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You may know the InterConnection newsletter as *This One Time*, well we've had a little rebranding and we'd like to introduce you to our new newsletter ...

Welcome to *The Connection*

Despite Victoria shivering through its coldest winter in years, Winter Camp must always go on so we rugged up, packed up and rolled out.

Back at our beloved Camp Mallana in Gippsland (thanks, as ever to Wesley College and the Camp Mallana Trust for the use of the site), with a full crew of leaders on board and a fresh bunch of campers to get to know, we set off for a big four days.

Winter Camp 2008 brought a largely brand-new bunch of campers, with one of the most diverse age ranges we've ever had. That made the Leaders vs Campers football match a fascinating one as there was almost a metre's difference in height between the tallest Leader and the smallest Camper – more on that in the following pages.

Besides our everlasting gratefulness to Wesley and the Camp Mallana Trust, we'd like to thank Richard Evans who represented the Trust on camp for the week and was also an invaluable member of the team. Our thanks to our amazing volunteer leaders for their general awesomeness. To our sponsors for their support and to our campers for being there and giving everything a red hot go.

A special thanks to Leader James Morris who was also the official photographer for the week and put his considerable talents to work making us all look amazing in the photos you see in this newsletter. Catch the full set on the InterConnection MySpace and Facebook pages!



Sail away with ICA

On Winter Camp 2008, we were privileged to have a day's sailing on the cruiser and yachts of River Nautica who are based in nearby Meeting.

Everyone got to have a spin out on the water in one of the two vessels and there were many who couldn't resist the temptation to reenact romantic scenes from the *Titanic* as the wind whipped through our hair.

Thanks to Jenny and Fred from River Nautica for their generous hospitality and giving us all an amazing opportunity (and trusting us to steer!).

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Morning Games – lead by long-term leader Wes Fischer – have been a feature of recent camps. The early, noisy start is not welcomed by everyone, but the action-filled kick-off for the day certainly sweeps the cobwebs away!



I'm a Survivor, I'm gonna win it

The Survivor challenge is always fiercely fought, but there can only be one winner.

Congratulations to Bradbury for taking out first place in the Survivor challenge, triumphing with 999 points. Bradbury was led by Rohan Dixon, ably assisted by Buddy Emily Cook. Their champion team members were Steven Murray, Caitlin Taylor and Dylan Stewart.

When all the final scores were tallied the tally board read:

Bradbury 1156
Camplin 1046
Burns 1021
Mandela 996
Bradman 989
Thorpe 924
Kewell 870
Jordan 833

Huge congratulations again to everyone involved for all your hard work.

Getting in to the spirit of things

InterConnection's David Smith Spirit Award is named in honour of David Smith, a long-term sponsor and supporter of ICA's work and a man who will be known to many of the campers as Captain Midnite (or, that man who sometimes comes to camp to do fishing. He's important guys, say hello next time).

Preamble over, the David Smith Spirit Award was created

to recognise the camper who, over and above what their team did, put in their best efforts on camp and made the most of every situation on offer by their energy, enthusiasm and willingness to help out.

At WC08, the David Smith Spirit Award winner was Tom Fernie, a long-term ICA camper and a stand-out recipient of the award, epitomising what our camps are all about. That also keeps it in the family for the Fernies after elder brother Nick took out the award last camp.

Congratulations Tom!

Kicking goals



The annual ICA Leaders vs Campers footy match is eagerly anticipated every year. Most particularly by the Leaders.

With such a size range on this year's Winter Camp – from a 190cm Leader to a barely 100cm Camper – the match was always going to be a corker. In the end, the Leaders took it out in a hard-fought match.

Final scores

Leaders 5. 2. 32 to
Campers 4. 4. 28

And now, a word from our Leader

InterConnection's Executive Director Jason Matchado offers his selection of highlights from our 2008 Winter Camp:

1. The sailing activity was a highlight of WC2008 as it was an activity that many of our clients and leaders had never participated in previously and despite the cold weather was so much fun and only possible due to the generosity of Jenny & Fred from Riveria Nautica.
2. The Leaders & Buddies winning the annual ICA Footy Match and the enthusiasm and effort that every player contributed throughout the game (see photo bottom right for the pre-game lineup and box previous page for the final scores). Every player played with heart and for the jumper ... plus it was one of the few times the Melbourne jumper recorded a victory in 08!
3. Watching the Buddies stick their hands into a range of "mystery" desserts (see photo top right) – their expressions were priceless!!

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The Buddy leaders weren't the only people on camp subjected to weird and wonderful games involving food, it was sugar highs all round after the Campers fought it out to see who could drink a bowl of jelly – through a straw – the fastest (see left for the action).

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Taking the lead

An integral part of everything InterConnection does is the Buddy Program. Buddies are chosen by InterConnection for their leadership potential, attitude, friendliness and willingness to have a go.

On camp, Buddies are our ears among the clients. They are there to back up group and activity leaders, helping to ensure that everything runs smoothly and according to our rather punishing timetable.

A big thanks to all our Buddy leaders on Winter 2008: Emily Landsdowne, Milly Hemming, Emily Cooke, Emma Lucas, Dan Lucas and Nick Fernie as a Rookie Leader.

We're pleased to announce the promotion of Milly Hemming to the rank of full Leader and Nick Fernie to a Buddy Leader as of next camp.



A huge thank-you, once again, to all our sponsors. InterConnection Australia would not be viable without all of your support in cash and in kind. It is warmly and gratefully received.

