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RECYCLE PROGRAM BINS: Now that we have finished we can cut up the bins for recycling or if anyone would like one or two for their own use you are welcome to come and collect them. We will leave some outside our gate, we will not be taking any more full ones. There is a marked bin for aluminium cans only, if you wish to continue contributing those. Thank you - Dot & Neville Brown Phone 58655242, 982 Shepp/Katty Rd, email toadbrown1@bigpond.com . Alternatively the Moira Shire transfer stations accept recyclables at no charge. The Yabba depot is open from 9am-12noon each Sunday.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE: New Committee for next three years –

President. Max Wright 58655026, **Secretary.** Position unfilled at this stage **Treasurer.** Rose Parish 58655151, **Booking Officer** (for hiring the facilities) Jenny Wright 0407531181. **Committee Members:** Peter Wright, Bob Green, David Ferguson, Laurie Morley, Mark Rumble, Joanne Williamson, Neil Fry, Joyce Crichton, Shirley Clarke and Neville Brown.

Solar Panels: 14 panels have been installed but the new meter to return power to the grid is yet to be completed. Updated information on any savings will be passed on in time.

INVERGORDON COMMUNITY GROUP & 50 YEAR CELEBRATIONS: The date for the celebrations marking the 50th anniversary of the allocation of dairy and orchard blocks, the opening of the school on its present site and the dedication of the church has been set for **October 22 & 23, 2011.** Rosemary Kennett is still accepting anecdotes of life on the settlement and family and group histories for the history book. Please email your contributions to rosemary.kennett@bigpond.com The Invergordon Community Group is grateful to the Numurkah branch of the Bendigo Bank for a grant of \$909 which will be used to copy photos and documents for inclusion in the book and to set up an historical display of life and times at Invergordon. The organisation of such an event is a large undertaking and at present is being driven by a small group of people. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, November 15 at 7.30pm** at the Community Centre. **ALL WELCOME.**

UNITING CHURCH: Invergordon & Katamatite combine & alternate between the two churches for 11.00am Sunday Service - Invergordon – November & January, Katamatite – December. Contact Joan & Vin Manly 58655209.

Christmas Eve Service will combine with the Community Church and be held at the Uniting Church at 8.00pm. All welcome.

Community Luncheon & PSA: Sunday November 28th 12.30pm in the Community Rooms. The Uniting Church congregation extends a welcome to all.

Roast dinner & salads catered by Murph's Roving Roast followed by sweets supplied by church ladies. Punch, tea/coffee.

Cost for meal: Adults \$20, Secondary students \$10, Primary students \$5, Pre-schoolers free. No charge for PSA only – donation to mission optional.

Guest Speakers: Garry & Barbara Duke speaking of their experience working for 3 months in Ghana. Musical items also included.

INVERGORDON TENNIS CLUB: The Invergordon community is fortunate to have excellent tennis facilities at the sportsgrounds. The Tennis Club, at its peak, had numerous Saturday and midweek teams as well as juniors competing in local competitions. At present there are no Invergordon teams fielded in any competitions however the executive of the club is keen to see new members become involved and getting it up and running once again. The Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 21 at 7.30pm at the Clubrooms. The main topic of discussion will be the future of the tennis club. If you also would like to see the tennis club active again please come along. For information contact Peter and Linda Carkeek on 58655186.

INVERGORDON INDOOR BOWLS: A pleasant evening was had by 18 members, their partners and some past members to conclude another successful year of indoor bowls on Sunday, September 19. Thankyou to everyone who came along, hope you enjoyed the meal and company. During the evening we had the presentations of the year's trophies. The final of the 100 up has been played since the last report with Shirley Clarke the winner and Joyce Crichton, runner up. In closing I would like to thank everyone who made the year a success, hope to see you all in 2011 along with any people new to the area who may like to participate in the sport. Wishing everyone a happy and safe Christmas. Joyce Crichton (secretary) 58655523.

INVERGORDON/KATANDRA PONY CLUB: Pony Club has welcomed several new members recently and continues to provide instruction and fun for young horse lovers. The most recent rally at the Shepparton Equestrian Centre was to have taken the form of an afternoon ride followed by dinner but due to the rain had to be changed to a session of horse related activities (minus the horses). Members and families then enjoyed dinner and a social evening. The final rally for the year will be the Christmas Gymkhana to be held at the pony club grounds on Sunday, November 28. Rallies are generally held on the first Sunday of the month at the grounds, corner Centre/Youanmite Roads, Invergordon. For information contact DC Sarah Campbell 0437 251575.

INVERGORDON PRIMARY SCHOOL: After yet another busy year we find ourselves well into term four at Invergordon Primary School with a multitude of events happening, both in and out of the classroom.

Our fantastic new kitchen/staffroom area is almost complete. Incorporating two stoves, a dishwasher and relocatable work benches the facility will provide a functional workplace for the students to take part in a variety of subjects across our broad curriculum.

Staff are already planning for next year. The first of our transition days saw five prospective prep students spend the morning in Miss Thomas' classroom where they met their senior "buddies". Our grade six students are excited about attending the day at their chosen secondary schools in December.

