



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 11  
Friday 11th April 2025



## COMING EVENTS

### TERM 2 - WEEK 1 WK A

Monday 28th-Tuesday 29th April

Staff Development Days

Wednesday 30th April

All students return to school

Thursday 1st May

Opens Rugby League V Macintyre High School

Friday 2nd May

Rugby League 14's V Warialda High School

Open and U15s Football V Glen Innes High School

### TERM 2 - WEEK 2 WK B

Tuesday 6th May

Big Science Competition

Wednesday 7th May

Cross Country-Inverell Sporting Complex

Thursday 8th-Friday 9th May

Life Ready Workshops

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Liam Swanbrough's Prestigious Achievement

Over the weekend, Liam Swanbrough embarked on an extraordinary journey to Sydney, where he was recognised as one of the top four finalists in NSW for the prestigious 3 Wing Sword of Honour (Cadet of the Year) award.

This remarkable accomplishment is not only a testament to Liam's dedication and leadership but also marks a historic moment for 319SQN Inverell, as Liam is the first from our squadron to receive this honor. The presentation, held at Government House, included a special morning tea with Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC, Governor of New South Wales, making it an unforgettable experience. Congratulations, Liam! Your hard work and commitment has made us immensely proud.



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# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT CONT..

## **IHS Clontarf and Stars Students Shine in Deadly Blues Program**

It was a pleasure to witness the active participation of IHS Clontarf and Stars students in the Deadly Blues Program at the Inverell Linking Together Centre. This initiative, facilitated by New South Wales Rugby League, provided our students with a unique opportunity to engage, learn, and draw inspiration from past Blues greats Dean Widders and Timana Tahu. The program, currently on a health tour, emphasises the importance of Indigenous health and wellbeing, encouraging participants to prioritise their physical and mental health. We commend our students for their involvement and look forward to seeing the positive impact of this experience in our community.

## **Year 9 Students Embrace Mental Health Awareness Through NRL Workshops**

Last week, our Year 9 students from the Physical Activity and Sport Studies class dived into workshops facilitated by NRL and Healthy Communities Foundation Australia. These workshops, focusing on the link between physical activity and mental health, combine practical sessions with valuable theoretical insights. The Get in the GAAME workshop uses rugby league concepts to convey messages promoting positive mental wellbeing. Students explored topics such as understanding stress, modelling healthy behaviours, and building meaningful connections to support mental health. For more information and testimonials about the program, visit NRL's State of Mind.

## **Creative Artist**

Four of our talented students will be attending auditions week 1 of term 2 as feature artists in this year's School Spectacular, showcasing their incredible skills and passion. We wish them all the best as they await the results, with fingers crossed for their inclusion in this special production. It's an exciting opportunity, and we are incredibly proud of their dedication and hard work in pursuing this prestigious event.

Best of luck to Ella Glasson in Jazz/Musical Theatre, Contemporary and Hip Hop, Indigo Lowell in Jazz/Musical Theatre, Ballet and Contemporary, Elkie Sargeant in Ballet and Contemporary and Hallie Youman in Jazz/Musical Theatre and Contemporary.

## **Celebrating Sporting Success and School Pride**

Last week, our school saw a remarkable turnout of students representing our zone in trials for various North West teams. We are delighted to announce that many of our students have successfully made their respective teams, showcasing their talent and dedication. We extend heartfelt congratulations to all students who proudly represented our school, as well as our dedicated teachers who supported and coached them throughout their journey. Your commitment to excellence is truly commendable.

## **Easter Break**

As we approach the Easter break, we would like to wish everyone a safe and restful holiday. We look forward to welcoming our students back on Wednesday, April 30th, ready for another exciting term ahead. A reminder to students wishing to represent the school at the ANZAC Day March—please ensure you are in full uniform and arrive at Gaukrogers Nissen by 9:50 am to participate in the town march. We thank you for your dedication and pride in representing our school. Enjoy the break and see you soon!

Looking forward to more positive updates and stories of success from our vibrant school community. Together, we continue to inspire, learn, and grow.

