



# Invermay Primary School

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## *THE INVERMAY WAY*

**SMS Absences**  
**0427 016 460**

**PRINCIPAL:**

Mrs Carolyn Sutton

**AST:**

Mrs Raelene Beckett

Mrs Jen Gadsby

Mrs Bridget Dunn

Mr Alex Kerrison

**SAFEGUARDING**

**LEAD:**

Mrs Annette Wyley

**SBM:**

Mr Graeme Hodges

**Phone: 6331 8371**

**School Hours:**

8:50 am - 2:50 pm

**Office Hours:**

8:30 am - 3:30 pm

**Recess:**

10:20 am - 10:50 am

**Lunch:**

12:40 pm - 1:30 pm

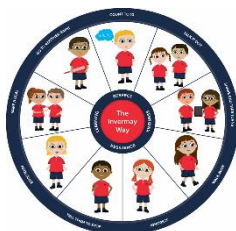
**Uniform Shop**

Monday to Friday

8:30 am - 3:15 pm

**2024 Term Dates**

4: 14th Oct – 19th Dec



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Dear Friends and Families,

We are so excited to welcome you back to the 2025 school year! There has been a wonderful buzz across our school today with much laughter and happiness. From the start of our school day, students have demonstrated beautiful Invermay Way pride and spirit, showing exemplary respect, beautiful manners and welcomed new faces with warmth and acceptance.

Today has been all about re-learning and reminding ourselves of the Invermay Way Values and Expectations and setting ourselves up as successful, high achieving learners.

Tomorrow our All about me booklets and Welcome letters will go home with every child. Included in these, there will be lots of information relevant to your child's learning year ahead.

I wish to extend a very warm welcome to all new students joining Team Invermay this year. We look forward to meeting our new families and encourage all families to come to our first community BBQ event next Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of February, under the oak tree from 2.50pm. We look forward to hosting a quick catch up with some free sausages on offer. Teachers will be joining our BBQ and look forward to meeting as many of you as possible. It was very special to also meet some of our new kindergarten students this morning – and I extend my warmest welcome to all of our kinder families and friends – welcome to our beautiful school!

I am sincerely looking forward to working in partnership with you all this year. As always, we work as a Team at Invermay with each other and our families and we appreciate talking, learning, laughing and problem solving with you - ensuring your child has an educational journey that is fulfilling and enriching. Please don't hesitate to reach out to any member of our team at any stage, or request an opportunity to chat if you have any questions, wonderings or worries.

Please let me reintroduce you to some of our Team Invermay for 2025:

Leadership Team -

- Pre-Kinder and Kinder Team Lead & Support Teacher Early Years: Mrs Mel Brewer
- Prep-2 Team Leader: Mrs Bridget Dunn
- Grade 3-6 Team Leader: Mr Alex Kerrison
- Assistant Principal (Primary): Mrs Raelene Beckett
- Assistant Principal (Early Years): Mrs Jen Gadsby
- Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Gina Campbell
- Instructional Specialist: Mrs Kathy Lyon
- School Business Manager: Mr Graeme Hodges

We welcome back all our fabulous teaching and non-teaching staff members today and take a minute to acknowledge the incredible work that they have all put in to make sure your child's learning year ahead is a positive one. In addition, I welcome our new teaching team members:

- Mrs Larissa Clayton (LIL – Mondays)
- Ms Felicia Bulter – 1/2 (Thursday / Fridays)
- Mrs Octavia Philip – 1/2
- Mrs Bec Fox - 3/4 (Monday- Thursday)
- Mrs Meagan Bayles – 3/4 (Friday)
- Mrs Sarah Adams – 5/6

Further, I wish to introduce you to our new School Psychologists, Kyla Milner and Libby Grubert, our new Speech Pathologist, Meijuan Wang and our new chaplain Mrs Bec Cameron.

I would like to sincerely thank Mr Graeme Hodges, Mrs Janita Coates, our incredible TA team and our amazing EFA (cleaning crew) for the many hours of extra work put in over the holiday break to ensure our buildings and grounds are looking great. Our library and classroom refurbishments were a welcome sight for many of our students as they entered our school today. I appreciate the extraordinary efforts that have been made to create such a welcoming school space for our students return today.

If you would like to volunteer in our school or at school events this year, please remember that there are a few things we need to complete to ensure we meet our safeguarding requirements. Please see the attached information, providing more information regarding these requirements.

This year, we have a new structure to our bell times. We will continue to have our first bell at 8.46, ready for learning to start in classrooms at 8.50am. Our final bell for the day will ring (as normal) at 2.50pm. Our learning blocks do look a little different, with a longer time dedicated to an extended 2 hour literacy block. Our recess break will start at 10.50 and go for 30 minutes and our lunchbreak will run from 12.50-1.25 each day. We are excited to have longer learning blocks, but also aware that this may require us to build our learning stamina. Students may be feeling a little extra hungry or tired as we adjust to these changes in structure.

Our students all look fantastic in their school uniforms today. With a sea red on the top, blue on the bottom and summer dresses, our students looked an absolute picture today! Please see the school office if you require any additional uniform items for the new school year.



We are excited that Invermay will be starting ESK bank this year (upper primary). Please see the note that has gone home with details on how to register your child's interest.

#### Canteen news:

Until further notice, our canteen will be unavailable. We are currently working hard to find a solution to this problem and will keep you informed over the coming weeks as we learn more. Please reach out if your family requires any support with lunches or food supplies as we have been able to source some very generous weekly donations of bakery products to provide families as needed.

As our canteen is out of action, we will trial offering a 5-day breakfast club that will run from the canteen space 5 days a week. The breakfast club will be up and running from Week 3 – Monday the 17/2. All students can access breakfast club, free of charge each morning, with our eating place together being under the oak tree. Thank you for your patience and understanding regarding these changes.

#### Hot Dates to remember :

- Meet and Greet BBQ 2.50pm, Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of February – Under the Oak
- Smith Family Learning Clubs start, Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of February
- Cup day Holiday, Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of February
- Parent Partnership Meetings – from Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March until Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> of March
- Year 6 Leadership Assembly (Tramsheds), Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of March
- Grade 3-6 Athletics Carnival, Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of March

## ***Term Dates 2025***

Term 1	(Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb (Staff start) Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb (Students start)  End of Term: Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	
Term 2	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	
Term 3	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July -Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	
Term 4	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October –  Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec (Students finish) Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec (Staff finish)	
Student Days	Free	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> of Feb
		Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June (Moderation Day)
		Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October
Public Holidays	10 <sup>th</sup> March, 18 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> April (Easter) 9 <sup>th</sup> June	

This year, it will be our aim to publish our calendar with you regularly and share Bumper Celebratory Newsletters with you all twice termly. We will keep you informed as we change to this new format of sharing information with you.

As always, it is a privilege to lead our beautiful school in partnership with our Invermay families and friends.

Kindly,



**Carolyn Sutton** | Principal