

IPECS INFORMER



PRIDE

Play Respect Integrity Diversity Effort

Everyone Belongs



*Here is the land, and here is
the sky;*

*You are my friends, and here
am I.*

*Thank you to the Ngannawal
people for looking after the
land on which we play.*

Save the Date

**December 5– Art show and mini
fete 5-7pm**

**December 12– Yr 2 farewell
gathering 9.15-10**

Notes due back

**Learning Group
Placements**

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Childhood School

Webpage- www.ipecs.act.edu.au

From our Leadership Team

Dear Families

Last week you should have received an email confirming the appointment of Simon Parker as the 3rd Principal of IPECS. We are delighted that this process has concluded and that Simon will be with us for a substantial period.

During the recent Public Education awards we were thrilled to have Annette Mrdak nominated for Support Person of the Year. Annette works tirelessly in preschool to support children, families and the preschool team. Congratulations to Annette for her nomination.

Hopefully you have seen the advertising for our Art Show and Mini Fete. In past years this has been a fantastic community evening celebrating the year and raising some funds for our outdoor learning environment. The GEMS P&C have been working hard to pull this event together. If you are able to help please let the front office or your class connector know. Hopefully all children and families will be able to attend on the night.

As the end of the year fast approaches please help us by ensuring you have notified us if you are leaving IPECS at the end of the year. All families should have received a 'Learning group placement' form. If you haven't yet returned this please do so to help us ensure we have information from you about class placements for next year.

As the weather warms up don't forget to send a water bottle in for your child and apply sunscreen before school.

Katie

IPECS PRIDE

Play

Resilience

Integrity

Diversity

Effort

Mission Statement

To engage and equip
children as lifelong
learners and empower
families as
partners in education and
care.

Principal,

Simon Parker.

Deputy Principal,

Katie Brown.

Business Manager,

Jane Harrold

Board Chair,

Ewan Stewart.

GEMS President,

Frances Stanton



Positive Behaviour Recognition

At IPECS, we have implemented a positive behaviour recognition initiative linked with our PRIDE School Values. Children can be given a values ticket to acknowledge positive behaviour. The child receives a PRIDE value sticker that they can take home and discuss with family members why they received it. The tickets are entered in to the school database and then placed into a special box for each of the values. When the box is full, we will celebrate with a whole school activity that reflects that value.

Resources for promoting safety at school and online

We all have the right to be treated with fairness and dignity. We all have the right to learn and work in a safe, respectful and supportive school environment that values diversity - an environment free from bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence. This includes at school, in the community and online.

The Education Directorate website provides information and resources to help families. It includes links to useful websites such as the eSafety Commissioner who provides strategies for families around online safety and the Student Wellbeing Hub and Bullying No Way websites that provide useful information for parents and young people. To find out more, visit the [Safe and Supportive Schools section](#) and the Being Safe Online section of the Education Directorate website.

Safe and Supportive School Contact Officers

We are committed to building a diverse and inclusive learning environment that benefits all our students. As part of this our school has staff members, who support and respond to students who may be experiencing bullying, racial or sexual harassment. They have undertaken specific training for this important role. They frequently remind students that they are available to help them with any concerns. If you would like to know more about the range of approaches we take to ensure our school is safe and supportive of all students, please talk to your child's teacher, Katie or Simon.

End of year academic reports

All K-2 families will receive their child/ren's end of year academic report via email. We are implementing the Directorate's new online reporting template. Reports will be emailed on Wednesday 18 December. If you don't receive it on this day please contact the front office. Where needed, 2 copies of the report will be emailed to family members.

If you have changed your email address recently please let us know as soon as possible.

Preschool will continue to receive printed paper copies of their reports.

Spanish

Hola Spanish!

Did you know that the 66% of the world's population is bilingual? Here are some of the things that happen to your brain when you learn a new language, your memory improves, concentration also improves making it easier to focus on tasks. Learning a new language enhances decision making and even affects physical growth. MRI scans have shown growth with parts of the brain associated with memory when learning a new language, like muscles when stimulated regularly, which goes with the saying young brains soak up everything!