Warm regards,  
Mr Wayne Fowke  
Principal

## **AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students on achieving their Bronze Award.



### **BRONZE**

#### **Year 7**

Mia Churchland  
Dennis Holmes  
Addison Martin  
Oliver O'Brien

#### **Year 9**

Izabella Connors  
Landan Hall

#### **Year 8**

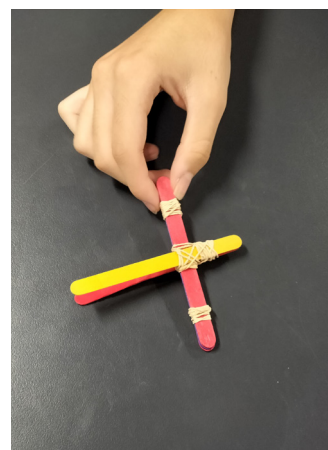
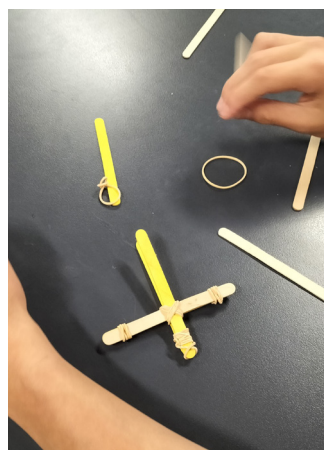
Tallara Duncan-Blair  
Sienna Lee  
Lochlan Robinson

#### **Year 10**

Makayla Stuart  
Olivia Selig



## NEWS FROM HSIE



Year 9 HSIE Teal were tasked with 'mining' chocolate chips out of biscuits as they learned about the impacts of mining on the environment. Students picked from three different biscuits and worked together using tools such as tooth picks, straws and paper clips to obtain the 'ore' whilst keeping the biscuit as intact as possible.

As part of the Medieval Europe unit, Year 8 HSIE Red constructed catapults with paddlepop sticks and rubber bands to recreate some of the weapons used during the time period.



As part of the Sustainable Biomes topic, Year 9 Geography tested soil and water to investigate factors affecting the production of food through measurements including pH, water turbidity, soil texture and salinity.

Year 9 Commerce learning about how the environment and single use plastic affects consumer decisions.



## NEWS FROM HSIE CONT....



Year 9 HSIE working on their future food sources assessment task.



## UNE AG INNOVATION DAY

On Friday 28th March, a group of our Agriculture students attended the University of New England (UNE) in Armidale for a day focused on technology and innovation in agriculture.

Students heard from presenters who are actively working in the industry and experiencing these technological changes firsthand. They also had the opportunity to participate in engaging, hands-on activities alongside students from other schools, making it a valuable and collaborative learning experience.

A big thank you to Mrs Reynolds, IHS Careers Advisor, for organising and offering this excellent opportunity for our students and Ms Willcocks, for driving the bus.



**UAC**

**\*\*ATTENTION YEAR 12 STUDENTS\*\***

UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS CENTRE (UAC)

- UAC Applications are **NOW** open, early bird fee closes 30<sup>th</sup> September
- UAC pins were sent to the email you registered with NESA
- You will need this, along with your NESA number to begin your application
- Update your email address to a **personal** one so you can be contacted after you finish school.
- You can make up to 5 course/university preferences and you can go back in and change them at any time!
- To apply you need a USI (Unique Student Identifier) - register or check if you already have one at [usi.gov.au](http://usi.gov.au)

Scan the QR code for step-by-step instructions to start your application

Scan the QR code for step-by-step instructions to completing your UAC Application

UAC resources for Parents and Carers



## SPORT NEWS

### ALAN TONGUE 10's RUGBY LEAGUE



On Monday 31st March students from Years 7–12 represented our school at the inaugural Alan Tongue 10s football competition held at Kamilaroi Oval. Teams from across the Northern Division area came together to compete in what was a fantastic display of skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship. All matches were highly competitive, and our students showed great determination throughout the day. We are now awaiting the final results to see which teams will progress to the next stage in Tamworth.

Well done to all involved!



## NORTH WEST SPORT

Congratulations to Sophie Greentree and Lawson Walsh, who trialed in Tamworth on Monday 31st March for the North West Open 7s Rugby team. Sophie and Lawson were successfully selected and will now progress to the next stage, representing North West at the NSW CHS Open Rugby selection trials in New Lambton in mid-May.



On Thursday 3rd April, Megan Scott, Heidi Scott, Addison Murphy, and India Hall represented our school at the North West Netball Trials in Coonabarabran. All four girls played with pride, showed outstanding sportsmanship, and demonstrated excellent netball skills throughout the day.

We're proud to share that all four girls were selected in the possibles and probables, with Addison and India going on to be named in the North West team to compete at the CHS Championships in Tamworth.

