



## INGLEBURN NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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# 'THE BUGLE'

Week 8 – Term 3 – 2011

### Message from the Principal

Dear members of the Ingleburn North Public School community,

**Thank you** to all those people who welcomed me on my return from long service leave. I had a wonderful time in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland. It was tremendously pleasing to come back to our little school and hear the teachers raving about the great behaviour of our students at the Athletics Carnival and at the Snowy Camp. Although I was not surprised at this news it was still a pleasure to hear.

Public service unions across NSW, including the NSW Teachers Federation, have requested that their members take part in a **24 hour strike this Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> September**. The large majority of teachers at INPS have elected to take part in this strike. Because there will be an insufficient number of teachers at the school to ensure duty of care, the school will be closed. Any staff not taking part in the strike will be assigned to a local school where minimal supervision is being offered. As there will be no one at the school, please do not send your children to INPS on this day. The staff apologise for any inconvenience this causes.

Each year I ask the parents to complete two surveys: one on school management and one on curriculum delivery. This year I am asking you to complete one survey only: **The Reading and Homework Survey**. This is a very important survey which will help us to program homework that is more meaningful and hopefully redress the growing problems

associated with our student's difficulties with reading. Please return them after collecting the information over an entire week.

It is that time of year that I ask for any of you intending to **enrol your children in kindergarten next year** to inform the office of this as soon as possible. It is very helpful for organisational purposes if I am aware of an approximate starting number for the following year. Also, if you are aware of others considering enrolling their children at INPS next year, could you please ask them to contact me asap.

Next year our community will celebrate the **INPS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**. On **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2012** a "mini fete" will be held from **9am until 12pm** on the school grounds. There will be lots to see and do including: displays of school memorabilia and photos, a BBQ, cake stalls, performances by the students, and a time capsule will be buried. Now is the time to start spreading the word to ensure that as many of our ex-students and teachers hear about this wonderful event. For the day to be a complete success I will be calling on volunteers in February to begin planning for this momentous occasion.

I will also be placing ads in numerous papers calling on all ex-students and teachers to **send to me photos and items of memorabilia relating to the history of the school**. I know how precious these items are and scanned copies are all that is required – originals will be returned to the owners. Alternatively, attendees may elect to

bring their precious memorabilia with them and have it scanned on the day. Orders for a CD or magazine about the first 50 years of INPS will be taken on Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Sept and these will be posted for a small fee or can be collected from the front office, *a few weeks after* the celebrations.

Following your marvellous efforts in fund raising and the hard work of your P&C, the school was able to purchase **\$3000 worth of new home readers**. These have now been covered and accessioned (bar codes recorded on the school's computer system). They now have to be sorted into levels of difficulty and once this is done, they will be ready to use in the classroom – hopefully by Week 1 Term 4.

Mr Brett Moseley,  
Principal

### **Dates to Remember**

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Sept: **Teachers training 3.30pm to 5.30pm at INPS**

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Sept: **NAPLAN results sent home this week**

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Sept: **Regional Athletics** (*Good luck Kirby, Brodie and Bonnie*)

Thur 15<sup>th</sup> Sept: **Assembly – all welcome!**

Tue 20<sup>th</sup> Sept: **Performance Night**

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Sept: **Teachers training 3.30pm to 5.30pm at The Grange**

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept: **Last day of Term 3**

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Oct: **First day of Term 4**

### **Dancing with the Students**

There are still a limited number of tickets left for Dancing with the Students. If you would like to purchase extra tickets for Grandparents, Aunties, Uncles etc, please do so by this Wednesday morning.

**Coles Sports for Schools** Our school has again registered with Coles for their "Sports for Schools Promotion". For every \$10 spent at Coles you will receive a voucher which can be redeemed for sporting equipment of our choice. All you have to do is ask for the vouchers at the checkout and then drop them in the box provided in the office at school.

### **Woolworths Earn & Learn Program**

Ingleburn North is also taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn community program.

Woolworths will give you one Earn & Learn point for every \$10 you spend in store (excluding the purchase of cigarettes, alcohol and gift cards). Points will automatically appear on your shopping docket. All you need to do is save the code on the bottom of the docket and bring them to school and place in the collection box in the office.

### **School Banking**

Don't forget school banking is running each **Wednesday** morning before school at the front office.

Marilyn & Cathy

### **Stewart House**

We are again collecting for Stewart House. If you have any clothes or manchester that you no longer need, you may drop these off at the Office by **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September**. Stewart House bags are available at the Office.

