



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 11

Tuesday 15 December 2021



COMING EVENTS

Friday 28th January

Staff Return

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Tuesday 1st February

Years 7, 11 and 12 return

Wednesday 2nd February

All Years return

Thursday 3rd February

Swimming Carnival

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to our last newsletter of the year! Firstly, can I take this opportunity to apologise for the inconsistent issue of our newsletter this term. What can I say except we probably had more starts than a Bathurst 1000 supercar race, with a number of non-operational days due to COVID, changing restrictions due to NSW health advice, changes in HSC examination dates and moving the examinations off site have made for an extremely busy term.

Presentation Day

I hope you have had the opportunity to watch our recorded Presentation Day on YouTube. Despite not being able to have parents, carers

and special guests it was still a lovely opportunity to celebrate the wonderful achievements of our students in 2021. I have attached the Principal's Address to this newsletter for your reading. Congratulations to all our award winners and thank you to our sponsors for your invaluable support. I would particularly like to thank Miss Pauline Jackwitz, Mrs Katherine McNamara, Mrs Kim Hobday and Mrs Johanna Jane for all their time and hard work organising such a big occasion.

Year 12 Assembly and Formal

On Wednesday 8th December we were fortunate to provide our traditional Farewell Assembly (virtually) for Year 12. Well done to our leaders Max McFarlane and Will Alliston who did a great job as MC's. This was followed by a morning tea and our traditional Year 12 'Vinnies' luncheon.

Friday Night was a really beautiful and memorable Formal evening and an extremely fitting way to farewell our Year 12's at the RSM Club. As we able to have parents and carers attending the evening it was also fitting to present our Year 12's with their Presentation Day awards. A huge thank you to Mr Peter Dal Santo and Mrs Julie Drake for their organisation of this event.

Farewell Staff

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Transition Day

On Thursday 2nd December we hosted a Year 6 into Year 7 Transition Day. The day was a positive experience for our new students to bond. Thank you to Mrs Janita Fenton, Miss Holly Akhurst and Mrs Georgie Rogers for the organisation of this day.

When student arrive on their first day next year, 1 February, we have planned for another transition day to fully immerse the students into Inverell High.

Organisation for 2022

In preparation for next year the following dates will prepare in advance.

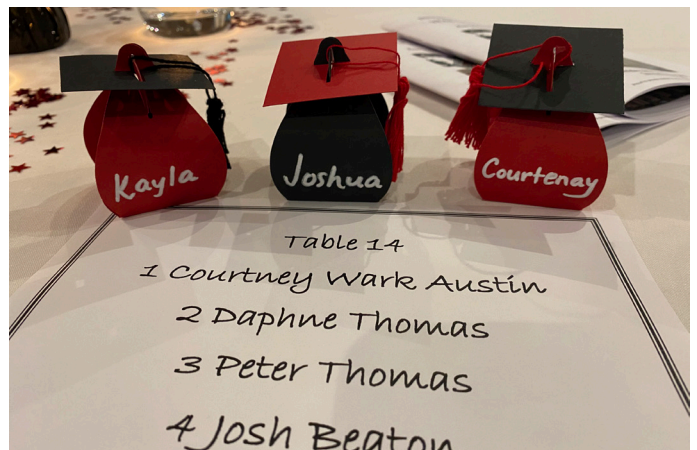
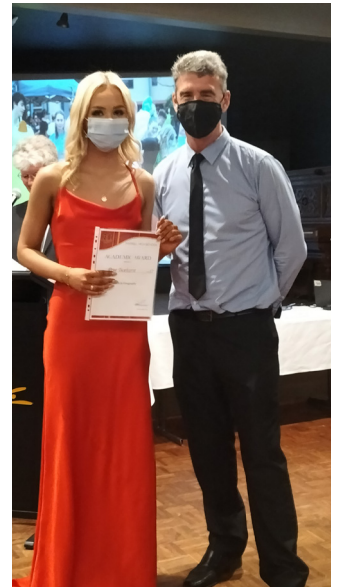
- Staff Development Days are Friday 28th and Monday 31 January, 2022
- Years 7, 11 and 12 first day is Tuesday 1st February 2022
- All years 7-12 commence on Wednesday 2nd February 2022
- Swimming Carnival Thursday 3 February 2022
- End of Term is Friday 8th April 2022.

On behalf of the Staff and Students of Inverell High we wish you all the best for the festive season and wish everyone the best for 2022. I would like to personal thank everyone for their contributions to the school this year, we are a great school and have made positive changes to support the learning of all our students.