Congratulations, girls! What a fantastic achievement!





## SPORT NEWS CONT....

### NORTH WEST SPORT

On Wednesday 2nd April, in extremely wet and muddy conditions, the North West Touch Trials were held in Tamworth. Inverell High School had 4 students attend, Sophie Greentree, Olivia Selig, Tai Thompson and Colby Walker.

Congratulations to Sophie, Olivia and Tai on being selected in the North West Team.



Sophie



Olivia



Tai



Colby

### Rugby League Success

Congratulations to Jack Partridge and Kaydon Roberts, who were successful in making the U15s North West Rugby League team at the trials held in Coonabarabran on Monday 31st March.

Jack and Kaydon will now head to Gilgandra early next term to take on the Western Region team.

Well done, boys — we're proud of your efforts and wish you all the best for the next stage!



### OPEN TOUCH GALA DAY

On Tuesday 8th April, Inverell High School hosted the Open Touch Gala Day, kicking off Round 1 of the CHS Knockout competition.

With 10 teams competing across both the boys' and girls' divisions, it was a fantastic day of teamwork and sportsmanship.

#### Boys' Team

The IHS boys played three solid matches (after a late team withdrawal), finishing with 1 win and 2 close losses. A strong effort from a young side, showing great promise for the future.

#### Girls' Team

Our girls played four tough games and came away with 2 wins and 2 losses. Many of the team were from Years 7 and 9, taking on much older squads with confidence and determination—an impressive effort all round!

A huge congratulations to all students who participated. You played with pride, showed excellent sportsmanship, and represented Inverell High with integrity.





## SPORT NEWS CONT....

Congratulations to Tom Putter Yr 10, Temiloluwa Deji-ojo, and Jonathan Arandale Yr 12 who recently competed at the North West Soccer Trials in Coonabarabran and were selected to represent the region at the NSWCHSSA State Football Championships. The championships will be held at Blacktown International Sports Park from Monday 2 June to Wednesday 4 June 2025.

Well done also to Nicholas Alliston and Hamish Swanbrough Year 10, who competed strongly at the trials. It's a great achievement to reach this level, and we're proud of all our students who gave it their best on the day.



## STARS NEWS

On Thursday 10th April, our amazing Stars Girls took part in the Elders Olympics, hosted by the Inverell Bear Eaters – and what an outstanding job they did!

Over the past two days, the girls dedicated themselves to preparing for the event and volunteered their time to help make it a success. Partnering with Inverell Public School, they supported more than 24 teams by marching alongside them in the Opening Ceremony, scoring games, and lending a hand wherever needed – from delivering cups of tea and lunch to running canteen errands.

Their efforts did not go unnoticed. The Stars staff, Elders, community members, local services, and businesses were all incredibly proud of the students, who lived and breathed the Stars values throughout the entire event.

Well done, girls – you've truly represented yourselves and our school with pride.





# FUN AT THE YEAR 7 FRIENDSHIP CAMP





# BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION NEXGEN PATHWAYS

Last week, six IHS students successfully completed the Building & Construction NexGen Pathways course through the Educational Pathways Program. This hands-on course equipped them with essential skills in modern construction techniques, including operating elevated work platforms, using hand and power tools, and working safely at heights. Despite the wet weather and a flooded classroom, the boys showed resilience and made the most of every opportunity. Congratulations to all the participants on their hard work and achievement in this course!





# NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM

## Attention Year 11 students!

Interested in science, technology, engineering or maths? The National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) applications are now open and close in August. Don't miss this amazing opportunity to connect with like-minded students and explore future pathways in STEM.

See Miss Rawson for more information!



## Year 12 **EASTER** Raffle Winners

1. Heidi Holmes
2. Chad Heinz
3. Lawson Walsh
4. Sheryl Mair
5. Jamie Scott
6. Kristy Goman
7. Glenn Partridge
8. Sally Mclachlan
9. Alexis Clusker
10. Chloe Cutmore
11. Michelle Mathewson
12. Felicity Menchin
13. Kelsey Pagden
14. Renee Edmonds
15. Tayla Auld
16. Georgie Leonard



## Closing the Gap Community Consultations



### INVERELL

When: Tuesday 6th May 2025

Where: The Linking Together Centre

Time: 10.00am - 2.00pm

Morning Tea & Lunch Provided





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**26 APRIL 2025**

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**[syo.com.au](http://syo.com.au)**