



INGLEBURN NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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'THE BUGLE'

Week 8 Term 4 – 2009

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our last newsletter for 2009. It has been an extraordinarily busy year (they seem to get busier and busier). This little school would not be the wonderful place it is without your support. On behalf of the staff I would like to thank you for that support and wish you a safe and happy holiday.

Car Park Incident Just a quick reminder for you to lock your cars when they are in the car park. Earlier in the year we had an outsider break into a parent's car and steal her purse. Luckily this moron was caught by the police. However, only last week we had four youths attempting to enter the school grounds and they were frightened away by Mr Pearson (I don't blame them for running away, Dave is pretty frightening). Keep a look out!

Car Park At the last P&C meeting it was decided that we should focus on trying to retain our car park and not to confuse the issue with fighting for Bambi at the same time. If we retain the car park the State Govt. has indicated they will support Bambi coming over to our site. Without the car park Bambi will not have a future.

I have written a letter to Senator Faulkner and I am requesting that you sign this letter on Tuesday at our Presentation Day.

Also, a number of you have said you wish to email the good senator and ask him to extend our lease on the car park. His email address is: senator.faulkner@aph.gov.au

Supervision of Students in the Morning I have been reminded by a recent article from the DET legal branch about the dangers of having your children arrive at school before 8.30am. A number of students have been assaulted in other schools before 8.30am. At INPS a teacher is provided for playground duty **after 8.30am**. Should you send your child to school before 8.30 you do so at their risk and the school and the DET will not accept responsibility for any harm they suffer. Please note that I have instructed all teachers not to open their rooms before 8.30am. Also, please note that the Before and After School Care offers reasonable casual rates.

Campbelltown Performing Arts HS Application packs are available in the front office.

Concert Congratulations go to all of our students for their wonderful effort, behaviour and the quality of their performances. It was a marvellous night! A huge thankyou must go to our P&C for their running of the canteen and the raffle. And finally I would like to thank our great bunch of hard working teachers.

Merit System 2010 After consultation with the P&C and the staff it has been decided to implement a few adjustments to the merit system in 2010:

Bronze: 10 merits
Silver: 20 merits
Gold: 30 merits

All students on Gold Level will be eligible for the school medal. The behaviour of these students will be discussed at a staff meeting, and in order to be awarded the School Medal,

these students will have to achieve against a number of standards (behaviour, academic effort, courtesy, citizenship). The complete criteria will be provided to you early next year.

Book Packs To prevent students being wasteful with exercise books, they will be given a book pack at the commencement of each semester. Students who hand their teacher a book that is full of work will have that book replaced; students who lose their book will be required to purchase one.

Camp Parents of students in next year's Year 4 to 6, please complete the camp survey below and return it to me as soon as possible.

Reports Just a quick reminder that SOUND means an achievement expected for a student at their particular stage of learning, BASIC means somewhat below this and HIGH means somewhat above.

Also, please note that your child's second semester report *may* be vastly different to the first semester report. This may occur because the work and the assessment tasks for each semester are different.

Sad Goodbyes After many years of association with our school Mrs Rassmussen is to retire (personally I think she is too young to retire) and Mrs Peatman, a tireless P&C leader for many years, is to transfer her services to her son's new high school. We wish them all the best and thank them sincerely for all their hard work.

Thanks to P&C, Parent Volunteers Please accept my warmest thanks for your outstanding efforts for our children. Without you this school would be a poorer place.

To any parent who has ever thought about attending a P&C meeting I do encourage you to attend. By coming to a meeting you do NOT have to commit yourself to anything (if you are asked, a polite no is all that is required). It is at these meetings that I present ideas and hear of your concerns—the more parents who attend these meetings, the stronger the consultation process.

Thanks to the Staff I have had about 20 different occupations in my life and I can say without a doubt teaching has been the hardest. It is all the more gratifying then to come to a little school like INPS and find one of the hardest working groups of people it has been my pleasure to work with. Thankyou.