Mr Wayne Fowke
Principal



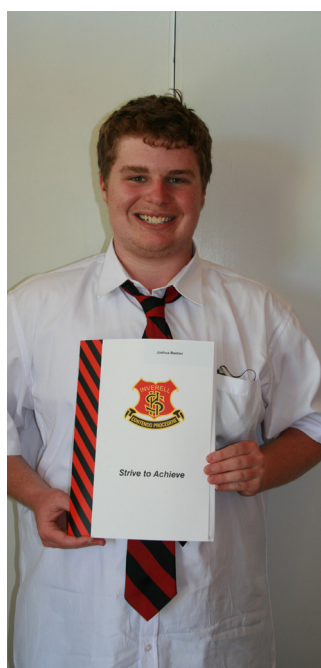
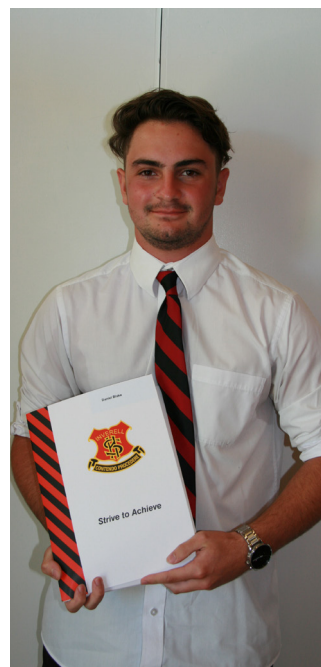
YEAR 12 FORMAL



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YEAR 12 GRADUATION DAY



PRESENTATION DAY



PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Distinguished guests, staff, parents and the amazing students at Inverell High School, I welcome you to our Annual Presentation and Prize-giving ceremony – a showcase of the efforts and achievements of our students throughout 2021.

Presentation Day belongs to the wonderful students of Inverell High School, who deservedly receive the awards for their hard work, fantastic efforts and outstanding achievements throughout 2021.

What a year or two, we will not forget in a hurry, do we mention the word COVID. Coupled with the tragic loss of Maggie O'Brien in Year 10, to the limited sporting and extra curricular opportunities that our students thrive on, 5 weeks of Learning from home and 3 non-operational days lost due to COVID. What I have learnt is how caring, thoughtful, and resilient our students have been over this last year. There are many facets to our school which deserve to be celebrated, but it is not possible to address them all, so today I would like to highlight a few aspects which merit special mention as we come to the end of this school year.

Samuel Flood – Minister's Award for Excellence

Emily Pischke – Art Express with her art piece titled 'Blackchester' selected.

Lachlan Hampton – Inverell Junior Communicator of the Year.

Max McFarlane - representation at the Youth Parliament

Jessica Partridge – representative as Rural Ambassador

Emma McInness – Bronze medallist in CHS Triathlon, 10th overall in combined NSW.

Open Boys League Top 20

Touch Girls/ Boys Top 10

Boy Volleyball Top 20 to name few

As a school, our core purpose is academic excellence, to maximise each student's intellectual potential while also developing their social and emotional intelligence.

This year there has been an added concentration on the areas of Student Wellbeing, Staff Wellbeing, Attendance and our Discipline Code and practices with the support of the Departments Health and Safety Directorate's "Safeguarding Kids Together" team. This multifaceted team has collected data from an array of sources that include student voice forums to review and make recommendations to improve and support these key identified areas. This strong focus will continue throughout the 2022 year.

We must always be focused on our essential role in encouraging and developing well-rounded individuals who will be responsible, articulate, and community minded citizens, who can think for themselves, enabling them to make informed decisions, and who will be empowered to take their place in leadership roles in our ever-changing society. Students, there are so many opportunities for you to become leaders. You have all the opportunity to empower and develop your leadership skills that you will need in your life. I would like to pay special tribute to our SRC and AECG for the outstanding way they have represented our school throughout the year at many official functions.

At Inverell High, we continue to educate and empower our students through our holistic approach to teaching and learning. Our students are given a wide range of opportunities through a vast curriculum and co-curriculum activities to develop their individual and varied talents. As you can see on today's program, along with the distribution of academic prizes, there are also awards in many other fields, particularly citizenship, leadership, school and community service, sport and the creative and performing arts. These awards demonstrate that at Inverell High our focus is not only on intellectual development but also on developing our students' social and emotional intelligence and their creativity prowess.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the executive team, who have done an excellent job leading their faculties within the school throughout this year of change. To the dedicated staff at IHS, I would like to commend you for your courage and professionalism you have displayed.