Early in the term the prep/1/2 class attended a traffic safety day at Wangaratta where they learnt about road rules, signs and signalling before putting this knowledge into practice on a miniature traffic area. The grades 3-6 class will commence a two week bike education program in mid-November culminating in a bike hike at the end of the month. Grades five and six will attend camp at Anglesea in November and the whole school will participate in a week long swimming program at Aquamoves in December, just in time for the summer holidays.

Inside the classroom the students have been working hard to achieve their literacy and numeracy goals set earlier in the year as well as completing project work centred around the recently held Commonwealth Games.

Parents' Club continues to be active on the fundraising front. The annual trades and services calendar is almost complete and will be arriving in local letterboxes soon. We are fortunate to have the support of many local businesses in the compilation of our calendar. Also we are catering for a cattle sale in late November which will conclude a busy, but profitable year for Parents' Club. All funds raised are used to purchase educational resources for students as well as offset the costs of camps and excursions. Equally as important is the social aspect whereby newcomers to the community can become involved in the school.

Recently the school participated in the "Sports for Schools" promotion conducted by Coles supermarkets. With the assistance of families and friends we collected over 3000 vouchers which we will redeem for new sports equipment.

The wider community is invited to attend two upcoming functions at the school, the first a **Remembrance Day ceremony on Thursday, November 11 at 11am** to be followed by morning tea. The second date to mark on your calendar is **Thursday, December 2** which will be our **end of year concert/grade six graduation evening**. This will commence at 7pm at the school to be followed by supper. All welcome.

Invergordon Primary School offers a wonderful learning environment for its students with dedicated staff, modern facilities and up-to-date technological resources. Visiting specialist teachers and ancillary staff, an extensive camps and excursions program, involvement with other small rural schools and an after-school-care program give the Invergordon students many opportunities to develop their academic and social skills. If you are new to the area and require an information pack about our wonderful school please contact the office on 58655287.

Thanks to Greg and Carol at the Invergordon Store who make space on their notice board for our weekly newsletter to keep the community updated on our school.

INVERGORDON CRICKET CLUB: The Annual General Meeting was held on September 1 with the following office bearers elected: Daniel Bye (president), Michael Bye (secretary) and Casey Brown (treasurer). The club is fielding a D grade side in the Cricket Shepparton Association. Training is held every Thursday from 5.30pm. For information contact Peter Wright 0417 438606.

INVERGORDON/KATANDRA WEST COMMUNITY CHURCH: Church meetings are held on alternate Fridays from 8pm at the Invergordon Community Centre. Upcoming dates: November 5 & 19, December 3, 17 (Christmas special) & 31 (New Year's Eve service). All welcome. Contact Rose Parish 58655151.

YOUANMITE CWA & COMMUNITY NEWS: CWA members have been attending events held by branches from within our group. Seven members attended our sister CWA branch Thoona's "Danny Blumes" fundraising party. Members walked in the Relay for Life to raise funds for cancer research in Shepparton. A total of 40 members travelled on the Mystery bus trip where the destinations included the Bright Tobacco Museum, roast lunch at Bright, Wandiligong Apple Orchards and the Milawa Cheese Factory. A raffle on the day raised \$152 for Relay for Life and Lorna Barry won the lucky bus seat number prize. CWA meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 1.30pm at the Youanmite Hall. On November 4 the CWA Group president and secretary will be in attendance to install new office bearers following the annual meeting. Prizes will be presented to the year's competition winners and planning for the Christmas break-up and next year's program of crafts and competitions will be undertaken. Looking ahead several intrepid members are in training for the Murray River marathon. The CWA Group Exhibition will be held at the Katamatite Hall on April 1, 2011 from 9am-4pm. For information about CWA contact 58285206 or 58285203 (for Craft Days which are held on the fourth Monday of the month). Social Connections activities have been well attended with a bus trip to Rutherglen and Chiltern conducted in September and a dance and luncheon with members of other groups held in Cobram in October.

MOBILE LIBRARY: The Goulburn Valley Regional Library Service bookmobile visits Invergordon on a fortnightly basis (Thursdays) outside the primary school from 9.30 – 11am. Membership of the library service is free. The bookmobile will be in Invergordon on November 11 & 25, December 9 & 23. Please contact GVRLS 58 321600.

FREE LEGAL ADVICE: Free legal advice is offered at the Cobram Community House every Wednesday from 6-8pm. Services include general legal advice, statutory declarations, certification of documents etc. Appointments are not necessary.

COMMUNITY CONNECT: Goulburn Community Transport operates a weekly bus service between Invergordon and Shepparton each Tuesday. Pick up time is 9.30am from Invergordon Primary School arriving in Shepparton (Maude Street) at 10.12am. The return trip commences at Maude Street at 3.45pm arriving in Invergordon at 4.31pm. The bus also stops at Congupna, Fairley's IGA, Wyndham Street and the Shepparton Railway Station. Cost to use the service is a donation. Bookings are essential and can be made by phoning 58318515. The service is being trialled and will only continue if it's well patronised. It could be used by those wishing to go into Shepparton for appointments or shopping or alternatively by Shepparton residents wishing to visit family or friends in Invergordon.