### **Canteen News**

Once again we are running the Timbertown Pies Fundraiser.

There is 9 different varieties of family pies (700g) and lunch size pies (220g) for sale. These products represent excellent value to buyer and all profits will go to INPS.

You will be able to collect your pies on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2011 from the school canteen at 2.30pm.

**We ask that all orders and money be collected and returned to the Canteen no later than this Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2011.**

Order forms are available at the office.

Thank you for your support  
Sharyn  
Canteen Manager

## **Father's Day Raffle**

Congratulations to Brooke Cutler who is the winner of the Father's Day Raffle.

## **Walk & Talk**

Some of our Mums have started walking on Wednesday and Friday mornings. If you would like to join them please meet them in the Tennis Court carpark (near Macquarie Fields Swimming Pool) at 8.30am.

If you would like more information, please ring Jenny Collins on 0422 882 735.

## **NSW Rural Fire Service Open Day 2011**

Come and meet your local volunteers and have some fun.

**Date: Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2011**

**Time: 10am-2pm**

**Location: Minto Heights Volunteer Rural Fire Brigade, Hansens Road, Minto Heights**

We have a range of fun activities which include – jumping castle, colouring competition, raffle prizes, sausage sizzle, photo opportunities. You can also explore our fire trucks, learn to use a radio, spray water from a hose and see various tools and instruments used in firefighting.

## Ingleburn North Public School Reading and Homework Survey 2011

**Background:** The teaching and learning of literacy is facing a crisis. In this digital age children spend many hundreds of hours watching television or playing computer games / X-Box, etc. This is having a detrimental effect on their ability to read well (and emerging research suggests this is also having a detrimental effect on their ability to concentrate and on their eye muscle development).

A child who reads regularly and who has developed a love of reading by age nine may have a vocabulary of nearly 2000 more words than a child who does not read regularly! Being a competent reader and possessing a large vocabulary has a positive effect on a child's performance in **ALL** subjects (this is why English is the only compulsory subject for the Higher School Certificate). For example, research shows that 50% of mistakes in maths tests can be attributed to not comprehending the question and therefore not knowing what maths to apply.

What can we do? First, we need to monitor our children's reading habits. Second, we need to consider seriously changing the school's homework policy to counter this worrying development. Please complete the following survey (it does involve careful monitoring of your child's reading/gaming/surfing habits for 7 days) and have your child return it to their teacher. I will discuss the results of the survey with the P&C and the teachers and suggest changes to our current homework policy in keeping with the results of the survey.

1. How many hours per day does your child:

a) Play X-Box or other computer games:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
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b) Use the internet or other social media (Facebook, etc):

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c) Read:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
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2. Do you allow your child to choose their reading matter most of the time?

3. Do you choose your child's reading matter most of the time?

4. Do you monitor what your child reads by using the following: more than 5 words not understood on one page = too hard; less than one word understood on one page = too easy?

5. Do you read regularly?

6. Do you read with your child?

7. Do you listen to your child read?

8. Many parents do not wish their child to complete homework, preferring them to undertake sport, play, or house duties; many parents feel quite strongly about the importance of homework. How often do you want your child to undertake homework?

Never	30 mins x 5 days	60 mins x 5 days	60 mins+ x 7 days	More
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9. It has been suggested that homework comprise the following: 20% multiplication tables, 30% spelling/sentence/dictionary work, 50% reading for pleasure. Projects are not to be considered as homework. Is this a homework format you would support?

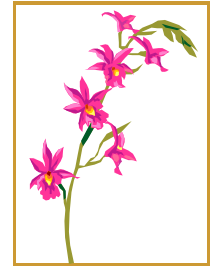
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Your support in completing this survey is greatly appreciated. All results will be included in the Annual School Report.

Mr Brett Moseley

Principal

# FAREWELL and THANK-YOU



## MRS JAMES & MRS SHEDDEN

### MORNING TEA - Thursday 22 September

P&C is organising a farewell/thank-you morning tea for Mrs James and Mrs Shedden as they are leaving at the end of this term.

#### ALL WELCOME

**VENUE:** INPS Roden Cutler Hall

**TIME:** 10:30am



For catering purposes please advise if you are attending and if you are able to bring a plate.

Many thanks

Tracy Smith

P&C Committee

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I will be attending the morning tea and I am able to supply a plate on the day,  
I will be bringing \_\_\_\_\_

I am unable to supply a plate.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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