As the shifting sands of time and the uncertainty of this year, you were given a challenge to rise above what was thrown at you and to aim for the stars. Through persistent, consistent and a good routine you have grown into better teachers and the students have responded positively. Through your

unwavering dedication to aim high, the students are starting to aim even higher and we are moving in a positive trajectory. As your work colleague, I could not have asked for more!!! Thank you, Keep aiming for the stars, do not waiver, stay true to the course, these students are worth it!!!!

One of the sad things that occur at the end of the year is that, for a range of reasons, people move on. Sometimes that's the result of a well-deserved retirement, promotion, occasionally it's a transfer related to family life or personal reasons. That always brings with it a sense of mixed feelings because we say farewell to people who have given so much to our school and our profession, but at the same time it's a happy occasion as individuals move on to another exciting phase in their life. I would like to thank all those staff who have made IHS part of their lives this year and have made positive contributions to these students' lives.

Mr Chris Drake 1993

Mrs Julie Drake 2004

Mrs Lisa Tomlinson Gils 2000

Mrs Kearn Reynolds Term 2 2018

Miss Emily Hart 2018

Not to mention; Mrs Susan Currie, Miss Penelope Colley. Mrs Erin Wahn,

Also fundamental to our students' success is the educational partnership with our parents and caregivers. Research studies have shown time and time again that a significant feature of maximising student success at school is the participation and supportive engagement of parents as partners in their children's education.

I thank our hard-working P & C Association and AECG which has maintained such consistent and constructive support for the school in so many ways. I thank all our parents and community members who have contributed to the success of this school. The P&C has undergone a revival this year with an influx of new members, I have asked this body to provide a voice and guidance as we start reviewing procedures within the school. The greatest area of focus during 2021 has been the review of our current uniform. More information about this process will be elaborated in 2022 for a consultation and implementation plan.

As in all things about Inverell High, our community is multi-faceted, and we should thank all members of our community for their efforts on our behalf. In particular, to all those who have donated prizes for today, businesses who have assisted our students with SBAT's and work placement, the Inverell Shire Council, Director of Educational Leadership, Miss Kristene Pizarro and community agencies and service clubs that assist the school, all of which have been outstanding supporters of our students. It is the support of all these groups that continues to forge the remarkable community that is Inverell High. It is no wonder that the strength of our educational partnership between school, home and community produces the young adults of Inverell.

We should all be proud to be part of the Inverell High School Community: proud because we not only respect the past, but we also share in the joy of today's celebration of the extraordinary abilities, accomplishments and admirable qualities of our talented students who are ready to embrace the future with all its opportunities. My congratulations to you all on another magnificent year.

It gives me great pleasure to announce 2020 Dux of Inverell High School;

The 2020 Dux goes to Imogen McDonald. Unfortunately, Imogen is still studying in Canberra at ANU, her award will be received by her sister Bridget McDonald.

To the organising committee and all those involved in today's presentation day, thank you.

My best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to everyone. I look forward to working with everyone as we continue to strengthen our academic standing throughout NSW while developing well rounded young adults. To the student's, congratulation once again on your successful year.

Mr Wayne Fowke
Principal

WORLD TELEVISION DAY

On Friday 19th November, the SRC organised a fundraising event to celebrate 'World Television Day'. The students were encouraged to come dressed up as their favourite television characters, with some notable appearances by The Wiggles (Year 8), B1 from Bananas in Pyjamas unfortunately B2 was MIA, Kath from Kath and Kim, Hermione from Harry Potter, a Knight in shining armour, the Cast of Friends and many more, with one staff member dressed as M from James Bond.

At lunchtime the SRC sold chocolates, soft drinks and ice cream spiders for a profit of over \$350, with the proceeds going towards the SRC final project which is still to be determined.

This now concludes fundraising events for 2021 and we are looking forward to a successful 2022.



STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Pictured are SRC representatives Isabel Richardson and Alex Henley holding an official certificate of appreciation from Jeans for Genes Day in appreciation of the SRC's recent fundraising efforts.



MR KERR'S YEAR 9 MATH CLASS

Mr Kerr's Mathematics class are still hard at work improving their skills. The class have displayed an increased engagement, work effort and results in second semester. Wesley was crowned 'King of Trigonometry' and the boys are now striving to don the crown 'Emperor of Equations'. Keep up the great work lads.



