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Our vision is to provide a safe, happy, caring and stimulating environment where children will achieve their full potential, so that they can make their best contribution to society. We have zero tolerance to child abuse.

22nd December, 2017 Week 11, Term 4

Mon	29 th Jan	Teachers return, Curriculum Day
Tue	30 th Jan	Curriculum Day - Pupil Free Day at Katamatite PS
Wed	31 st Jan	Grade 1-6 Pupils commence
Thu	1 st Feb	Preps commence

From the Principal

Here we are at the end of the school year with Christmas almost upon us. This term has proved to be quite a challenge, with the quest to find a replacement for me for Term 1 when I am on Long Service Leave. The resolution is not what we had hoped for, with no suitable applicant for the position. This being the case, our students are being relocated to Katamatite PS for Term 1 and we expect to return to Invergordon PS in Term 2. Katamatite PS has been very welcoming and the children were able to travel on Rob's bus to the Kattie school today to meet Mr Jason Whitely, the principal, and other staff members, as well as the students. We received a guided tour of the school and joined in some Bluearth outdoor games. Our students enjoyed their visit. Miss Thomas will teach for two days each week at Katamatite and will be there to help the children settle in on their first day. The MARC and MACC vans will visit Katamatite, but not the GV Bookmobile, as it does not make a stop at the school. Our students will continue to wear the Invergordon uniform.

My leave does not commence until Monday, 29th January, so if you have any queries just contact me by the usual means. My leave ends on 29th March.

*Keep Smiling,
Treena Stephens*



THANKS

I would like to thank the following people (in no particular order) for helping make our school a great school:

- Laurie Morley for mowing our oval and surrounds
- Neil Fry for mowing our front lawn and all the places Laurie's mower can't reach. Neil is also our handyman and a School Councillor.
- June Wood, our cleaner

We receive many compliments about how well our school is maintained and this is due to Laurie, Neil and June's efforts.

- Rose Parish for her 16 years as a volunteer at IPS, helping our students to be the best they can be at school. We will miss her enormously. All the best Rose!
- Rob Godden and Amanda Jeffries for transporting our children safely to and from school. I think our bus travellers might be a little bit spoilt from time to time. It wouldn't happen with a bus full of children!
- Karl Giddings who is our techie. If we have any computer issues we know that Karl will come to the rescue.
- Our MACC and MARC teachers who have visited fortnightly, primarily Gwenifer Hack and Katrina Campbell, for enriching our students' education.
- Peter Toy, Science/Technology and P.E. I think Mr Toy loves the P.E. as much as the kids! Thanks for also providing the venue for another great Pool Party!
- Jac Monk, our Music and Drama teacher. What would our school concert be without Mrs Monk!
- Andrea Schifferle, our very capable Business Manager. Thanks for making my life easier Andrea.
- Cheryl Thomas, classroom teacher. Many thanks to Cheryl for her efforts with the students this year. When I need to be out of the school for meetings I know that it is in very good hands with Cheryl in charge.
- Parents' Group – I thank all parents for helping in whatever way they can, but special thanks to Toni Adams and Helen Osborne who are so incredibly dedicated to the school. Their contribution in terms of time and effort is unsurpassed.
- School Council – Toni Adams, Rob Osborne, Neil Fry, Cheryl Thomas and Andrea – thank you so much for your dedication to making our school a better place for our students. We have a great working relationship. Meetings have been fun, as has catering for clearing sales and holding community events.

The hard work by our Parents' Group and School Council has ensured that parents have not had to pay school fees or for any excursions for a number of years now.

- Brenda Witte, our mail lady, who has been so obliging and saved me many trips to the Numurkah P.O.
- Lynton Stephens who has been roped into cooking BBQs or a campfire tea or shopping or whatever needed doing at the time.
- Greg and Carol Wilson for displaying our newsletter in their shop window.
- Our community who support us with their attendance at our events and when they bring a plate to share.
- Our students, without whom there would be no school at all.

Thanks to you all. I think we have made a great team this year. It takes a lot of people to keep a school humming along well.

*If I have inadvertently omitted anyone please accept my apology and my assurance that your work is appreciated.

LETTER FROM WENDY LARCOMBE, SENIOR EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT LEADER, NORTH EASTERN VICTORIA REGION

For the duration of Term 1 2018, Treena Stephens will be taking a period of well-deserved Long Service Leave. There was a process, conducted over a period of some weeks to find a replacement Acting Principal to cover her absence, and to manage the school. Unfortunately, no suitable applicant expressed interest in this. That leaves the school without a principal during that first school term. In consultation with School Council, the Area Director (Department of Education & Training - DET) has put plans in place for a temporary relocation of the students to a neighbouring school (Katamatite Primary School). Families affected were provided with information about this at a meeting on Monday night. The students will remain enrolled at Invergordon Primary School but will travel to Katamatite each day during Term 1. Their other teacher, Cheryl Thomas, will work at Katamatite on her usual days of duty. The school's business manager, Andrea Schifferle, will also continue in her role. Individual students are able to choose to attend other nearby schools during this term depending on their circumstances.

Arrangements to maintain the school at its current high standard, and to avoid disruption to its governance are being put in place.

If you have any questions about this, please contact Wendy Larcombe, Senior Education Improvement Leader – DET mobile: 0438 415 719, or by email: larcombe.wendy.w@edumail.vic.gov.au.

MAINTENANCE

Neil and Laurie will continue to maintain the school grounds and buildings in Term 1 next year, and June will continue to clean, though it might be in a slightly different format.

Our school was granted a considerable amount of maintenance funding and I will be meeting with the Project Manager and Architect in January, to finalise details. It is hoped the work can commence in January.

FUN GROUP

Fun Group will continue to be run in Term 1 by Toni and Helen, at Invergordon PS. Stay tuned for more details next year.

SWIMMING

We had great weather for last week's swimming program at Aquamoves. Many thanks to Toni and Helen for helping with the transport.



Arriving on the bus at Katie PS



Panettone for Christmas

AWARDS - STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Jessica for being our last Student of the Week. Jess received her award for social awareness and management. She recognises that conflict occurs and can deal with it in appropriate ways. Nice work Jess!

TERM DATES 2018

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Term 1: Monday 29 January and Tuesday 30th January Curriculum Days at Katamatite PS (Pupil Free)

Grade 1-6 commence Wednesday 31st January, Preps/Foundation commence Thursday 1st Feb.

– Thursday 29 March

Term 2: Monday 16 April – Friday 29 June

Term 3: Monday 16 July – Friday 21 September

Term 4: Monday 8 October – Friday 21 December

*Please note Preps will not attend on Wednesdays for the whole of February and possibly not the first Wednesday in March. Please confirm at the start of next term with Mr Whitely.

