACT Government's ACTmapi web site, is also available through the link below to schools and to families to allow them to find their local school and to define their priority enrolment area. <http://app.actmapi.act.gov.au/actmapi2/index.html?viewer=Education>

Please note: All children who are currently attending IPECS are not required to re-enrol as an enrolment carries though from preschool until the end of year 2.

Term One overview

Welcome BBQ and information session

Getting to know you interviews

PIPS

Whole school gatherings

School photos

Reading information sessions

Aqua Safe

Gymnastics

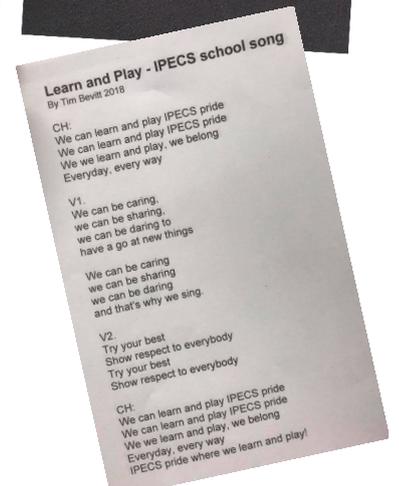
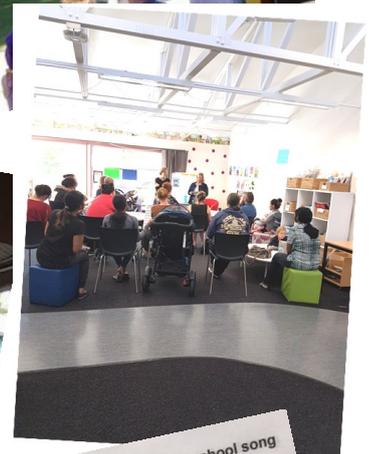
Transition information session

GEMS AGM

School song launch

Working

Bee





Welcome back! Hello Term 2!

The GEMS hope you all have had a lovely break over the school holidays and all are looking forward to another lovely term of learning & community building!

Mother's Day Is Not Far Away!

It's not too late to take part in the Mother's Day Stall - you can still bring shopping money & gift contributions to the GEMS Box at Reception until **Friday 4 May**.

The children will get a chance to shop for the special women in their lives on **Tues 8 & Fri 11 May**

WE ARE EXTENDING THE
DUE DATE FOR THE

Mother's Day Stall



♥

DONATION OF GIFT &
SHOPPING MONEY NOW
DUE END OF WEEK 1 -
FRIDAY 4 MAY

DON'T DELAY - LAST CHANCE!

HEADS UP!

WE'RE HOLDING A BBQ AT JORDO'S CHOP SHOP

Sat 26 May

Come and show support by helping us cook up some snags. Helping hands are surely appreciated from when we start set up at 8:30am until we close at 2:30pm. Cook & serve shifts are 1 to 1.5 hours long (though any length of time is welcome!) with about 3-4 IPECS community volunteers on each shift. Click here now to volunteer for the time that suits you best - www.volunteersignup.org/7FBDP

Of course, everyone is also welcome to come and buy a quick lunch or mini munch from our stall! The more the merrier!

Thank you in advance for your support!

COMING UP:

NEXT GEMS MEETING

7pm, Wednesday
16 May (Term 2, Week 3)
IPECS Family Room

TOPIC:

Allocation of Funds Raised



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CONNECT!

Have you met your 2018 Class Connector?

Posters are up on the courtyard communication boards, come say hello for a chat on what's happening in school and around the community!

NEWS FROM THE ACT P&C BOARD

[Click here](#) to read the Term 1, 2018 edition of ParentACTion, The parent voice on public education.