VIRTUAL HALTER MAKING WORKSHOP

On Wednesday 24th November, the Show Team were lucky enough to participate in a virtual halter making workshop. This was sponsored by the Regional Industry Education Partnership Program and The Cattle Shop from Goulburn.

The students zoomed with Mr Daryl Holder, proprietor of the Cattle Shop, and he gave a practical presentation to the students on making a rope halter, nose lead and neck rope. The students all made a rope halter with rope supplied from Mr Holder which they got to keep. They also had the opportunity to ask questions about showing cattle, equipment and products – did you know, Mr Holder is a former police officer who has been in the cattle industry for over 20 years?

The Cattle Shop is a regular attendee and often sponsor of Royal Shows around the country, as well as town shows and youth shows. It has been a privilege for us to have this workshop with Mr Holder, given his extensive experience in the industry.

I would like to thank Mr Holder for his time and sponsorship of the materials used in the presentation. I would also like to thank Ms Karly Brogan, Regional Industry Education Partnership Program for making this opportunity available to the students.

Miss A Rawson
Show Team Manager



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE TAS FACULTY

Year 10 Food Technology students have been cooking recipes from their Food Product Development unit of work. This week we cooked Pizza Scrolls.



Year 10 Industrial Technology Timber students have been making Country Clocks



Year 7 & 8 Technology Mandatory have been making bags in their Materials, Textile unit of work.



Year 9 Food Technology students cooked melting moments as of their Coffee Shop unit of work.



NORTHERN SCHOOLS STEER COMPETITION

On Thursday 18th November, Inverell High Show Team sent six steers to the Northern Schools Steer Competition. Unfortunately, the Covid-19 restrictions meant we were unable to attend the original venue of Tenterfield Showgrounds and that the competition had to be unled this year. The new format included all the steers going to Macintyre High School's Ag Plot on Swanbrook Rd for the hoof judging and then being transported to Bindaree Beef for the hook judging.

The hoof judge was Mr Andrew Simmonds, from Bindaree Beef. Our hoof results are as follows;

- Murray Grey X Angus school-bred steer 'Foxtrot' 7th in the mediumweight class 3 481 – 500kg, scoring 41 points out of 50.
- Murray Grey X Angus school-bred steer 'Waltz' 8th in the heavyweight class 1 501 – 550kg, scoring 43 points out of 50.
- Angus X school-bred steer 'Tango' 9th in the heavyweight class 1 501-550kg, scoring 41 points out of 50.
- Purebred Hereford purchased steer 'Gussy' 6th in the heavyweight class 2 551 – 600kg, scoring 44 points out of 50.
- Purebred Hereford purchased steer 'Bruiser' 2nd in the heavyweight class 2 551 – 600kg, scoring 48 points out of 50.
- Purebred Hereford purchased steer 'Wilbur' 1st in the heavyweight class 3 600 plus kg, scoring 47 out of 50.

Bruiser was also awarded Reserve Champion Heavyweight steer on the hoof.



The hook judge was Ms Tahnee Manton from Local Land Services and our results are as follows;

- 'Foxtrot' 2nd in the medium-weight class 3, scoring 83.5 points out of 100.
- 'Waltz' 4th in the heavy-weight class 1, scoring

84.5 points out of 100.

- 'Tango' 7th in the heavy-weight class 1, scoring 79 points out of 100.
- 'Gussy' 10th in the heavy-weight class 2, scoring 73 points out of 100.
- 'Bruiser' 6th in the heavy-weight class 2, scoring 79 points out of 100.
- 'Wilbur' 1st in the heavy-weight class 3, scoring 86.5 out of 100.

Wilbur was also awarded Reserve Champion Heavyweight steer on the hook.



All the steers from this competition have been processed by Bindaree Beef who are long-time supporters of this competition and purchased by Coles. We thank them for their continued support of public education in Northern NSW.

We are so pleased about our results in this competition and have numerous people to thank. Firstly we extend our thanks to the vendors of the purchased steers, Angus, Eunice and Will Vivers from Jindalee Herefords, Kings Plains, and Daryl and Therese Rawson from Rawson Pastoral Services, Willow Tree for entrusting us with your steers to prepare for this competition.

Secondly, we need to thank Mr Tom and Mr Shaun O'Brien from Bundarra for the loan of your bull who has sired the school-bred steers.

Our thanks also go to Mr Neil McLane, Inverell High School Ag Plot Manager for his care of the steers during a difficult year with minimal student interaction and numerous and ever-changing Covid-19 restrictions.