Every Monday IPECS children enjoy the Spanish Cultural and Language Program. Children are confident with greetings, numbers and colours in Spanish. During Spanish class children respond enthusiastically to games of participation, songs and flash cards. It is very satisfying to hear children around the school counting one to ten or simply greeting you with a Spanish Hola or Adios.

As you can see by the photos this semester, we played lots of fun games to learn fruit names, animals, parts of the body and aspects of the calendar. Albert Einstein said: "I never teach my pupils. I only attempt to provide the conditions in which they can learn". At IPECS when children are learning Spanish the key formula is fun + fun = LEARNING.

Marisa



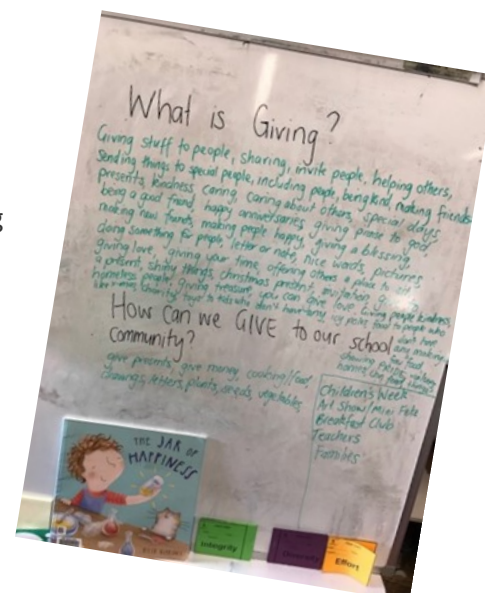
Sustainability

In Sustainability this term, we are focusing on **Giving**. Students have been discussing and brainstorming *How we can give to our school community?*

We are currently cooking regularly for breakfast club. We have been combining many of the kitchen skills we have developed over the year to make recipes with greater independence.

We have been engaging in some collaborative creative projects to brighten our garden space. We have been busy doing some summer planting and look forward to the magnificent harvest that will await us in the new year.

Jana and Julie



Preschool

It has been a busy fortnight in preschool! We have had two transition visits to kindergarten. We enjoyed listening to 'Hattie and the Fox' and making chicken puppets. The pre-schoolers were very excited to go on a scavenger hunt around IPECS for our second kindy visit. We have played on the kindergarten playground – the slide and monkey bars were very popular!

We loved watching our chicks hatch from eggs and grow quickly for the last few weeks. Our chickens have grown too big to keep at preschool and have settled into their new home on a farm. We are keeping a close eye on our tadpoles which are growing steadily – we are excitedly waiting to see them transform into froglets.

As the weather warms up, it is essential that all children bring a water bottle to preschool every day. Children have access to sunscreen throughout the day and educators support children to apply before outside play. Water play is a popular activity on warm days, please make sure your child has a set of spare clothes in their bag. We are running low on spare clothes. If your child has borrowed preschool clothes, we would appreciate them being returned.

The Preschool Team

Tanya, Jacquie, Mel, Sarah, Claudia, Annette and Ellen



Kindy Visit the Old Tuggeranong School House

Kindergarten spent a very busy day, last Thursday, at the Old Tuggeranong School House and on Simpson's Hill in Chisholm. Here are some of the things we learned and the activities we did.



Girls wore bonnets.



Boys wore hats.



Boys wore braces to keep their pants up.



Girls wore aprons or pinafores to keep their clothes clean.



Girls and boys played tennis.



The big kids sat up the back and the little kids sat at the front.



Children wrote on a slate with chalk.



We thought about how the Ngannawal community used the land.



We painted the landscape.

A very big thanks to all our wonderful volunteers who stayed with us all day.
Also, a big thanks to Elizabeth and her helper, Mavis, who made our visit so marvellously interesting.