Term 2 2018

Week 1	Mon 30/4 2019 Enrolments/ Transfers open	Tues 1/05	Wed 2/05	Thurs 3/05	Fri 4/05
Week 2	Mon 7/05 Preschool to Pine Island	Tues 8/05 Mother's day stall	Wed 9/05 Mother's Day breakfast 8.15-8.55 in the hall 	Thurs 10/05 Preschool to Pine Island	Fri 11/05 Preschool info sessions, 9.30 & 1 Mother's day stall K-2 soccer program
Week 3	Mon 14/05 Preschool to Fadden Pines	Tues 15/05	Wed 16/05 Breakfast club GEMS meeting 7pm	Thurs 17/05 Whole school gathering	Fri 18/05 Preschool to Fadden Pines K-2 soccer program
Week 4	Mon 21/05	Tues 22/05	Wed 23/05 Breakfast club National simultaneous story time 	Thurs 24/05	Fri 25/05 K-2 soccer program
Week 5	Mon 28/05 Reconciliation Day public holiday	Tues 29/05	Wed 30/05 Breakfast club Stomp out the Gap day- wear red	Thurs 31/05	Fri 1/06 K-2 soccer program
NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK					
Week 6	Mon 4/06	Tues 5/06 Whole school gathering	Wed 6/06 Breakfast club	Thurs 7/06	Fri 8/06 K-2 soccer program
Week 7	Mon 11/06 Queens birthday public holiday	Tues 12/06	Wed 13/06 Breakfast club	Thurs 14/06	Fri 15/06 K-2 soccer program
Week 8	Mon 18/06 Preschool to Pine Island	Tues 19/06	Wed 20/06 Breakfast club	Thurs 21/06	Fri 22/06 Preschool to Pine Island
Week 9	Mon 25/06	Tues 26/06	Wed 27/06 Breakfast club Reports go out	Thurs 28/06 Whole school gathering Kindy health screening	Fri 29/06 Kindy health screening
Week 10	Mon 2/07 Parent/Teacher interviews	Tues 3/07 Parent/Teacher interviews	Wed 4/07 Parent/Teacher interviews	Thurs 5/07 Parent/Teacher interviews	Fri 6/07 Parent/Teacher interviews

Learn and Play - IPECS school song

By Tim Bevitt 2018

CH:

We can learn and play IPECS pride
We can learn and play IPECS pride
We we learn and play, we belong
Everyday, every way

V1.

We can be caring,
we can be sharing,
we can be daring to
have a go at new things
We can be caring
we can be sharing
we can be daring
and that's why we sing.

V2.

Try your best
Show respect to everybody
Try your best
Show respect to everybody

CH:

We can learn and play IPECS pride
We can learn and play IPECS pride
We we learn and play, we belong
Everyday, every way
IPECS pride where we learn and play!

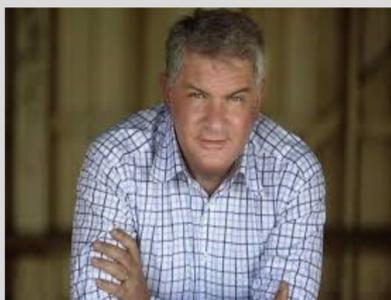


Michael Carr-Gregg

A presentation for parents:

- ▶ **The Ten Most Important Things you Should Tell your Children to Build Resilience and Happiness**

The latest news from the science of positive psychology applied to bringing up children and teenagers. Come and join us for an evening with the acclaimed psychologist Michael Carr-Gregg. The presentation will be followed by a question and answer session with the audience.



Erindale Theatre

McBryde Crescent, Wanniasa

Thursday 7 June

7pm

Tickets \$25

For ticket enquires or purchase please contact
amy.blyton@ed.act.edu.au or call 6205 6011



AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR



OPENING IN CANBERRA
JULY 2018



Is this your daughter?

The Australian Girls Choir will be visiting IPECS on Wednesday 23 May. They will be holding an assessment workshop which includes singing and movement activities that are designed to be a positive and fun experience. After the visit, they will post out to you a personalised report and some information about their semester 2 classes. If you would like your daughter to participate in the workshop please return the permission note sent home today by Friday 11 May.