We must also thank Mrs Deb Snaith and Mr Matt Colley from Macintyre High School, as well as Mr Phil Jones from Tenterfield High School for running the Northern Schools Steer Competition in the new modified format. Hopefully, the competition will be back to normal in 2022.

Lastly, we need to thank Mr Jeffrey Hobday for his transport of the steers to Bindaree Beef and Elders Inverell for arranging the paperwork and NLIS transfer of all the animals.

Miss A Rawson
Show Team Manager



Show Team Update – Upcoming Events

Our first show for next year is the Herefords Northern NSW Youth Group's Heifer show, being held at the Inverell Show Grounds from 14th – 16th January 2022. We wish the following students the best of luck at that competition Liam Swanborough, Cooper Hill, Dylan Kelly, Damon Murphy, Alex Hill and Whitney Ellery.

YEAR 6 TRANSITION

Year 6 had their long-anticipated transition day on Thursday 2nd December. They had an awesome day, jam packed with activities and information. They had 6 taster lessons including cat walking in Drama, grid referencing cookies in Geography, undertaking a range of experiments in Science, team games with Clontarf and drawing Smartie monsters in Visual Arts. They enjoyed a BBQ and PE activities in Period 5. We cannot wait to have them back in 2022.



SENIOR LEGAL STUDIES

On Wednesday 27th October, Senior Constable Jaime Porter from the School Liaison Police Youth and Crime Prevention Command attended to present to our Stage 6 Legal Studies students. Her presentation covered the Law Enforcement (Powers & Responsibilities) Act 2002 (NSW) (LEPRA), Young Offenders Act 1997 (NSW), Australian Legal System, Bail and Criminal Procedures all from a Police perspective. Students were also able to ask questions and receive hands-on experience with some of the police equipment including the baton and handcuffs. We were also lucky enough to witness a mock arrest of Careers Advisor and Yr 12 Year Advisor, Mr Pete Dal Santo. He was 'arrested' for refusing to comply with a public health order which required the wearing of masks in indoor areas. We thank Mr Dal Santo for his participation! I would like to thank Senior Constable Porter for her time and expertise in delivering this presentation to the students. I know they enjoyed the experience!

Miss A Rawson

Legal Studies Class Teacher



P & C ASSOCIATION

Our Inverell High School P & C Association meet on 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6pm in the Common Room. All parents, carers and interested community members are invited to attend. Our next meeting has been postponed until further notice.

Our committee members are -

President - Sharon Youman

Vice-President - Courtney Fleming

Secretary - Jenny Campbell

Treasurer - Emma Murphy

Publicity Officer - Anthony Alliston

COMMUNITY BENEFITS PROGRAM

Ritchies IGA is now moving over to the Ritchies Card Loyalty program.

We would appreciate your ongoing support through this program. It is easy to join either using a phone by downloading the Ritchies Card App from the App store or Google Play or by going online at www.ritchies.com.au/loyalty. You can then collect a physical card from one of the friendly cashiers in-store, which is then linked to your app or online account. Don't forget to nominate Inverell High School.

Merry Christmas
& Happy Holidays!

Inverell High School to participate in Industry Led Coding Programme

Computing Professionals Needed

We are proud to announce that Inverell High School will be implementing the prestigious industry led coding programme 'CS in Schools' to a cohort of students in 2022.

The CS in Schools programme is creating sustainable change in Australian digital technology education. It helps schools create relevant and meaningful digi-tech education by building industry connections, developing teacher confidence, and providing a complete digi-tech pathway for all secondary students.

If you are a computing professional and would like to volunteer as a virtual mentor in one of our classrooms, CS in Schools is actively recruiting volunteer computing professionals to support our school. You can learn more about volunteering at <https://csinschools.com/volunteer/> and you can express interest at <https://csinschools.com/apply/>. Please submit your applications by January 10, 2022.

An important reminder for HSC VET students 2021

NSW Department of Education

Student VET credentials from NESA

Students can download their VET credentials as a **free** PDF via their [Students Online](#) account in the Certificates/e-Record section

Students can download an HSC Testamur, Record of Achievement detailing Year 12, 11 and 10 results and personalised VET course reports

After downloading, students are reminded to save or print their credentials as **Students Online accounts will only remain open until 30 June, 2022**

For more information see

- <https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/results-certificates/getting-your-results>
- Call the Student Inquiry Centre (1300 13 83 23) for further support in accessing [Students Online](#) accounts
- Students should also check personal details on [Students Online](#)