1/2 News

Year 1/2 are loving learning about materials in science. The children have enjoyed experimenting making paint and play dough with the correct ingredients but without the correct measurements. They learnt that following an accurate recipe is very important otherwise they don't work properly.

The children are having fun learning more about athletics. Long jump into the sandpit was great fun and so was shotput. We celebrated Nira and had a party to celebrate her new baby. Everyone will miss Nira. We are very happy that her family is growing. Thank you for all of your support this year. Don't forget to come back and visit us.

Not long now until our Year 2s graduate and move on to other schools. Transitioning children are making new friends and getting to know their new schools. We are looking forward to the Year 2 Graduation Whole School Gathering on Thursday 12 December 2019.

Wendy, Nira, Libby and Emma

Second Hand Uniform Shop

If you are leaving IPECS at the end of the year or your child has just outgrown their current uniform please consider donating their uniform to the second hand uniform shop. Donations can be left with reception anytime and are gratefully appreciated.

The second hand uniform shop is open on Wednesdays from 9 - 9.30am during school term. It is located in the small meeting room opposite reception at the front office. Please feel free to drop by and see what is available.

Dresses are \$10, jumpers are \$5 and T-shirts, polo shirts and long sleeve T-shirts are all \$2. We also have a selection of black shorts, skirts and pants for \$2 each.



Wk 7	Monday 25 Nov	Tuesday 26 Nov	Wednesday 27 Nov Breakfast Club 8.30-8.55	Thursday 28 Nov Buoyed Up! For yr 2	Friday 29 Nov Backyard Ranger playgroup 9.30-11 Volunteer afternoon tea 2-2.45pm
Wk 8	Monday 2 Dec	Tuesday 3 Dec	Wednesday 4 Dec Breakfast Club 8.30-8.55	Thursday 5 Dec Buoyed Up! For yr 2 Art show and mini fete 5-7pm	Friday 6 Dec Backyard Ranger playgroup 9.30-11
Wk 9	Monday 9 Dec	Tuesday 10 Dec	Wednesday 11 Dec Breakfast Club 8.30-8.55 GEMS event, class of '19 is on the move	Thursday 12 Dec Yr 2 Farewell Gathering 9.15-10	Friday 13 Dec Backyard Ranger playgroup 9.30-11



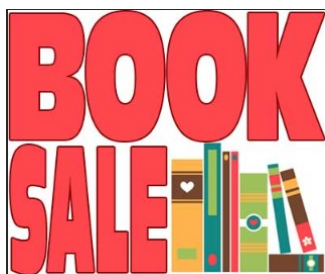
Wet the teachers

Ambers Class (contact Kelly)



Book Sale

Amethyst(contact Julie)



Toy Sale

Rubies (contact Nicole)



Icy poles

Garnets (contact Katrina)



Cake Stall

Jets (Sarah)



Face Painting

(Comms@Work)



Side Show Alley – Choc Lob

Jaspers (contact Rebecca)



Tombolla

Sapphires (contact Cath)



Nerf Target Range

Emeralds Julie/Saydee)

THE END OF YEAR FETE & ART SHOW!

Coming up on **Thursday, December 5th**!

We hope to see you there from 5:00-7pm!

VIP Tickets

To help Fete Night run even more smoothly, VIP Tickets are available to be pre-purchased again this year.

Each VIP Ticket is still only \$5 and enables our little VIPs to move around the fete and collect their own:

Sausage sandwich

Drink

Ice Block

Have a go at Splash the Teacher

A turn at the Side Show Alley

Order forms for these (and other food pre-orders) will be sent home very soon - they are **due back**

Wed 27th Nov

Keep an eye out on the night for the VIP Pick up point signs.



End of Year Raffle

Tickets are **\$2 each** or **3 for \$5**

Each student will receive 6 raffle tickets to sell. Completed stubs and raffle money (\$10 or \$12 are due back Wed 27th Nov)

Our fete is being supported by some wonderful community businesses with their contributions to the prize pool!

Have a look on the NEXT PAGE for the list of FANTASTIC PRIZES!