School Banking News

School Banking continues in Term 2 with 2 new rewards available to redeem:

Glow Light Released Term 2 2018



1 x AAA battery included

Name: _____
Class: _____
Student ID: _____

Sparkle Glitter Pens Released Term 2 2018



Name: _____
Class: _____
Student ID: _____

If you have 10 or more tokens please choose a reward and return your reward selection with your bank book on banking day. If you are unsure how many tokens you have pop us note and we will let you know.

The following rewards are also still available to redeem while stocks last:

<h3>Secret Scratch Notepad</h3> <p>Released Term 1 2018</p> <p>Name: _____ Class: _____ Student ID: _____</p>	<h3>Twister Power Handball</h3> <p>Released Term 1 2018</p> <p>Name: _____ Class: _____ Student ID: _____</p>	<h3>Smiley Emoji Keyring</h3> <p>Released in Term 3, 2017</p> <p>Name: _____ Class: _____ Student ID: _____</p>	<h3>Pencil + Tech Case</h3> <p>Released in Term 4, 2017</p> <p>Name: _____ Class: _____ Student ID: _____</p>
<h3>Colour Change Markers</h3> <p>Released in Term 1, 2017</p> <p>Name: _____ Class: _____ Student ID: _____</p>	<h3>Tablet Case</h3> <p>Released in Term 2, 2017</p> <p>W 18cm H 25cm</p> <p>Name: _____ Class: _____ Student ID: _____</p>	<h3>Volt Handball</h3> <p>Released in Term 3, 2017</p> <p>Name: _____ Class: _____ Student ID: _____</p>	<h3>Epic Earphones</h3> <p>Released in Term 4, 2017</p> <p>Name: _____ Class: _____ Student ID: _____</p>

School Bankers still have time to complete 15 deposits and make it into the draw for the National School Banking competition.

Keep saving for a chance to win a family trip to Hawaii.

This year, School Banking is running a Super Savers Grand Prize competition that will take one lucky School Banker and their family of two adults and up to three children to Hawaii.

The trip includes:

- Return economy flights to Honolulu, Hawaii plus airport transfers
- 7 nights accommodation at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel & Resort staying in a Luxury Ocean Room, with beach views and breakfast included
- AU\$2,000 spending money.

How to enter
Simply make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3 2018 to automatically receive an entry into the competition for a chance to win.

Find out more at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Things you should know: The 'Super Savers Grand Prize Competition' (Promotion) is conducted by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (ABN 48 123 123 124) of Level 30, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. The Promotion starts at 9am AEST on 22/01/18 and closes at 11.59pm AEST on 28/09/18. Entry is open to Australian residents aged 4-13 years only who have made 15 separate School Banking deposits into their Commbank 'Youthsaver' account during the Promotion period. Eligible entrants will be automatically entered into the draw. Maximum 1 entry/person. The first eligible entry randomly drawn will win a trip to Honolulu, Hawaii, USA for two adults and up to three children (aged 17 years and under), including 7 nights accommodation and AU\$2,000 spending money, valued at AU\$17,666. Terms and conditions apply. The draw will take place at 12pm AEST on 10/10/18 at the address above. The winner will be notified by telephone and email, and will be published online at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and in *The Australian* on 17/10/18. Winner must claim the prize by 5pm AEST on 15/01/19 or the prize will be redrawn. The prize will be awarded to the winner's nominated parent or guardian. Conditions apply to accepting the prize. Full terms and conditions available from commbank.com.au/schoolbanking. Authorised under NSW Permit No: LTPS/1718318, ACT Permit No: ACT TP 17/01989 and SA Permit No: 117/1878. ADV14546 010118

More information on School Banking can be found at commbank.com.au/school-banking or contact Jo Whatman on 0475 821 274

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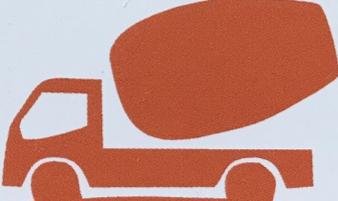
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