Thanks to students If there is one group at our school who deserves applause, it is our students. They are absolutely wonderful and they make coming to our school a real pleasure, *for everyone*.

Have You Swapped Over to Our Newsletter by Internet? Please join our growing number of parents who help their school and the environment by getting the newsletter from our website!

INPS Emergency Response Plan: Bushfire For this plan to be effective we must have your latest mobile numbers. According to our records approximately 33% of parent's mobile numbers are disconnected.

REMINDER Enrolments for 2010 Our numbers for 2010 are very healthy (about 150). Our policy is that while we will always take "in-area" students we also consider carefully any application from students who are out of area (about 50% of the students at INPS are out of area). For those of you who have enquired on the behalf of people out of area, my advice is that you have them ring me to discuss their enquiry.

Dates to Remember:

8.12 Presentation Day 11.30am

10.12 Year 6 Farewell

11.12 Silver Morning Tea

14.12 Gold Lunch + DVD

15.12 Year 6 Arch (2.50pm)

Reports Out

16.12 Clean Up Day

Last Day for Students

28.1.2010 Thursday Students Day 1

1.1.2010 Monday Kindergarten Day 1

Southend/Strathfield All Primary Schools Tennis Tournament

Courtney Curry and Khye Swain-Torrisi represented Ingleburn North last week in an all schools tennis tournament.

Courtney got to the consolation quarter finals for the Year 5 Girls singles in which she had to play three sets on the same morning. She won 6-2, 6-1 and lost in the quarters 6-4.

Khye played in the doubles for the Year 6 Boys singles and played the best tennis he could, but unfortunately came up to the top seeds in the first round. He lost in a close game 6-4.

Courtney and Khye played in the Mixed Opens School event on Wednesday and reached the Quarter Finals against the Hills School, taking that match out. Courtney and Khye both winning their singles and doubles, came up against the Number 1 seeds in the Semi's and what a nail biting game. So close - Courtney won her singles and Khye went very close in his singles, but lost which brought it down to the decider in the doubles. They lost 6-4 but the match went for over an hour. Both players did the School proud and played the best tennis we have seen them play.

APPLE FUNDRAISING

Our apple fundraiser is proving to be very popular. We have enclosed an order form with this newsletter. **PLEASE** have your orders in by Tuesday lunch time.

The only apples available are Pink Lady's and these will be on special at \$6.00 for 2kg. We also have **Nectarines and Peaches** (which are very tasty) for sale at \$8.00 for 2kg. Honey and apple juice is still available.

This will be the last delivery for this year.

CAMP SURVEY for parents/carers with children in Year 4, Year 5 or Year 6, 2010

It is the policy at INPS that camps are of educational value. The camps suggested are:

1. Dubbo Camp (Dubbo Gaol at night, Dubbo Zoo in the morning, Wellington Caves, Observatory at night) = 3 days \$290
2. Sydney History (Hyde Park Barracks, Police Museum, Cadman's Cottage, Fort Denison, Maritime Museum) = 2 days *staying in Sydney overnight* \$177
3. Imax + Aquarium = 1 day \$50 approx

Your child's name: _____

Please note that the option most preferred will be our camp for 2010 only if we meet the required minimum number of students.

Please have your child inform their classroom teacher of you one preference.



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CHILD'S NAME _____ CLASS _____

QUANTITY	ITEM	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
	All Fruit are in 2 kg bags		
	Pink Lady's - Small or Medium	\$6.00	
	Nectarines	\$8.00	
	Peaches	\$8.00	
	2 litres Apple Juice Cloudy	\$5.00	
	2 litres Apple Juice Clear	\$5.00	
	500g Pure Honey	\$5.00	
	1kg Pure Honey	\$8.00	

Total Amount Owing

Please return order and money to school by Tuesday morning for delivery on Thursday.