REMINDERS - BEFORE THE MINI FETE

Our Annual Mini Fete supporting the School's Fund-raising Art Show simply cannot happen without the support and assistance of the whole school community.

This year, our families can take part in making the mini fete happen by:

Pre-ordering some

VIP tickets and food will go a long way in helping us get food and activities organised **(order forms and money in the GEMS mailbox by Wed 27th Nov please)**

Selling some

raffle tickets **(stubs and money in the GEMS mailbox by Wed 27th Nov please)**

Donating some

Pre-loved (but in good, clean condition) toys and books

Tombola jars and prizes to fit inside (eg small art supplies, toys, lollies)

Prizes for side show games (jellies, lollipops, small chocolates).

Please place your contributions in the labelled boxes at the front office by **Wed 27th Nov**

Making some

Cakes and other delicious goodies for the cake stall (individually wrapped packs are awesome!). Notes and plates are coming home soon!

We request these to be brought to the school front office **on the morning of Wed 4th Dec**

Giving some...of your time

We will need volunteers through the afternoon as well to help ensure that the GEMS and Class Connectors also get the chance to enjoy the mini fete with their little ones.

Nominate now for your spot for Thursday 5th Dec

By clicking here: <https://volunteersignup.org/W7PFJ>

Or scanning this QR code.



THIS YEAR'S AWESOME PRIZES

We are so fortunate to be supported by our generous community business this year! With their help, our lucky winners will be able to enjoy:

Amazing treats such as:

\$150 hamper from Isabella Plains Capital Chemist

\$100 dining voucher for Vapiano Italian Restaurant

\$50 shopping voucher The Markets Wanniasa

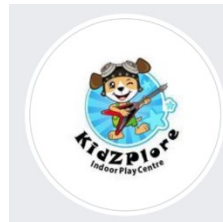
Hamper from Isabella Plains IGA

Raiders gift packs



Fantastic family fun with Family Passes to:

Questacon *Kidzplore * Bloc Haus



Exciting games with:

Laser Zone skirmish for up to 10 players

4 x iPlay Australia Packs – 4 winners

10 x VR (Virtual Reality) Canberra passes – 10 winners



Fabulous learning experiences with:



4 x day sessions with Southern Canberra Gymnastics for the school holidays – 4 winners

1term of Drama Classes with Perform Australia (\$275)

1term of Dance Classes with Kulture Break (\$175)

A book from Dymocks Tuggeranong





SUMMER TENNIS HOLIDAY CAMPS

Join in the 2019/20 Summer of Tennis!

Christmas Camp: Mon 16th – Fri 20th Dec

Week 1: Mon 20th – Fri 24th Jan 2020

Week 2: Tues 27th – Fri 31st Jan 2020

JUNIOR CAMPS FOR ALL AGES AND STANDARDS • CAMPS INCLUDE
ANZ HOT SHOTS (3-12 yrs), **SQUAD (8-18 yrs) + TENNIS & CHESS CAMPS**
FRUIT AND DRINKS DURING BREAKS • ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED
TENNIS AUSTRALIA QUALIFIED COACHES • TENNIS COACHING RAIN,
HAIL OR SHINE!

8.30AM DROP OFF FOR A 9AM START

3 GREAT VENUES

Weston Creek Tennis Club, Dillon Ct, off Namatjira Dr (Behind McDonald's)
Pines Tennis Club, Cnr Norriss St and Goldstein Cres, Chisholm
Gold Creek Country Club, Curran Dr, Nicholls

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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
DECEMBER 24 | 6-7PM



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Join us to celebrate the opening of the new Kids Zone at The Pines Tennis Club in Chisholm.

Come along and join in the action, there will be free ANZ Tennis Hot Shots classes (no experience necessary!),
giveaways, games and a free BBQ

Where: Pines Tennis Club - Cnr Norriss St & Goldstein Cres Chisholm.
When: Friday 22nd November from 5-6 pm.

To book contact Head Coach Robert Jamieson. Ph: 0432 118 204 or email robert@csot.com.au